

# UNION COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE

**SECTION I.** The following rates, fees, and charges shall apply on and after the Effective Date of this rate and fee schedule (Schedule). For purposes of this Schedule, FY 2018 shall mean July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; FY 2019 shall mean July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019; and FY 2020 shall mean July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020; provided that this Schedule may extend beyond June 30, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Section IV.

## 1. WATER RATES

**A. Base Facility Fee** – monthly fixed charge per meter for residential and non-residential water customers (based on meter size).

METER SIZE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
3/4"	\$9.65	\$10.30	\$10.95
1"	\$24.25	\$25.85	\$27.55
1 1/2"	\$48.00	\$51.10	\$54.40
2"	\$76.75	\$81.75	\$87.05
3"	\$215.95	\$230.00	\$244.95
4"	\$479.95	\$511.15	\$544.35
6"	\$671.85	\$715.50	\$762.00

**B. Volumetric Rates** – charge for water per 1,000 gallons of usage based on the current Water Shortage Stage as declared by the County Manager.

- i. Residential Rates** – applies to accounts classified as residential.
- ii. Irrigation Rates** – applies to residential and non-residential accounts with a separate meter for irrigation systems.
- iii. Non-residential Rates** – applies to accounts classified as commercial, industrial or institutional.

	Standard Rates / Water Shortage Stage I			Water Shortage Stage II			Water Shortage Stage III			Water Shortage Stage IV			
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	
<b>Residential</b>													
Tier 1	0 - 3,000 gallons	\$2.35	\$2.50	\$2.65	\$2.35	\$2.50	\$2.65	\$2.35	\$2.50	\$2.65	\$3.20	\$3.40	\$3.60
Tier 2	3,001 - 7,000 gallons	3.20	3.40	3.60	3.20	3.40	3.60	3.20	3.40	3.60	4.80	5.10	5.45
Tier 3	7,001 - 10,000 gallons	4.55	4.85	5.15	4.55	4.85	5.15	9.05	9.65	10.30	10.15	10.80	11.50
Tier 4	10,001 - 15,000 gallons	6.60	7.05	7.50	10.55	11.25	12.00	18.00	19.15	20.40	19.45	20.70	22.05
Tier 5	> 15,000 gallons	10.75	11.45	12.20	17.20	18.30	19.50	29.40	31.30	33.35	31.80	33.85	36.05
<b>Irrigation</b>													
Tier 1	0 - 3,000 gallons	\$4.55	\$4.85	\$5.15	\$4.55	\$4.85	\$5.15	\$9.05	\$9.65	\$10.30	\$10.15	\$10.80	\$11.50
Tier 2	3,001 - 7,000 gallons	4.55	4.85	5.15	4.55	4.85	5.15	9.05	9.65	10.30	10.15	10.80	11.50
Tier 3	7,001 - 10,000 gallons	4.55	4.85	5.15	4.55	4.85	5.15	9.05	9.65	10.30	10.15	10.80	11.50
Tier 4	10,001 - 15,000 gallons	6.60	7.05	7.50	10.55	11.25	12.00	18.00	19.15	20.40	19.45	20.70	22.05
Tier 5	> 15,000 gallons	10.75	11.45	12.20	17.20	18.30	19.50	29.40	31.30	33.35	31.80	33.85	36.05
<b>Non-Residential</b>													
	All Usage	\$3.25	\$3.45	\$3.70	3.45	3.65	3.90	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.45	4.75	5.05
<b>Wholesale</b>													
	All Usage	\$2.60	\$2.77	\$2.95	\$2.60	\$2.77	\$2.95	\$2.85	\$3.05	\$3.25	\$3.15	\$3.35	\$3.55

### C. Hydrant Meters

- i. **Temporary Hydrant Meters** – requires a \$300 deposit. Monthly usage will be billed at the Non-Residential rate and a base facility fee based on meter size is charged for each month (or partial month) the meter is used.
- ii. **Hydrant Permit Fee** – \$100 annual fee per vessel for permitted water service vehicles to obtain water from approved County hydrants. Monthly usage will be billed at the Non-Residential rate plus a monthly base facility fee based on meter size.

- D. **Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Base Facility Fee** – customers with a separate water connection used specifically for the purpose of fire protection service will be charged a **\$100 base facility fee annually**. Actual usage, if any, will be charged at the Non-Residential rate.

## 2. SEWER RATES

**A. Base Facility Fee** – monthly fixed charge per meter for residential and non-residential sewer customers (based on meter size).

METER SIZE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
3/4"	\$11.85	\$12.60	\$13.40
1"	\$30.00	\$31.95	\$34.05
1 1/2"	\$59.65	\$63.55	\$67.70
2"	\$95.30	\$101.50	\$108.10
3"	\$268.20	\$285.65	\$304.20
4"	\$596.10	\$634.85	\$676.10
6"	\$834.45	\$888.70	\$946.45
Flat Rate*	\$40.85	\$43.50	\$46.35

*\*Flat Rate Sewer – applies to residential customers who do not purchase water from UCPW*

**B. Volumetric Rates** – charge for sewer per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b><u>Residential</u></b>			
0 - 12,000 gallons	\$5.65	\$6.00	\$6.40
> 12,000 gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Non-Residential</u></b>			
All Usage	\$5.65	\$6.00	\$6.40

## 3. SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES (FORMERLY DESIGNATED CAPACITY FEES)

**A. Water System Development Fees (Formerly Designated Water Capacity Fees)** – one-time charges, based on water meter size, to new development (as such term is defined in N.C.G.S. § 162A-201).

