

ITEM 7

From FY 2011 City
Fee Resolution

WATER AND SEWER BUY-IN FEES

Sections 14.08.050 and 14.48.010 of the Municipal Code authorize the establishment by resolution of fees to be paid for connections to the City water and sewer systems, respectively; and water and sewer buy-in fees are appropriately assessed on the basis of the flow capacity of the meter serving a given use.

The City Council, upon recommendation of the Water Commission, has determined the appropriate charges to be assessed for new connections to the City water and sewer systems for the purpose of buying into the existing assets of those systems.

1. BUY-IN RATES

Except as provided herein, the following water and sewer buy-in fees shall be collected prior to the Public Works Director's approval to: 1) make a new connection to the City water or sewer system, 2) to commence a discharge into the City sewer system from a newly permitted dwelling unit, or 3) increase the size of an existing water meter. Such buy-in fees shall be in addition to fees assessed under other resolutions for the labor, materials, equipment, and other City costs necessary to construct the actual connection to the water or sewer system. Buy-in fees specified herein shall be effective for fees paid July 1, 2009 or later. The Public Works Director shall be authorized to determine eligibility to pay Fiscal Year 2009 buy-in rates, in lieu of fees established herein, for projects that have achieved specific milestones in the development review process.

Water Buy-in Fees

Multi-Family Residential	Any dwelling unit served by its own 1" or larger meter:	\$7,261
	All other dwelling units, per dwelling unit:	\$2,904
Single Family Residential Dwelling Units and All Non-Residential Potable Water Connections	5/8" meter:	\$5,691
	1" meter:	\$14,227
	1 1/2" meter:	\$28,455
	2" meter:	\$45,528
	3" meter:	\$91,056
	4" meter:	\$142,275
	6" meter:	\$284,549
	8" meter:	\$455,279
10" meter:	\$654,463	

Sewer Buy-in Fees

Multi-Family Residential Dwelling Units	Any dwelling unit served by its own 1" or larger meter:	\$4,118
	All other dwelling units, per dwelling unit:	\$2,101
Single Family Residential Dwelling Units	All meter sizes:	\$4,118
All Non-Residential Sewer Connections, by meter size	5/8" meter:	\$4,118
	1" meter:	\$10,294
	1 1/2" meter:	\$20,588
	2" meter:	\$32,941
	3" meter:	\$65,882
	4" meter:	\$102,941
	6" meter:	\$205,882
	8" meter:	\$329,411
	10" meter:	\$473,528

2. REGULATIONS REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF BUY-IN FEES

The following regulations shall apply to the assessment of water and sewer buy-in fees:

- A. The term "multi-family residential dwelling unit" as used herein shall mean any attached dwelling unit, including attached apartments, condominiums, and secondary dwelling units.
- B. Water and sewer buy-in fees shall not apply to:
 - 1. Connections to serve facilities owned and operated by City programs funded by the General Fund; and
 - 2. Water system connections for public fire hydrants, private fire hydrants, and private fire lines.
- C. A sewer buy-in fee shall not apply to a water meter that is classified as "Irrigation" in the City billing system.
- D. Water and sewer buy-in fees shall not apply to a connection to the City's recycled water distribution system.
- E. In the case of an application for a water or sewer connection to serve a parcel where connections already exist, credit shall be given for existing connections such that the water and sewer buy-in fees shall be based on the net increase in meter capacity for non-residential meters, or in the case of residential meters, the net increase in number of dwelling units. There shall be no buy-in fee assessed for the installation of a meter to serve a legally existing residential dwelling unit that is already served by another City water meter

when such installation is done for the purpose of providing separate metering to such dwelling unit.

- F. A reduction in meter size may be approved by the Public Works Director in accordance with applicable resolutions; however, there shall be no refund of buy-in fees upon such reduction.
- G. In a case where the buy-in fee cannot be reasonably determined using the meter capacity method contained herein, a water and/or sewer buy-in fee may be determined by estimating the net new usage of water, converting such usage to an equivalent number of 5/8" meters, and multiplying said equivalent number times the buy-in fee for a 5/8" meter.