

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

March 13, 2023

**Appendix B Municipal Fee Schedule**

**Section 2 Municipal Fees by Category**

**Section 2-P – Water and sewer fees (department of public service – water and sewer).**

The City Council of the City of Newburyport hereby amends Appendix B Municipal Fee Schedule Ordinance Section 2-P Water and sewer fees (department of public service – water and sewer) with deletions ~~double-stricken and italicized~~ and additions double-underlined and italicized:

**Section 2-P – Water and sewer fees (department of public service – water and sewer).**

<b>Water Consumption Usage Rates</b>	<b>Fee</b>
First three thousand (3,000) cu-ft for Residential and Non-residential	\$6.61/100 cu-ft
Three thousand one (3,001) cu-ft and over for Residential and Non-residential	\$7.37/100 cu-ft
Residential Service Charge—Meters one (1) inch or smaller	\$25.00/quarter
Residential Service Charge—Meters larger than one (1) inch	\$125.00/quarter
Non-Res Service Charge—Meters one (1) inch or smaller	\$30.00/quarter
Non-Res Service Charge—Meters larger than one (1) inch	\$125.00/quarter
<b>Sewer Usage Rates</b>	<b>Fee</b>
First three thousand (3,000) cu-ft	\$9.84/100 cu-ft
Three thousand one (3,001) cu-ft and over	\$10.60/100 cu-ft

Customer Service Charge—All customers	\$25.00/quarter \$30.00/quarter (Newbury)
<b>Customer Service Charges</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Emergency Call	\$400.00
Water On/Off	\$50.00
Water off, Meter Out Water on, Meter In	\$75.00
Labor—Water	\$75.00
Cut & Cap Water Service	\$400.00
Water Reconnect	\$400.00
Property Transfer	\$60.00
<b>New Service Connections</b>	<b>Fee</b>
One (1) Inch	\$2,500.00
Two (2) Inch	<del>\$4,270.00</del> <u>\$5,000</u>
Four (4) Inch	<del>\$7,140.00</del> <u>\$10,000</u>
Six (6) Inch	<del>\$10,000.00</del> <u>\$15,000</u>
<b>Water Main Connections</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Eight (8) Inch	\$13,000.00
Twelve (12) Inch	\$16,000.00
Sixteen (16) Inch	\$20,000.00
<b>Tap Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Tap one (1) to two (2) inch	\$400.00
Tap four (4) to six (6) inch	\$650.00

Tap eight (8) inch	\$800.00
Greater than eight (8) inch	\$1,200.00
<b>Meter Charge</b>	<b>Fee</b>
5/8 Inch	Market Cost (Variable) *
One (1) Inch	Market Cost (Variable) *
Greater than one (1) inch	Market Cost (Variable) *
Meter horns fittings	Market Cost (Variable) *
Meter Test	<del>\$150.00</del> <u>\$250</u>
Valve Repair	\$100.00
<b>Sewer Connection Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Cut and Cap Service	\$1,500.00
Sewer Reconnect	\$225.00
Property Transfer	\$60.00
I/I Fee	\$300.00
<b>Contractor Services</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Hydrant Flow Test	\$150.00
Hydrant Charge	\$400.00
Hydrant Charge Newbury	<del>\$75.00</del> <u>\$150</u>
Inspection	\$60.00

**In City Council March 13, 2023:**

Motion to collectively refer ODNC00143 to Public Works & Services, ODNC00144 to Budget & Finance, ODNC00145 to Community Services, ODNC00146 to General Government, and ODNC00147 to Community Services by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 absent (BL). Motion passes.

TO: President Shand and Members of the City Council  
 FROM: Mayor Sean Reardon  
 CC: Julie Spurr Knight, DPS Business Manager  
 Chair Roger Jones and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners  
 DATE: March 7, 2023  
 SUBJECT: Proposed Updates to Water Service Fees

The Water Distribution Superintendent and the Business Manager conducted an analysis of the current fees associated with new service water connections. An assessment of direct and indirect costs identified that the current fee structure did not cover current and future expenses associated with the maintenance and expansion of the City's water system.

Bringing these service fees in line with the associated costs will help to offset future increases to rates and fees for all users. Continuing to provide services with fees that do not cover system expansion costs will continue to reduce retained earnings and drive further rate increases.

The below changes were presented to the Water and Sewer Commission on January 18, 2023 and unanimously approved.

Description	Current fee	Proposed fee	Change
1 Inch water service connection	\$2,500	\$2,500	No change
2-inch water service connection	\$4,270	\$5,000	\$730 increase
4-inch water service connection	\$7,140	\$10,000	\$2,860 increase
6-inch water service connection	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$5,000 increase
*System development fee	NEW	\$2,500 per housing unit	Multi family units
Meter test	\$150	\$250	\$100 (if failed in favor of customer)
Newbury hydrant charge	\$75	\$150	\$75 increase per hydrant

**\* System development fee:** This fee will be charged per unit for multiunit dwellings, in addition to the associated water service connection fee, based on size of the connection.