

**Chapter 106 - Utilities**

- A. Unmetered Non-commercial Customers - Monthly rate ..... \$20.52
- B. Water Connection Service Fee and Deposits
  - 1. Inside City ..... \$30.00
  - 2. Outside City ..... \$40.00
  - 3. Deposit for all new and certain former residential customers ..... \$50.00
- C. Temporary connection of 2 inch meter to fire hydrant
  - 1. Inside City ..... \$200.00
  - 2. Outside City ..... \$250.00
- D. Water Usage Rates
  - 1. Minimum monthly charges

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Inside City</u>
5/8 inch	2,000	\$ 6.72
1 inch	4,000	12.14
1½ inch	8,000	22.98
2 inch	14,000	39.24
3 inch	44,000	102.56
4 inch	111,000	202.33
6 inch	271,000	431.13
8 inch	388,000	598.44
10 inch	676,000	1,010.28
12 inch	1,200,000	1,759.60

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
5/8 inch	1,000	\$ 15.65
1 inch	4,000	36.02
1½ inch	8,000	63.18
2 inch	14,000	101.32
3 inch	44,000	274.96
4 inch	111,000	635.02
6 inch	271,000	1,358.75
8 inch	388,000	1,872.38
10 inch	676,000	3,136.70
12 inch	1,200,000	5,437.06

2. Usage rate schedule

Meter inside City

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>per 1,000 gallons</u>
First 2,000	\$3.36
Next 13,000	2.71
Next 35,000	2.09
All Over 50,000	1.43

Meter outside City

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>per 1,000 gallons</u>
First 1,000	\$15.65
Next 9,000	6.79
Next 10,000	6.14
Next 70,000	5.70
Next 100,000	4.66
All over 190,000	4.39

**NOTE: The water usage rates set out in paragraphs D.1 and D.2 above shall be applicable effective for billing on or after July 1, 2009.**

E. Disconnection, Reconnection of Service

1. Reconnection fee..... \$20.00
2. Meter removal or locking fee ..... \$40.00
3. Obstruction removal fee..... \$50.00

F. Service Call Charges

	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Raise/lower water meter at the request of the user	\$70.00	\$95.00
2. Leak detection/line locating services (services provided on private property) per hour	\$60.00	\$75.00
3. Backflow Prevention Devices Testing Fee		
(a) Initial Test .....		Free
(b) Annual Test.....		Free
(c) Retesting Fee, per test (if device fails on initial or annual test) .....		\$50.00
4. Service Fee (Check meter accuracy at customer's request)		
(a) Initial Test .....		Free
(b) Recurring Service Calls, each.....		\$25.00

G. Tapping Fees (Metered and Unmetered Fire Services) / Meter Relocation Fee / Fire Service Relocation Fee – Developer Installed Water Lines

Size of Connection (Non-Fire Rated Meters)		
<u>(Meter or Fire Service)</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
5/8 inch	\$ 635.00	\$ 1,100.00
1 inch	865.00	1,370.00
1 1/2 inch	1,035.00	1,670.00
2 inch	1,240.00	2,030.00
3 inch	3,700.00	4,900.00
4 inch	4,000.00	5,400.00
6 inch	6,100.00	9,000.00
8 inch	7,600.00	11,000.00
10 inch	11,700.00	12,100.00

Size of Connection (Fire Rated Meters)		
<u>(Meter or Fire Service)</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
6 inch	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 8,800.00
8 inch	8,700.00	10,900.00
10 inch	12,100.00	14,900.00

H. Tapping Fees (Metered and Unmetered Fire Services) / Meter Relocation Fee / Fire Service Relocation Fee – Non-Developer Installed Water Lines

Size of Connection (Non-Fire Rated Meters)		
<u>(Meter or Fire Service)</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
5/8 inch	\$ 635.00	\$ 1,100.00
1 inch	865.00	1,370.00
1 1/2 inch	1,035.00	1,670.00
2 inch	1,240.00	2,030.00
3 inch	3,700.00	4,900.00
4 inch	4,000.00	5,400.00
6 inch	6,100.00	9,000.00
8 inch	7,600.00	11,000.00
10 inch	11,700.00	12,100.00

