

WATER RATES AND FEES

Chapter 14.08 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to set fees for water meters and water service;

Section 14.12.010 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code authorizes the City Council to set the rate for City water for private fire services when the use of a meter is not required; and

The City does currently and wishes to continue to have in effect a water rate structure that reflects an adequate supply of water and promotes the efficient use of such water by its customers.

DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in this resolution the following quoted words shall have the meanings set forth below:

- A. "Account holder" means the person or entity responsible for payment for water service at a particular property, as shown in the City's water billing records.
- B. "Base allotment" means the average monthly consumption on record with the City for the most recent complete off-peak period, or such other level of consumption determined by the Director to represent the average monthly off-peak water usage by a particular customer. An off-peak period for any given customer shall be a period comprised of the service periods charged on bills dated January through June.
- C. "Director" means the Director of the Department of Public Works or his or her designated representative.
- D. "Dominant use" means for any meter serving multiple uses, such as an existing meter serving both a residence and a commercial establishment, the use consuming the most water on average. In cases where a meter serves more than one type of use, the meter will be classified based on the dominant use for billing purposes.
- E. "HCF" means one Hundred Cubic Feet.
- F. "Service" or "water service" means water provided by or through the water distribution facilities of the City.

1. WATER SERVICE RATES

The following provisions shall govern all fees related to water service for metered connections to the City water system:

- A. **MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE.** A monthly service charge shall be collected for all connections, without regard to actual water use, if any, as follows:

<u>Size of Water Service Meter</u>	<u>Rate (\$/meter/month)</u>
5/8"	\$24.50 <u>23.49</u>
3/4"	\$35.60 <u>34.19</u>
1"	\$57.80 <u>55.61</u>
1 1/2"	\$113.29 <u>109.14</u>
2"	\$179.89 <u>173.38</u>
3"	\$390.77 <u>376.82</u>
4"	\$701.54 <u>676.61</u>
6"	\$1,445.18 <u>1,393.98</u>
8"	\$2,666.07 <u>2,571.74</u>
10"	\$4,219.93 <u>4,070.71</u>

Monthly service charges for connections located outside the City limits shall be 130% of the above charges.

- B. **USER CLASSIFICATIONS.** For the purposes of assessing metered water charges provided for in Subsection C below, user classifications shall be determined and corrected by Staff, using the categories below. Any meter serving multiple uses shall be classified based on the dominant use.:

1. Residential Single Family Detached: Applicable to all meters serving one detached dwelling unit.
2. Multifamily 1-4 Units: Applicable to all meters serving two or more detached dwelling units and all meters serving 1, 2, 3, or 4 attached dwelling units.
3. Multifamily Over 4 Units: Applicable to all meters serving five or more dwelling units, any of which are attached.
4. Commercial: Applicable, without regard to meter size, to all accounts serving mercantile buildings, motels and other short term lodging establishments, office buildings, institutional buildings, schools, churches, and other commercial establishments.
5. Industrial: Applicable to all meters serving laundries (other than self-service laundries), manufacturing facilities, and other industrial facilities.

6. Irrigation-Potable: Applicable to meters ~~substantially~~ limited to outdoor water use and subclassified as provided in Subparagraph a. through c. below. All meters under this classification shall be subject to interruption upon declaration of a Stage Three Drought Condition. There shall be no connection between a meter served under this classification and any dwelling or commercial or industrial structure.
 - a. Irrigation-Agriculture: Applicable only to Potable Irrigation meters that serve bona fide commercial agricultural enterprises, including nurseries. A bona fide commercial agricultural enterprise is one that grows and sells one or more type of agricultural or horticultural products, for the purpose of producing income from the sale of these products. The amount of water made available in the first tier of metered water usage under this sub-classification shall be based ~~solely~~ on the square footage of the commercial crop area that is planted and irrigated as part of the enterprise. As a condition of the right to receive Irrigation-Agriculture service, the Director may require an Account holder to submit to the Director any documentary or other evidence necessary to establish to a reasonable degree of certainty that the property served by the meter is being used to conduct a bona fide commercial agricultural enterprise as defined above. Such evidence may include tax returns, bills of sale, or similar documents.
 - b. Irrigation-Recreation: Applicable only to Potable Irrigation meters that serve areas used primarily for passive or active recreational purposes, including parks, playgrounds, golf courses, school yards, and publicly owned open spaces and landscaped areas. The amount of water made available in the first tier of metered water usage under this sub-classification shall be based ~~solely~~ on the square footage of the irrigated area served by the meter.
 - c. Irrigation-Urban (Residential / Commercial): Applicable to Potable Irrigation meters serving properties that are primarily residential in use or are zoned for residential use or commercial, industrial, or institutional in use. The amount of water made available in the first tier of metered water usage under this subclassification shall be based on the square footage of the irrigated area served by the meter.
7. Recycled Water: Applicable to all meters providing recycled wastewater.
8. State Institutional: Applicable to customers that are State agencies located in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara
9. Unincorporated Areas: Applicable to all meters serving properties that are not state agencies and are located in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara.

