

Utilities Department Fee Discussion



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CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

Table 1
Charlotte County Utility Connection Fee Structure Review

Comparison of Water Connection Fees

Current Charlotte County WATER CONNECTION FEES		
A)	Connection Fees and Charges per ERC (TAP Fee)	\$2,407
B)	Plant Capacity	\$910
C)	Transmission Capacity	\$380
D)	Water AGRF	\$1,117
E)	Distribution Fee / Line Extension Charge (Non-MSBU)	\$2,940
F)	Water Service Line	\$1,070
F)	Water Meter	\$375
Full Cost of Water Fees		\$6,792

"Indexed" Charlotte County WATER CONNECTION FEES		
A)	Connection Fees and Charges per ERC (TAP Fee)	\$3,362
B)	Plant Capacity	\$1,271
C)	Transmission Capacity	\$531
D)	Water AGRF	\$1,560
E)	Distribution Fee / Line Extension Charge (Non-MSBU)	\$3,830
F)	Water Service Line (Contracted Cost \$2,970)	\$1,394
G)	Water Meter	\$489
Full Cost of Water Fees		\$9,075

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Comparison of Wastewater Connection Fees

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A)	Connection Fees and Charges per ERC		\$2,251
B)	Plant Capacity		\$1,110
C)	Transmission Capacity	"TAP Fee" Components	\$500
D)	Wastewater AGRF		\$641
E)	Distribution / Collection Fee		\$2,910
F)	LPS Installation - Residential per each LPS Tank		\$4,800
F)	Service Installation Charge		\$1,240
Full Cost of Wastewater Fees (aligned with S2S asmt.)			\$11,201

"Indexed" Charlotte County WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEES			
A)	Connection Fees and Charges per ERC		\$3,143
B)	Plant Capacity		\$1,550
C)	Transmission Capacity	"TAP Fee" Components	\$698
D)	Wastewater AGRF		\$895
E)	Distribution / Collection Fee		\$3,791
F)	LPS Installation - Residential per each LPS Tank (Contracted Cost \$13,000)		\$6,253
G)	Service Installation Charge		\$1,615
Full Cost of Wastewater Fees (aligned with S2S asmt.)			\$14,802

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Table 3
Charlotte County Utilities, Florida
Analysis of Water and Wastewater Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Existing and Proposed Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Line No.	Description	Existing Fees	Calculated	Proposed Fees
	<u>Account Start-up Fee (Initiation of Service)</u>			
1	Regular Hours	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	<u>Customer Deposits</u>			
2	Residential	None	\$250.94	Tenant Responsibility ? \$250.00
	<u>Wastewater Service</u>			
3	Additional Gravity Service Request	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
4	Vacuum Pit Installation (Excludes Pit) Low Pressure Sewer (LPS) Installation New Construction Only (Excludes Tank)	Actual Cost	\$8,740.00	\$8,740.00
5	Residential per each LPS Tank Connection	N/A	\$4,550.00	\$4,550.00
6	Non-residential per each LPS Tank Connection	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
	Additional Costs / All Services			
7	Road Restoration Fee - Time & Materials	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
8	Cut and Cap Service Connection	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
9	Water or Reclaimed Water Service Relocation	Service Installation Fee	Service Installation Fee plus the	Service Installation Fee plus the
10	Vacuum Pit Service Cost	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
	<u>3 Fire Protection Charges</u>			
11	Less than 4" Line	Annual	Monthly	Monthly
12	4" Line	\$400.00	\$33.33	\$35.00
13	6" Line	\$800.00	\$66.67	\$70.00
14	8" Line	\$1,600.00	\$133.33	\$135.00
15	10" Line	\$2,570.00	\$214.17	\$215.00
16	12" Line	\$3,690.00	\$307.50	\$310.00
	<u>Pretreatment Fees</u>			
17	Monthly (FOG) Program Fee	N/A	N/A	\$10.00
18	Failure to Provide Quarterly Report	N/A	N/A	\$50.00
19	Failure to Perform 90-day Pump Out	N/A	N/A	\$150.00
20	Inspection Fee	N/A	N/A	\$10/per grease removal device/per inspection
21	Re-Inspection Fee	N/A	N/A	\$100/per grease removal device/per inspection

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<u>Septage Charge</u>				
22	Initial Permit Application - 1 Year	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
23	Annual Permit Renewal	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
24	Additional Permit for Each Additional Truck (In use greater 30 days)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Waste Discharge Fee - Septage				
25	In-County per gallon	\$0.08	\$0.15	\$0.15
26	Out-of-County per gallon	\$0.10	\$0.15	\$0.15
Waste Discharge Fee - Grease Waste				
27	In-County per gallon	\$0.12	\$0.15	\$0.15
28	Out-of-County per gallon	\$0.14	\$0.15	\$0.15
<u>Other Service-related Charges and Fees</u>				
Seasonal Turn-on [*]				
29	Regular Hours	\$0.00	Not documented - Eliminate	Not documented - Eliminate
30	After Hours	\$0.00	Not documented - Eliminate	Not documented - Eliminate
31		[*] For services turned off for more than 90 days.		
Reconnect Fees (Normal) [*]				
32	Regular Hours	\$45.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
33	After Hours	\$55.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
		[*] For services temporarily disconnected for 90 days or less.		
Administrative Fees for Non-Payment				
34	Turn-off Regular Hours / Turn-on Regular Hours	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$55.00
35	Turn-off Regular Hours / Turn-on After Hours	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$75.00
Field Test Meter				
36	First - (Same Location)	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Subsequent Visits within 12 months				
Residential				
37	3/4" Meter or Less	\$75.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
38	1" Meter	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
39	1 1/2" Meter	\$105.00	\$210.00	\$210.00
40	2" Meter and Above	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
41	Non-residential / General Service	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
Bench Test Meter				
42	3/4" Meter or Less	\$105.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
43	1" Meter	\$135.00	\$195.00	\$195.00
44	1 1/2" Meter and Above	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost

Line No.	Description	Existing Fees	Calculated	Proposed Fees
45	Fire Flow Test Per Test	\$50.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
46	Force Main / Potable Water Pressure Reading Per Reading	N/A	\$160.00	\$160.00
47	Premise Visit (Not Otherwise Specified) Regular Hours	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
48	After Hours	\$55.00	Eliminate	Eliminate
49	Lien Search and Account Payoff Fee (Each Request)	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$35.00
50	Other Services	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
51	<u>Late Fees and Penalties</u> Late Payment Charges (3 days after due)	3% of Current Bill	5% of Current Bill	5% of Current Bill
52	<u>Engineering and Administrative Fees</u> Utility Modeling	N/A	Actual Cost	Actual Cost
53	Utility Service Availability Report	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

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