



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager  
 FROM: Wesley Russ, Assistant City Attorney  
 DATE: June 2, 2017  
 RE: Water and Sewer Rates and Charges Amendments

**Summary:** Consider amending and re-enacting Section 7-4-1 – Schedule of rates and charges generally.

**Background:** Virginia Code Section 15.2-2119 permits localities to set fees and charges for water and sewer services.

The proposed ordinance amendments would amend Section 7-4-1 to increase the rates for water per month as follows:

Gallons of Water	Current Rates (per 1,000 gallons)		Proposed Rates (per 1,000 gallons)	
	City	Rural	City	Rural
0 – 2,500	\$2.74	\$4.67	\$3.11 (+\$0.37)	\$5.07 (+\$0.40)
2,500 – 25,000	\$3.11	\$4.72	\$3.11 (no change)	\$5.07 (+\$0.35)
25,000 – 250,000	\$2.82	\$4.72	\$3.11 (+\$0.29)	\$5.07 (+\$0.35)
OVER 250,000	\$2.40	\$3.99	\$2.75 (+\$0.35)	\$4.14 (+0.15)

The minimum water charges per month by meter would increase for the following meter sizes as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Current Minimums		Proposed Minimums	
	City	Rural	City	Rural
5/8 / 3/4	\$8.41	\$14.04	\$9.33 (+\$0.92)	\$15.21 (+\$1.17)
1	\$14.63	\$23.48	\$15.55 (+\$0.92)	\$25.35 (+\$1.87)
1 ½	\$30.18	\$47.08	\$31.10 (+\$0.92)	\$50.70 (+\$3.62)

The city and rural sewer plus authority rates per month would increase by \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons, from \$2.00 to \$2.05.

The minimum sewer chargers per month by meter would increase as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Current Minimums		Proposed Minimums	
	City	Rural	City	Rural
5/8 / 3/4	\$15.64	\$22.96	\$15.79 (+\$0.15)	\$23.11 (+\$0.15)
1	\$27.60	\$41.10	\$27.85 (+\$0.25)	\$41.35 (+\$0.25)
1 ½	\$57.50	\$86.45	\$58.00 (+\$0.50)	\$86.95 (+\$0.50)
2	\$116.44	\$216.70	\$117.24 (+\$0.80)	\$217.50 (+\$0.80)
3	\$176.05	\$322.08	\$177.55 (+\$1.50)	\$323.58 (+\$1.50)
4	\$343.37	\$638.21	\$345.87 (+\$2.50)	\$640.71 (+\$2.50)
6	\$579.95	\$881.75	\$584.95 (+\$5.00)	\$886.75 (+\$5.00)



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8	\$926.15	\$1409.15	\$934.15 (+\$8.00)	\$1417.15 (+\$8.00)
10	\$1301.20	\$1980.50	\$1312.45 (+\$11.25)	\$1991.75 (+\$11.25)

**Key Issues:** None.

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** Based on the fiscal 2015-2016 data, staff expects these rate changes will bring in at least an additional \$523,500.

**Prior Actions:** This ordinance was last amended on June 14, 2016.

**Alternatives:** (a) Approve ordinance amendment; or  
(b) Deny ordinance amendment.

**Community Engagement:** N/A

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the amendments to the ordinance.

**Attachments:** 1. Red-lined copy of Sec. 7-4-1.  
2. Clean copy of Sec. 7-4-1.

**Review:**

*The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.*

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