C. METERED WATER CHARGE. In addition to all other charges imposed by Chapter 14.08 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, including but not limited to the

monthly service charges set forth in Subsection I.A. above, water use shall be charged according to the following block rates for those user classifications defined in Subsection B above. Usage shall be measured in units of 100 cubic feet (HCF).

Usage Quantities (Monthly, except as specified)	Rate (\$/HCF)
1. <u>Residential Single Family</u>	
First 4 hcf	\$ <u>4.894.20</u>
Next 12 hcf	\$ <u>12.978.51</u>
Over 16 hcf	\$ <u>24.2718.59</u>
2. <u>Multi-Family 1-4 Dwelling Units</u>	
First 4 hcf/unit	\$ <u>4.894.20</u>
Next 4 hcf/unit	\$ <u>12.978.51</u>
Over 8 hcf/unit	\$ <u>24.2718.59</u>
3. <u>Multi-Family Over 4 Dwelling Units</u>	
First 4 hcf/unit	\$ <u>4.894.20</u>
Next 4 hcf/unit	\$ <u>12.978.51</u>
Over 8 hcf/unit	\$ <u>24.2718.59</u>
4. <u>Commercial</u>	
Up to 100% of base allotment	\$ <u>7.886.53</u>
All other use	\$ <u>23.9415.24</u>
5. <u>Industrial</u>	
Up to 100% of base allotment	\$ <u>7.886.53</u>
All other use	\$ <u>23.9415.24</u>

- 6. Irrigation - Potable:**
The first tier of all irrigation accounts shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Monthly Water Budget} = (ET_o)(.62/748)((PF \times HA)/IE)$$

Where

- ET_o = Reference evapotranspiration (weather factor)
- $0.62/748$ = Conversion factor (inches to HCF)
- PF = Plant factor
- HA = Square footage of irrigated area(s)

- IE = Irrigation efficiency (80%)

The Monthly Water Budget shall be determined using real-time monthly ET_o data from a local weather station, plant factors that relate plant type water use needs to the ET_o , and irrigated area by plant type. Irrigation system efficiency is set at a constant value of 80% for all account types.

Monthly Water Budgets shall be based on irrigated area only. Accounts shall be subject to mandatory ground-truthing measurement at Staff discretion to verify measurement accuracy of irrigated areas and plant types. If ground-truthing measurements are not completed within 2 months after initial contact due to lack of customer response, service may be subject to suspension until irrigated landscaped areas are verified in the field.

a. Irrigation - Agriculture

All Use within Monthly Budget
All other use

~~\$3.422.43~~
~~\$24.2718.59~~

HA_c = total crop irrigated area (square feet)

If the crop is a tree species the crop irrigated area is the number of irrigated trees multiplied by the average tree area. The average tree area is the area of a circle with a diameter equal to the average diameter of the drip line of the relevant species. An alternate method to calculate the irrigated area may be used as approved by the Director.

PF_c = 75%

b. Irrigation - Recreation

All Use within Monthly Budget
All other use

~~\$3.773.70~~
~~\$24.2718.59~~

HA_t = total irrigated turf area (square feet)

Turf PF_t = 80%

HA_s = total irrigated shrub area (square feet)

Shrub PF_s = 30%

Bird Refuge

Upon finding that there are adequate water resources available to allow such use, the Director may also authorize the sale of up to a total of 21,780 HCF (50 acre feet) per year at the first block recreation rate for use in refilling the Andre Clark Bird Refuge.

c. Irrigation - Urban (Residential/Commercial)

All Use within Monthly Budget	\$ <u>12.978.54</u>
All other use	\$ <u>24.2718.59</u>

HA_t = total irrigated turf area (square feet)

For Residential Irrigation, HA_t cannot exceed 20% of total irrigated area. If measurements are greater than 20%, the remainder square footage will be assigned to the HA_s .