Size of Connection (Fire Rated Meters)		
<u>(Meter or Fire Service)</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
6 inch	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 8,800.00
8 inch	8,700.00	10,900.00
10 inch	12,100.00	14,900.00

**NOTE: Tapping fees, relocation fees and fire service fees for meters of 6 inches and larger shall be subject to additional charges calculated on an individual basis, based on the cost to connect the meter to the City's main water line.**

Size of Connection (Unmetered Fire Services)		
<u>(Fire Service)</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
6 inch	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 2,530.00
8 inch	2,640.00	3,300.00
10 inch	3,410.00	5,170.00

**NOTE: Unmetered fire services shall be available only to non-manufacturing facilities and businesses that are expected to have low water consumption.**

I. Fire Service Connections

Unmetered private fire service connections (monthly charge)

<u>Size of Connection Furnished by City</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
4 inches	\$ 15.00	\$ 31.00
6 inches	20.00	42.00
8 inches	30.00	62.00
10 inches	40.00	82.00
12 inches	60.00	142.00

J. Fire Hydrants

1. Fire hydrant monthly rental charges

(a) Fire hydrant on private property

(1) Inside City .....	\$20.00
(2) Outside City.....	\$31.00

(b) Fire hydrant on City property ..... \$6.00

2. Fire hydrant installation  
(outside City)..... \$2,500.00

3. Hydrant relocation fee  
(inside or outside City when performed  
at the request of any interested party)..... \$2,500.00

K. Water Line Extension

1. Cost estimation (refundable only if extension is approved)..... \$50.00

2. Extension cost (per foot)

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost per Lineal Foot</u>
2-inch PVC.....	\$ 4.00
4-inch PVC.....	7.50
6-inch ductile iron.....	20.00
8-inch ductile iron.....	25.00

**NOTE: On extensions of 6 and 8-inch ductile iron pipe there will be an additional charge of \$1,000 per 500 feet for fire hydrant connection plus the hydrant fee stated above.**

L. Sewers and Sewage Disposal

1. Tap-on fees

(a) Residences, single family - cluster homes, condominiums, townhouses, duplexes, row houses etc. per living unit (existing structures and new construction) served by sanitary sewer facilities installed by the City provided the lateral is in place

- (1) Inside City .....\$1,950.00<sup>1</sup>
- (2) Outside City.....\$2,250.00<sup>1</sup>

(b) Additional units on same tap..... \$200.00

(c) Additional units requiring additional tap

- (1) Inside City .....\$1,950.00<sup>1</sup>
- (2) Outside City.....\$2,250.00<sup>1</sup>

(d) New residences, single family - ..... \$900.00  
cluster homes, condominiums, townhouses, duplexes, row houses, etc. per living unit located in subdivisions (in which sewer mains and laterals have been installed by developers)

(e) Car wash (existing structures and new construction) provided the lateral is in place

- (1) First bay
  - (i) Inside City..... \$1,950.00
  - (ii) Outside City..... \$2,925.00

- (2) Each additional bay
  - (i) Inside City..... \$500.00
  - (ii) Outside City..... \$750.00

(f) Multi-family complexes (existing structures and new construction) provided the laterals are in place

- (1) First rental unit/room
  - (i) Inside City..... \$1,950.00
  - (ii) Outside City..... \$2,925.00

- (2) Each additional unit
  - (i) Inside City..... \$200.00
  - (ii) Outside City..... \$300.00

(g) Hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, retirement centers, mobile home parks

- (1) First rental unit/room
  - (i) Inside City..... \$1,950.00
  - (ii) Outside City..... \$2,925.00

- (2) Each additional rental unit/room
  - (i) Inside City..... \$200.00
  - (ii) Outside City..... \$300.00
  
- (h) Large and small commercial users, factories and shopping centers (existing structures and new construction) provided the lateral is in place
  - (1) First 10,000 sq. ft.
    - (i) Inside City..... \$1,950.00
    - (ii) Outside City..... \$2,925.00
  - (2) Each additional 10,000 sq. ft.
    - (i) Inside City..... \$300.00
    - (ii) Outside City..... \$450.00
  
