

Water Utility Meter and Tap Fees



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Water Meter Set Fees

| Meter Sets | | |
|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Meter Size | Current Fees | Proposed |
| 3/4" | \$201.30 | \$540.00 |
| 1" | \$250.80 | \$630.00 |
| > 1" | Special | No Change |

3/4" Meter Set Cost Breakdown

Materials-\$265.00

Labor- \$213.00

Tools- \$62.00

Total- \$540.00



Water Tap Fees

(Inside City Limits)

| Full Taps | | |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Street | | |
| Tap Size | Current Fee | Proposed |
| 3/4" | \$633.00 | \$2,700.00 |
| 1" | \$807.40 | |
| >1" | Special* | No Change |
| Easement | | |
| 3/4" | \$532.40 | \$900 |
| 1" | \$705.10 | |
| >1" | Special* | No Change |



Water Tap Fees (Outside City Limits)

| Full Taps | | |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Street | | |
| Tap Size | Current Fee | Proposed |
| 3/4" | \$860.20 | \$2,700.00 |
| 1" | \$1,125.30 | |
| >1" | Special* | No Change |
| Easement | | |
| 3/4" | \$675.40 | \$900.00 |
| 1" | \$900.90 | |
| >1" | Special* | No Change |



Water Taps and Meter Sets

- Meter sets must be installed by City personnel
- City crews only install taps 2" or smaller
- Taps larger than 2" must be installed by an approved contractor
- Developers and builders may use an approved contractor on any size tap





Wastewater Tap Fees

| Wastewater Taps | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| Pre-tap | | |
| Tap Size | Current Fee | Proposed |
| 4"-6" | \$250.00 | \$310.00 |
| Easement | | |
| 4"-6" | \$873.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| Street | | |
| 4"-6" | \$1,385.00 | \$3,750.00 |



In Summary

- Tap and meter set fee increases are recommended to recover an estimated \$400,000 in operating costs
- The addition of the Pavement Cost Recovery Fee has greatly increased the cost of street taps
- Costs of meter sets have increased due increases in material cost
- We sent a letter out and met with the Builders Association
- Changes will not take effect till January 01, 2019



Backup Slides

The following slides are provide for additional information



Definitions

- “Tap” is a term describing the cutting of holes in existing piping to connect residential, commercial or industrial customer’s service lines to water or wastewater services.
- “Pre-tap” describes a tap connected at the time the water or wastewater infrastructure was installed and the resulting service line is capped without installing a meter or its apparatuses.
- “Meter set” describes the installation of a meter and all the necessary apparatuses on a pre-tapped service line.



History

- Tap fees were last revised in 2013
- In 2014, the Utilities Department incurred additional costs due to changes in the street repair ordinance.
- In 2017, City crews completed 684 meter sets, 207 water taps and 107 wastewater taps



Street Cost

- The City Utilities Department is charged two separate fees related to any street cut made during maintenance or installation of water and wastewater infrastructure.
 - Repair Fee-Recovery of costs related to the repair of the damaged street.
 - Recovery Fee-Recovery of costs related to future maintenance and a decrease in the useful life of the street due to the repair.
- Street fees have increased significantly due to policy changes regarding construction methods



Wastewater Taps

- City crews only perform residential wastewater taps that are no deeper than 10'
- Contractors are responsible for commercial and industrial wastewater taps.