PF_t = turf plant factor = 80%

HA_s = total irrigated shrub area (square feet)

For Commercial Irrigation, 100% of total irrigated area is considered HA_s , unless a permitted exception of Landscape Design Standards has been approved.

PF_s = shrub plant factor = 30%

Plant Factor percentage allotments reflect the requirements of the City's Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation per SBMC 22.80.

7. Recycled Water

All HCF	\$ <u>3.022.96</u>
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8. State Institutional

Up to 100% of base allotment:	\$ <u>7.886.53</u>
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All other use:	\$ <u>23.9415.24</u>
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9. Unincorporated Area. Metered water charges for service to properties located in unincorporated Santa Barbara County shall be 130% of any corresponding in-City rate.

D. FAILURE TO CONNECT TO RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM. Where the Director has determined that use of recycled water is feasible at and on a particular property and has notified the account holder for the meter serving such property of this fact as described in Section 14.23.030 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, and thereafter the user has failed to substitute recycled water use for potable water use, the charge for provision of potable water use shall be double the otherwise applicable charge for metered water.

E. GRANTING OF ADJUSTMENTS TO EXTRAORDINARY WATER CHARGES. Upon an account holder's application that is 1) received within 45 days of a relevant billing date, 2) submitted on a form provided by the Finance Director, and 3) supported by detailed written documentation, the Finance Director, or a

designee of the Finance Director, shall have the authority to make adjustments to extraordinary water charges in the event of hidden leaks, undetected line breaks, or other circumstances that are demonstrated to be beyond the reasonable control of the account holder. Such adjustments shall be made in accordance with guidelines approved by the City Administrator's Office. However, such adjustments shall in no case result in a cost per HCF that is less than the lowest unit rate for residential customers located within the City limits. The decision of the Finance Director, or said designee, regarding any such adjustment shall be final. Adjustments shall be allowed under this section only once per account, per account holder in any five year period.

F. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES. The following miscellaneous fees related to water service shall be charged and collected upon demand:

Service Initiation Fee:	\$47
Service Restoration Fee:	\$64
Administrative Account Transfer Fee:	\$21
Declined Payment Fee: See Finance Administrative Fees	
If a payment is returned for insufficient funds for a second time in any 12 month period, payments will only be accepted via cash, cashier's check, money order or credit card.	
Delinquent Payment Fee: per account, per month, for any billing period in which a delinquent unpaid balance exists	\$8.00
Upgrade of existing fire hydrant to City standard where only the fire hydrant head needs replacement:	
Upgrade to standard residential hydrant:	\$1,607
Upgrade to standard commercial hydrant:	\$3,000
Fire Hydrant Flow test:	\$150
Meter Flow Test:	\$82

G. TAMPERING FEES

In addition to the fees below, reconnection fees shall be applied. Unauthorized water use via tampering may also be subject to Administrative Penalties per S.B.M.C. Section 1.28.

Damaged/Missing Locks:	\$54
Damaged/Missing Locking Brackets:	\$123

H. DAMAGE TO CITY WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

City shall be reimbursed for the time and material cost to repair damage inflicted on City water system infrastructure and for any water lost as a result of the damage. Any water lost as a result of damage to water system infrastructure shall be billed at the current first block Commercial rate.

H.I. LABORATORY ANALYSIS

City shall be reimbursed at cost for laboratory analyses performed on behalf of private parties.

H.J. CHANGE OF ACCOUNT HOLDER UPON TERMINATION OF TENANCY. Upon termination of utility service by an account holder who is a tenant, the property owner, or agent thereof, shall automatically become the account holder, provided that the City has on file a written request from such property owner or agent authorizing such change. In the event that the account holder is transferred to a new account holder willing to take responsibility for all charges incurred after the most current bill, the Administrative Transfer Fee shall apply in lieu of the Service Initiation Fee.