- (i) Low Pressure Tap Fees
 

On-site Individual Pump (requires evaluation, Public Work's Director's written approval and written agreement with property owner)

  - (1) New Structures
    - (i) Inside City \$5,000.00
    - (ii) Outside City \$5,300.00
  - (2) Existing Structures
    - (i) Inside City \$1,950.00
    - (ii) Outside City \$5,300.00

<sup>1</sup>Financing shall be available to residential property server by City of Kingsport installed collector sewers. For the purpose of determining the availability of financing, residential property shall mean existing single family residences or row houses, as defined herein, and include new residential construction only when the construction is for the property owner's own personal use. Tap Fees may be financed over a ten (10) year period and shall be payable in equal monthly installments including interest charged at a rate established by this resolution. A property owner(s) desiring to finance the tap fee will be required to execute a promissory note secured by a deed of trust in the amount of the tap fee payable to the City of Kingsport. The promissory note and the deed of trust shall be a standard form prescribed by the City Recorder and approved by the City Attorney. Also, the property owner shall owe a lateral construction fee in addition to the current tap fee if the lateral is not in place at the time of connection.

**2. Lateral fees**

- (a) Lateral fee..... \$750.00  
(Full payment shall be required at time of construction)
- (b) Lateral construction fee..... \$1,000.00  
(Full payment shall be required at the time of construction in addition to tap fee)
- (c) Sewer connection fee ..... \$1,000.00  
(Full payment shall be required at the time of connection)

3. Interest rate, per annum.....9.5%

Upon mailing of notices of the availability of sewer to the property owner of record, or on the date of the tap fee permit, whichever shall come first, when payment is not received in full, interest shall begin to accrue on the 91st day from the date of the notification, or on the date of the permit, as is applicable, on the amount of the tap fee, the lateral fee, or lateral construction fee schedule and related definitions.

4. Recording fee and other charges for recording Deeds of Trust and Release Deeds will be the same as those assessed to the City by the Register of Deeds of the county where the deeds are recorded.

5. Definitions

(a) Sewer Line Classification

- (1) Interceptor Outfall Sewer: A sewer that receives wastewater from a collecting system or from a treatment plant and carries it to a point of final discharge. The size of these lines is generally greater than 18" in diameter.
- (2) Trunkline: The sanitary sewerage line that receives the sewage effluent from the various collector lines (minimum size of 8" in diameter).
- (3) Collector Line: The sanitary sewerage line that receives the sewage effluent from the individual residences/business via lateral lines constructed by the City and/or the developer (minimum size of 8" in diameter).
- (4) Lateral: The sanitary sewerage line (6" in diameter) running from the property line (where it is hooked to the service line from the individual residence/ business) to the sanitary sewerage collector line.
- (5) Service Line: The individual residence/ business sanitary sewerage line running from the lateral at the property line to the individual residence/business. The size of these lines is generally 4" in diameter.

(b) Fees

- (1) Tap Fee: The fee charged to the property owner for providing sanitary sewerage connection to the residence/business. This fee includes the lateral fee if the lateral was installed during the installation of the collector line.
- (2) Lateral Fee: The fee charged to the property owner for City crews to install the lateral line to an undeveloped lot/parcel at the time of the construction of the collector and trunk lines. (If the property owner elects not to pay this fee, the lateral will not be installed and the Lateral Construction Fee is then in effect.)

- (3) Lateral Construction Fee: The fee charged when City crews install the sewer connection where laterals have been omitted during the construction of lines. This fee is in addition to the sewer tap fee.
- (4) Sewer Connection Fee: The fee charged to the developer when City crews connect developer-installed collector lines to existing City trunklines.