METER SIZE	FEE
3/4"	\$1,200
1"	\$2,900
1 1/2"	\$5,800
2" & Greater	SEE NOTE
Fire Connection	NO FEE

*Note: Water System Development Fees for meter sizes 2" and greater are a multiple of the estimated water demand as compared to the water demand of one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). An ERU represents water usage of a typical single-family residential unit with a ¾" meter. For the purposes of this calculation, 1 ERU = 703 gpd (gallons per day). Fees shall not exceed the Combined Methodology fees set forth in Table 3-1 of the Union County Water & Sewer System Development Fee Study dated April 9, 2018 .*

**Water System Development Fees are not charged for residential irrigation meters when installed in addition to a domestic meter.**

**B. Sewer System Development Fees (Formerly Designated Sewer Capacity Fees) - one-time charges, based on water meter size, to new development (as such term is defined in N.C.G.S. § 162A-201).**

<b>METER SIZE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
3/4"	\$3,090
1"	\$7,720
1 1/2"	\$15,440
2" & Greater	SEE NOTE
Fire Connection	NO FEE

*Note: Sewer System Development Fees) for meter sizes 2" and greater are a multiple of the estimated sewer demand as compared to the sewer demand of one (1) Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). The number of sewer capacity ERU's shall be equivalent to the number of ERU's as calculated for Water System Development Fees unless the applicant can demonstrate that there is water consumption within their development that would not generate wastewater flow. Fees shall not exceed the Combined Methodology fees set forth in Table 3-2 of the Union County Water & Sewer System Development Fee Study dated April 9, 2018.*

**Sewer System Development fees are not charged for irrigation meters.**

#### 4. TAP FEES

**A. Water Tap Fees** – amount charged for installing a new water tap (based on meter size).

METER SIZE	FEE
3/4"	\$400
1"	\$525
≥ 1 1/2"	COST
Fire Connection	COST

**B. Sewer Tap Fees** - amount charged for installing a new sewer tap (based on line size).

SIZE OF LINE	FEE
4"	\$630
6"	\$825
>6"	COST

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS FEES

- A. Account Setup Fee** – a fee charged for establishing a new account or transferring an account. **\$25.00**
- B. Deposit Fee** – amount collected when service is established for a customer who does not own the property. The deposit, less the final bill amount, is returned to the customer when service is terminated. **\$50.00**  
*Deposit balances of less than \$1.00 will not be refunded.*  
*Interest accrued on deposits is not refundable to customers.*
- C. Late Payment Fee** – applied when customer has not paid monthly bill by due date. **\$10.00 or 5% of the current past due amount, whichever is more**
- D. Disconnect Processing Fee** – applied when customer has two outstanding bills and has not paid the balance by the due date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill. Fee applicable at 5:00 p.m. on the due date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill whether the service is physically disconnected or not. **\$50.00**

**E. Returned Check Fee** – fee charged when checks are returned, automatic drafts are rejected or credit/debit card transactions are reversed after payment has been credited to a customer’s account. **\$25.00**

**F. Meter Verification Fee** – fee charged if customer requests a meter test and the meter is found to be registering correctly. If the meter is registering incorrectly, this fee is not charged. **\$25.00**

**G. Meter Installation Fee** – fee charged at the time of meter set (actual cost of meter assembly plus labor costs to install).

METER SIZE	INSTALLATION FEE
3/4"	\$185
1"	\$275
1 ½"	\$1,400
2" & Greater	ACTUAL COST

**H. Meter Removal Fee** – fee charged for the removal of a meter whether at the request of the customer or initiated by UCPW for meter tampering. **\$25.00**

**I. Meter Reset Fee** – fee charged for resetting a meter. **\$25.00**

**J. Meter Tampering Fee** – fee charged for damage or alteration of a meter assembly or for bypassing or relocating a meter.

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$300

**K. Temporary Construction Meter Deposit Fee** – an amount collected for a meter set at the beginning of or during the construction phase of any new development (residential or non-residential), prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. **The amount of the deposit will vary based on meter size and will be equal to the Meter Installation Fee.** The deposit, less amounts owed for services provided or damages to County property, is returned to the customer when service is

converted to a permanent service. Deposit balances of less than \$1.00 will not be refunded. Interest accrued on deposits is not refundable to customers.

**L. Service Charges** – Charges for repairs to the utility system caused by third-party damages or for additional services requested by customers of the system. Labor charges will be the average hourly rate (including benefits) by position of personnel performing the work. Equipment charges will be the hourly rates established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (as listed on FEMA.gov). Materials will be charged at cost plus 10%. Restoration (landscaping, concrete, asphalt) or other services performed by a third-party vendor will be charged at cost. Amounts for the labor and equipment reimbursement charges set forth herein may be administratively determined on an annual basis.

**M. Plan Review Fees** – fees charged for review and approval of engineering plans submitted for new development:

<b>Residential</b>	<b>\$100 plus \$20 per lot</b>
<b>Non-residential</b>	<b>\$100 plus \$10 per 1,000 sq. ft. of building(s) area</b>

**SECTION II.** Partial payments will be applied first to late charges or fees, then to sewer charges, and then to water charges.

**SECTION III.** This Schedule shall supersede any schedule, or any portion of a schedule, that conflicts with this Schedule. Except as superseded, such other schedule(s) shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION IV.** This Schedule shall become effective as of the 1st day of July, 2017 (the “Effective Date”), and shall continue until amended, superseded, or repealed. In the event this Schedule is not amended, superseded, or repealed for that period following June 30, 2020, the provisions of this Schedule (including the rates, fees, and charges established for FY 2020) shall continue to apply until this Schedule is amended, superseded, or repealed.