~~J. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - SPECIAL OCCUPANCY BILLING. The Director may waive individual metering requirements for dwelling units in publicly owned housing developments having special occupancy characteristics as may be determined appropriate by the Director. Such waiver shall be accompanied by water use efficiency conditions determined to achieve the maximum feasible conservation at the site, including but not limited to City metering of individual portions of the project in a manner designed to highlight occurrences of unusually high water use. Such accounts shall be allotted 2 HCF of water per dwelling unit at the first block rate for other Multi-Family Residential customers, with all other usage charged at the third block Multi-Family Residential rate.~~

2. NON-METERED PRIVATE FIRE SERVICES

Payable monthly, the rates for City water for private fire services when the use of a meter is not required pursuant to Section 14.12.010 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code shall be as follows:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
1"	\$2.76
1 ½"	\$3.64
2"	\$5.164.67
4"	\$19.9917.31
6"	\$53.6746.04
8"	\$111.7795.59
10"	\$199.17170.12
12"	\$320.29273.42

Non-metered fire service charges for connections located outside the City limits shall be 130% of the above charges.

Upon a determination that unauthorized use of water through a fire service or other private main connection has occurred, the Director may assess a fee for each HCF of such use at a rate equal to twice the rate for the first block allotment for Commercial customers.

3. WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS

All determinations of the size and location of water service connections, water main connections, and meters shall be subject to the approval of the Director. All water service connections must be installed per City standard details. If not, the customer shall be charged at a time and materials basis for the service to be brought up to City standards. The Director may waive the fee for a service connection or main connection to the recycled water system upon a finding that such connection will promote the efficient and beneficial use of recycled water and will displace existing usage of the City's potable water supply. Fees related to water service connection to the City water system are as follows and are in addition to buy-in fees established by the City Council in separate resolutions:

K.A. RETAIL WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Payable at the time of request, service fees for new service connections to the City water system and for water service relocations shall be as follows:

<u>Type of Service Connection</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Add (1) additional 5/8" or 3/4" meter to an existing 1" service, where feasible:	\$ 8641,225
1" service with a 5/8" <u>meter</u> :	\$ 2,4953,692
<u>1" service with a or 3/4" meter</u> :	<u>\$3,724</u>
1" service with a 1" meter:	\$ 2,9053,746
2" service with a 1 1/2" meter:	\$ 4,6615,721
2" service with a 2" meter:	\$ 5,0215,806
1" service & manifold with two 5/8" meters installed at the time of manifold installation:	\$ 3,8302,660
Add (1) additional 5/8", 3/4", 1" or 1 1/2" meter to an existing 2" service, where feasible:	\$ 864-1,225 per meter
2" service & manifold with multiple meters installed at the time of manifold installation:	\$ 3,2035,461 plus:
5/8" meters (# of meters per manifold outlined in table below):	\$ 285-290 per meter
3/4" meters (# of meters per manifold outlined below):	\$ 285-322 per meter
1" meters (# of meters per	\$ 786-574 per meter

manifold outlined below):

1 1/2" meters (# of meters per manifold outlined below):

\$ ~~786~~-712 per meter

Over 2" service:

Sum of Connection Fee and Meter Set Fee

Abandon service (if not done at the same time as new meter installation)

Same as equivalent installation fee \$1,314.33 per service

Any new service installations that are greater than 4 feet deep and/or require a service trench longer than 20 feet shall be charged an additional time and materials fee.

1 1/2", 1", 3/4" and 5/8" Meter Combinations Allowed on 2" Manifolds			
# of 1 1/2" Meters	# of 1" Meters	# of 3/4" Meters	# of 5/8" Meters
0	0	5	0
		4	2
		3	3
		2	5
		1	6
		0	8
1	0	2	0
		1	1
		0	3
1	1	0	0
0	1	1	4
		1	3
		2	2
		3	1
		3	0
0	2	0	3
		1	1

		2	0
0	3	0	0

A water service relocation of up to 5 feet or the addition of a meter to a service connection that has an existing meter, except as provided above, shall be charged at the cost of labor and materials plus overhead, provided that installation of a new service connection is not required. Water service relocations of greater than 5 feet shall require installation of a new service connection at fees as specified herein.

For 1" and 2" service connections and manifolds, subject to the prior approval of the Director, a credit of \$933 against the otherwise applicable service connection fee may be applied when said service connection is to be installed by the City simultaneously with and in the same customer-excavated trench as a private fire line or private water main.