(c) Financing

Financing shall be available to residential property served by City of Kingsport installed collector sewers. For the purpose of determining the availability of financing, residential property shall mean existing single family residences or row houses, as defined herein, and include new residential construction only when the construction is for the property owner's own personal use. A property owner(s) desiring to finance the tap fee will be required to execute a promissory note in the amount of the tap fee due payable to the City of Kingsport. The property owner(s) shall also be required to execute a Deed of Trust securing the note. The promissory note and the deed of trust shall be a standard form prescribed by the City Recorder and approved by the City Attorney. The property owner(s) shall be further required to pay to the City a recording fee as set out herein at the time the Deed of Trust is executed.

Owners of the following classes of property:

- Residences or row houses (existing structures or new construction only when the construction is for the property owner's own personal use)
- Existing additional units

may finance the tap fee due and payable to the City over a ten (10) year period in equal monthly installments including interest charged at a rate established by this resolution upon the execution of a promissory note and a deed of trust securing the note.

In the event an outside property owner financing a tap fee is annexed he/she shall be given a pro rata credit to their outstanding principal balance in the month following the effective date of annexation equal to the difference between an outside tap fee and an inside tap fee in effect at the time the promissory note was initially entered into. The pro rata amount to be credited against the property owner's account will be determined by allocating the difference between an outside tap fee and an inside tap fee on a monthly basis over the term of the promissory note and applying the monthly amount to the number of installments remaining to be billed over the term of the promissory note as of the effective date of the annexation. The amount calculated by applying the monthly amount to the number of unbilled installments as the effective date of annexation will be applied as a credit against the property owner's outstanding principal balance.

Financing shall not be available to owners of the following class of property:

- New residences located in subdivisions in which sewer mains and laterals have been installed by developers

Also, financing shall not be available in cases where the development is for speculative purposes. In determining if construction is for speculative purposes, any sewer tap permit issued in the name of a licensed contractor, plumber, developer, or broker shall be considered for speculative purposes and payment of the tap fee in full shall be required. In cases where a contractor constructs a residence for personal occupancy and desires to finance the tap fee, the contractor/owner will be eligible to finance when he or she provides the City Recorder with (1) certification that the residence has been constructed for personal occupancy of the owner/ contractor, and (2) executes a standard City of Kingsport promissory note and deed of trust securing the note for sewer tap fees payable to the City of Kingsport. The "Certification of Construction for Personal Occupancy" shall be a standard form prescribed by the City Recorder and approved by the City Attorney.

(d) Categories of Uses

- (1) Single Family Residence: A building occupied exclusively for residence purpose by one family or housekeeping unit, independent of any other structure, and generally owner occupied.
- (2) Row Houses: Utilizes a common wall between houses (duplex) or row house can have common walls on both sides of the structure (cluster home, townhouse and/or condominium) and usually is one-family owner occupied.
- (3) Additional Existing Units: Additional existing units on same lot or parcel of land with existing residence and connected to the same sewer tap.
- (4) Subdivisions and/or Planned Residential Development: Developments approved by the Kingsport Planning Commission where developer installs sanitary sewer collector system to City specifications and conveys by deed to City for maintenance. Internal circulation can be either public or private streets. Development where individual living units are available for private ownership.
- (5) Multi-family Project: Usually involves more than one building on a large site (internal vehicular circulation serving each building) and each multifamily complex or building located within the multifamily project shall be subject to the fee schedule established herein for multifamily complexes. Housing can be either low- or high-rise. The project is usually

under one ownership, and the dwelling units are rented, but each dwelling unit may be under individual ownership.

- (6) Multi-family Complex: Usually consists of one building with direct access from building to public street and/or sanitary sewer easement. Can be either one ownership of entire project or individual ownership of each dwelling unit.
- (7) Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Retirement Centers: Unit/room is determined by the area (number of beds) served by one bath. Can be a private room, semi-private room or two rooms, etc.
- (8) Public Sewer System: A sanitary sewer system installed in a development comprised of lots, units, etc., available for individual acquisition and ownership. System developed to City specifications, at developer's expense and conveyed by deed to the City for maintenance.
- (9) Small Commercial Users (with less than 10,000 square feet in floor area): Such as those businesses or services as set forth in Article IV, Section 5, Subsection (A) - (E), inclusive, and Section 9 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Kingsport, except that those uses permitted within other zones or uses expressly excepted by Section 26-124 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kingsport or this Resolution shall not be construed to be included in this classification.

