

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CHANGING THE METHOD OF CALCULATING FEES FOR INSTALLING NEW WATER SERVICE LINES AND SEWER LATERALS AND INCREASING SUCH FEES AND CHARGES IN THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chambers located at 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to solicit public comments concerning the following:

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-22 to amend the method of calculating fees and charges for installing new water service lines and sewer laterals in the City. Because the method of calculating such charges is being changed, some fees and charges will **increase** and some may **decrease**, depending on the circumstances. The current Section 7-4-22(d) (Fee Schedule) is set forth below, followed by the proposed amended Section 7-4-22(d). Section 7-4-22(e) (fee clarification) is also being amended and renumbered as 7-4-22(e) – (7-4-22(i) to be consistent with proposed changes to 7-4-22(d) and to further clarify fee calculations and related issues. The proposed amended and added Sections 7-4-22(e) – 7-4-22(i) are set out below.

CURRENT SECTION 7-4-22(d):

Water Meter (inches)	Water Fee	Sewer Fee
$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
1½	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
2	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
3	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
4	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
6	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
8	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 270,000.00
10	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
12	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 540,000.00

PROPOSED AMENDED 7-4-22(d)

Meter	Maximum Meter Capacity GPM	Water Connection	Water Capital Recovery Fee Maximum	Sewer Connection	Sewer Capital Recovery Fee Maximum
5/8 Meter	20	\$2,500	\$2,000	See below	\$2,000
1 Meter	50	cost	\$7,500	See below	\$7,500
1 1/2 Meter	100	cost	\$15,000	See below	\$15,000
2 Meter	160	cost	\$24,000	See below	\$24,000
3 Meter	300	cost	\$45,000	See below	\$45,000
4 Meter	500	cost	\$90,000	See below	\$90,000
6 Meter	1000	cost	\$180,000	See below	\$180,000
8 Meter	1500	cost	\$270,000	See below	\$270,000
10 Meter	2500	cost	\$450,000	See below	\$450,000
12 Meter	3500	cost	\$600,000	See below	\$600,000

Water Capital Recovery for residential

...First Unit \$2,000
 ...Additional Units \$1,500

Lateral Pipe Size (in)	Sewer Connection
4	\$3,000
6	cost
8	cost

Sewer Capital Recovery for residential

...First Unit \$2,000
 ...Additional Units \$1,500

- (e) **Fee clarifications: Water Service & Sewer Lateral Sizing**
- Single family residential unit water meters and small non-residential (one or two restrooms) water meters shall be sized at 12 GPM per unit. All other water meters shall be sized according to AWWA procedures M22 or BOCA/International Building Code.
 - All sewer pipes shall be sized according to BOCA/International Building Code.
- (f) **Fee clarifications: Total Fees**
- Total fees shall be Connection fee(s) plus Capital Recovery fee(s).
 - Water or Sewer fees shall apply only to the services received by applicant.
- (g) **Fee clarifications: Connection Fees**
- Water or Sewer connection fees are to recover the cost of installing the pipe and appurtenance from the public main to the property or easement limits.
 - Water and sewer connection fees at cost shall be calculated per Section 7-4-23.
 - Water connection fees are per meter size in d) and e) above; additional cost for exceptions shall be billed per Section 7-4-23.
 - Water connection fees for 5/8 inches meter with service length over 50 feet shall be billed at \$50 per foot with a minimum of \$2,500.
 - Water connection fees for 5/8 inches meter outside City limits shall be billed at cost per Section 7-4-23 with a minimum of \$2,500.
 - Water connection fees for 5/8 inches meter for partial installation as defined in the City's Design and Construction Standards Manual shall be credited \$1,000.
 - Sewer connection fees for 4" pipe over 50 feet in length shall be billed at \$60 per foot with a minimum of \$3,000.
 - Sewer connection fees for 4" pipe outside City limits shall be billed at cost per Section 7-4-23 with a minimum of \$3,000.
 - Sewer connection fees for 4" pipe installed completely by the applicant shall be credited the full connections fees.
- (h) **Fee clarifications: Capital Recovery Fees**
- Water or sewer capital recovery fees are to provide partial funding for public infrastructure to deliver water or to convey sewer from the property.
 - Water and sewer capital recovery fees for non-residential are per meter size in d) and e) above.
 - Water and sewer capital recovery fees for residential shall be per specific schedule above for first unit plus all additional units; provided, however, such fees shall not exceed the applicable maximum water and sewer capital recovery fees set forth in the schedule.
 - For mixed uses the water and sewer capital recovery fees shall be non-residential calculated as if each is provided a separate meter plus residential per (h)(3) above; provided, however, such fees shall not exceed the applicable maximum water and sewer capital recovery fees set forth in the schedule.
- (i) **Fees clarifications: Ancillary**
- For any increase or decrease in size of an existing meter, applicant water connection fee shall be at cost per Section 7-4-23 as incurred to change the service connection. If the meter size is increased, then the applicant shall pay the capital recovery fee for the new meter size but will be credited the capital recovery fee in effect at the time of the increase for all meters being abandoned on the premises. There shall be no reimbursement for decrease in meter size.
 - Installations of meters solely for the purpose of fire suppression or irrigation shall be installed at cost to the applicant pursuant to Section 7-4-23. No capital recovery fee shall be charged for this meter. To qualify for this provision, the application must have separate meter(s) to meet the other demands upon the property.

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment are available on the city's website and are available in the City Manager's Office, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at this public hearing.

Legal authority for the enactment of the above described increases is found in Section 15.2-2119 of the Code of Virginia.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with this public hearing shall notify the City Manager at least five (5) days prior to the time of the hearing.

CITY OF HARRISONBURG
 Ande Banks,
 City Manager