I.B. FIRELINE AND PRIVATE WATER MAIN CONNECTIONS

Payable at the time of request, fees for water service main connections to the City water system, including private fire lines and other private mains, shall be as follows and shall be in addition to any applicable fees for trench inspections and encroachment permits:

CONNECTION SIZE	CONNECTION FEE
4" MAIN (OR SMALLER)	
2"	\$1,245
4"	\$2,076
6" MAIN	
2"	\$1,245
4"	\$2,209
6"	\$2,437
8" MAIN	
2"	\$1,245
4"	\$1,776
6"	\$2,608
8"	\$3,208
10" MAIN	
2"	\$1,245
4"	\$1,779
6"	\$2,704
8"	\$2,969
10"	\$3,543
12" MAIN	

2"	\$1,245
4"	\$1,819
6"	\$1,942
8"	\$3,119
10"	\$3,738
12"	\$3,840

Fees for other combinations shall be charged at the cost of labor and materials, plus overhead. The fees for water service main connections shall include only the materials (tee, valve, and valve box) and labor for tapping into the City water system. Contractor is responsible for excavation of the existing water main, traffic control, pipe extension, backfilling, paving, backflow device with in-line detector meter and any other costs. In the event the existing water main or water service main connection is damaged during attachment, an additional fee of \$200 per lineal foot of water line needing repair or replacement shall be charged to the person(s) who caused such damage.

C. REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES

<u>1. WATER DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Plan Review Fee	\$115/hour
Pre Work Order Inspection Fee	\$216/visit
Inspection Fee	\$216/visit

2. BACKFLOW ASSEMBLIES

Backflow assemblies are required for all private fireline connections and fire sprinklers, all private water main connections, all dedicated irrigation meters, and as dictated by the City building codes. Backflow devices shall be tested immediately after they are installed and then annually by a certified backflow tester. Payable at time of request, fee for plan review shall be as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Backflow Plan Review – Firelines & Private Mains	\$114
Backflow Plan Review – Retail Meters	\$57
Backflow Inspection – Firelines & Private Mains	\$495
Backflow Inspection – Retail Meters	\$229
<u>Enforcement Fee – 3rd Notice to Test</u>	<u>\$97</u>
<u>Enforcement Fee – Shutoff/Turn-on</u>	<u>\$197</u>

4. SETTING AND PULLING OF WATER METERS, TEMPORARY FIRE HYDRANT

METERS AND TEMPORARY RECYCLED WATER METERS

Fees related to setting and pulling of water meters, temporary fire hydrant meters and temporary recycled water meters shall be as follows:

- A. Payable at the time of request, service fees for meter setting and/or pulling pursuant to Section 14.08.080 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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1. Meter set where service connection and lateral are already in place:	
5/8" meter and or	\$ 163 145
3/4" meter	\$ 176
1" meter	\$ 740 428
1 1/2" meter	\$ 1,065566
2" meter	\$ 1,426651
3" meter <u>and above</u>	\$ 1,751 <u>Time and Materials</u>
4" meter	\$ 2,117
6" meter	\$ 2,290
8" meter	\$ 3,113
10" meter	\$ 3,936
2. Reduction in meter size:	
Reduction from 1" or 3/4" to 3/4" or 5/8"	\$ 184 90
Reduction from 1 1/2" or 2" to 1 1/2", 1", or 5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 370 255
Other reductions	<u>Cost plus overhead</u> <u>Time and Materials</u>

3. Increase in meter size: An enlargement of water service pipes and meters shall be charged at the time of request at the regular charges set by Resolution pursuant to Section 14.08.050 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.
4. Replacement of an existing meter with a meter of larger size, where a larger service to the meter in not required:

<u>Size of New Meter</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/4" or 1" meter	\$ 740

1½" meter	\$1,065
2" meter	\$1,426
Other increases	Cost plus overhead

B. Payable upon demand, pursuant to Section 14.25.060 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, the following fees and deposits shall be assessed and collected for water usage from temporary fire hydrant meters:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Deposit (collected prior to meter installation)	
3" meter	\$1,800.00
Any other equipment	\$ 69.00
2. Fee to install and remove a temporary fire hydrant meter:	
3" meter	\$ 71.00
3. Daily meter rental fee	\$ 8.25
4. Metered water	Charged at the prevailing first block rate for commercial customers
5. Water sold via temporary fire hydrant meters cannot be re-sold to any private entity or used outside of City water service area.	
6. A minimum charge of \$100.00 will be deducted from the meter deposit for assumed water use if the meter is returned in an inoperable or damaged condition.	

C. Pursuant to Section 14.25.060 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, the temporary use of a meter providing recycled water shall be charged at the same rates as for a temporary fire hydrant meter, except that the metered water cost shall be charged at the prevailing unit rate for recycled water customers.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

Rates and charges specified herein shall be effective July 1, ~~2016~~2015.