

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 7-4-1 – SCHEDULE OF
RATES AND CHARGES, OF THE HARRISONBURG CITY CODE
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG,
VIRGINIA:**

**Section 7-4-1 be amended and re-enacted as follows:
Sec. 7-4-1. - Schedule of rates and charges generally.**

The rates for water and sewer services, or specific sewer metering applications as approved by the director, to be applied to one hundred (100) percent of the water meter readings, shall be as follows:

(a) Water rates, per month:

(1) City water rates, per month:

- a. First zero (0) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at ~~three~~four dollars and ~~ninety-nine~~twenty-one cents (~~\$3.99~~4.21) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;
- b. All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at three dollars and ~~sixty-nine~~ninety-one cents (~~\$3.69~~4.21) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(2) Rural water rates, per month:

- a. First zero (0) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at six dollars and ~~six~~twenty-eight cents (~~\$6.06~~28) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;
- b. All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at five dollars and ~~twelve~~thirty-four cents (~~\$5.12~~34) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(3) In addition to the city and rural water rates as set forth above, there shall be added to all water bills generated in the months of July, August, September, October, and November of each year a seasonal water rate charge of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(4) Minimum water charges per month by meter: (Three thousand (3,000) gallons for $\frac{5}{8}$ meter; AWWA equivalent multiplier for larger sizes):

Meter Size (inches)	AWWA Multiplier	City Minimum (per month)	Rural Minimum (per month)
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$	1.0	\$11.97 <u>12.63</u>	\$18.18 <u>84</u>
1	2.5	\$29.93 <u>31.58</u>	\$45.45 <u>47.10</u>
1½	5.0	\$59.85 <u>63.15</u>	\$90.90 <u>94.20</u>

2	8.0	\$95.76 <u>101.04</u>	\$145.44 <u>150.72</u>
3	16.0	\$191.52 <u>202.08</u>	\$290.88 <u>301.44</u>
4	25.0	\$299.25 <u>315.75</u>	\$454.50 <u>471.00</u>
6	50.0	\$598.50 <u>631.50</u>	\$909.00 <u>942.00</u>
8	80.0	\$957.60 <u>1,010.40</u>	\$1,454.40 <u>1,507.20</u>
10	210.0	\$2,399.70 <u>2,538.30</u>	\$3,460.60 <u>3,599.20</u>

(5) Rockingham County Water Agreement of 1995 (north and east areas): Rates shall conform to the contract or any amendments to the same.

(6) When using storm water or surface water for "green water" purposes as set forth in [section 7-3-81](#) of this Code, water shall be billed at the city and county water rates; as published in [section 7-4-1](#); however, less the operating component of the rate. The operating component of the rate is calculated as follows: [annual pumping, storage and monitoring costs, plus annual transmission and distribution costs, plus annual water treatment costs; the sum divided by total annual consumption per one thousand (1,000) gallons].

(b) Sewer plus authority rates, per month:

(1) City sewer plus authority rates, per month (includes two dollars and ~~fifty-six~~seventy-four cents (~~\$2.56~~74) per one thousand (1,000) gallons for each of the following rate groups for sewer charge):

a. First zero (0) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at six dollars and ~~nineteen~~thirty-seven cents (~~\$6.19~~37) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

b. All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at ~~five~~six dollars and ~~ninety-nine~~seventeen cents (~~\$5.99~~6.17) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(2) Rural sewer plus authority rates, per month (includes two dollars and ~~fifty-six~~seventy-four cents (~~\$2.56~~74) per one thousand (1,000) gallons for each of the following rate groups for the sewer charge):

a. First zero (0) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at nine dollars ~~and eighteen cents~~ (~~\$9.00~~18) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

b. All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at eight dollars and ~~fifty-eight~~seventy-six cents (~~\$8.58~~76) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(3) Minimum sewer charges, per month by meter: (Three thousand (3,000) gallons for $\frac{3}{8}$ meter; AWWA equivalent multiplier for larger sizes):

Meter Size (inches)	AWWA Multiplier	City Minimum (per month)	Rural Minimum (per month)
5/8 or 3/4	1.0	\$18.57 <u>19.11</u>	\$27.00 <u>54</u>
1	2.5	\$46.43 <u>47.78</u>	\$67.50 <u>68.85</u>
1½	5.0	\$92.85 <u>95.55</u>	\$135.00 <u>137.70</u>
2	8.0	\$148.56 <u>152.88</u>	\$216.00 <u>220.32</u>
3	16.0	\$297.12 <u>305.76</u>	\$432.00 <u>440.64</u>
4	25.0	\$464.25 <u>477.75</u>	\$675.00 <u>688.50</u>
6	50.0	\$928.50 <u>955.50</u>	\$1,350.00 <u>377.00</u>
8	80.0	\$1,485.60 <u>1,528.80</u>	\$2,160.00 <u>203.20</u>
10	210.00	\$3,823.70 <u>3,937.10</u>	\$5,510.40 <u>623.80</u>

All minimum charges for both city and rural include authority O & M and debt charge. There shall be a separate minimum charge for each meter

(4) Rockingham County Water Agreement of 1995 (north and east areas): Rates shall conform to the contract or any amendments to the same.

(c) Utility tax: A twenty (20) percent utility tax is added to the total water bills of city and rural users, maximum two dollars (\$2.00) residential, twenty dollars (\$20.00) commercial.

(d) Other charges:

Administrative / Field call - next business day	\$25.00
Administrative / Field call - same day service before cutoff time	\$75.00
Administrative / Field call - after business hours	\$175.00
Re-connection - next business day	\$35.00
Re-connection - same day service before cutoff time	\$75.00
Re-connection - after business hours	\$175.00
Tapping order per meter ≥ 72 hours' notice	\$25.00
Tapping order per meter < 72 hours' notice	\$75.00
Tapping order per meter - after business hours	\$175.00
Meter test < <u>1 1/2</u> 2 " in size	\$150.00
Meter test ≥ <u>1 1/2</u> 2 " in size	\$350 <u>495.00</u>
Site visit fee	\$25.00

(e) (1) Field call charge for turning on the water service, transferring account ownership or turn on or off of meter for repairs that are not constituted as an emergency which charges shall be included on the next monthly statement submitted after service is provided;

(2) There is no charge for turning service off;

(3) Cost shall be as defined in [section 7-4-23](#) of this Code;

(4) Re-connection charge applies to any person, firm, or corporation whose utility service has been scheduled for disconnection due to nonpayment of account, or who fail to comply with delinquent payment cutoff time, and shall, before the service is re-established, pay balance in full to include administrative fees.

(5) When a date and time to establish a connection has been agreed to between the customer and the city public utilities department and the customer fails to be present at such date and time then the customer shall be charged a site visit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(6) Installation of meters will be assessed a twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee per meter when scheduled seventy-two (72) hours in advance; if less than seventy-two (72) hours a one hundred seventy-five dollar (\$175.00) fee will be assessed per meter. There will be no additional connection fee subject to [section 7-4-1](#).

(f) [Exemptions.] The director is authorized on ~~application~~[application](#) to exempt the payment of all charges imposed by this section, those citizens, or spouse of those, who qualify for active military service deployment on foreign soils.

(g) [Changes to fees.] Subsequent to July 1, 2012, any changes to the fees and rates as set forth in this section shall be made by the city council and published in the annual appropriation ordinance.

This ordinance shall be effective from the _____ day of _____, 2024. Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MAYOR

ATTESTE:

CITY CLERK