6. Monthly sewer service charges

- (a) Class I sewerage inside City
  - per 1,000 gallons per month ..... \$6.82
  - Minimum charge (2,000 gallons)..... \$13.64
- (b) Class I sewerage outside City
  - per 1,000 gallons per month ..... \$9.47
  - Minimum charge (2,000 gallons)..... \$18.94
- (c) Class II sewerage surcharge fees
  - (1) BOD per lb ..... \$0.204
  - (2) TSS per lb ..... \$0.102
- (d) Residential or commercial water customers located within the corporate limits of the City of Kingsport where sanitary sewers are not available and are identified by the Public Works Director as receiving septic tank pumping and waste hauling services provided by the City of Kingsport shall be subject to the sewer user fee for Class I customers as set out in (a) above.

**NOTE: The sewer usage rates set out in paragraph L.6 above shall be applicable effective for billing on or after July 1, 2009.**

- 7. A sewer cap shall be established for all residential customers as follows:
  - (a) An average base figure on water consumption will be established for individual residential customers. This figure will be calculated by using the consumption by each metered customer during the five-month billing periods of December to April, winter months when water usage is reasonably stable, and when most water enters the City sewer system.
  - (b) Since sewer fees are based on per-thousand-gallon usage, the average that was calculated from the winter period will be rounded-up to the next thousand-gallon level.
  - (c) A 3,000-gallon amount will be added to the average of each customer to arrive at a final individual consumption average.
  - (d) Once established, the final average will be used as the annual individual sewer cap for the following year. A new cap will be established during each winter period and the procedure will be repeated.
  - (e) Any new residential customer will be assigned a cap of 8,000 until an average individual cap can be established.

8. Wastewater discharge permit fees

- (a) Non-domestic permit application
  - (1) Original application
    - (i) Inside City ..... \$50.00
    - (ii) Outside City.....\$60.00
  - (2) Renewal application
    - (i) Inside City ..... \$25.00
    - (ii) Outside City.....\$30.00

Fee is non-refundable. Applicants who file an application with incomplete or missing information have thirty (30) days to correct and resubmit the application. Those applicants not resubmitting within 30 days will be required to start the application process over, including payment of another fee.

- (b) Non-domestic permits (annual fee)
  - (i) Inside City ..... \$200.00
  - (ii) Outside City.....\$240.00

Permits are issued for annual periods not to exceed a 5-year time limit. Fees are based on an annual rate.

- (c) Transfer permit..... \$100.00

9. Waste Water Appeals Board fee ..... \$250.00

10. Water/Sewer Monitoring, inspection and surveillance fees

(a)	Lateral inspection	
(1)	Inside City (per foot).....	\$2.00
(2)	Outside City (per foot).....	\$3.00
(b)	Dye/Smoke test	
(1)	Inside City .....	\$50.00
(2)	Outside City.....	\$75.00
(c)	Investigation of odor	
(1)	Inside City .....	\$50.00
(2)	Outside City.....	\$75.00
(d)	Pretreatment inspection .....	\$50.00
(e)	Sample collection/composite	
(1)	City provides equipment.....	\$50.00
(2)	Industry provides equipment.....	\$30.00
(f)	Sample collection/grab.....	\$50.00
(g)	Flow monitoring (per day) .....	\$50.00
(h)	5-day BOD .....	\$25.00
(i)	Total Coliform/E-Coli.....	\$35.00
(j)	Total suspended solids .....	\$15.00
(k)	Dissolved oxygen.....	\$10.00
(l)	Ammonia.....	\$20.00
(m)	pH .....	\$10.00
(n)	Temperature .....	\$10.00
(o)	Oil and grease.....	\$50.00
11.	Waste hauler permit fee (annual) .....	\$50.00
12.	Hauled waste disposal	
(a)	Domestic (per load up to 2,000 gallons) .....	\$75.00
(b)	Non-domestic (per 1,000 gallons)	
(1)	Inside City .....	\$150.00
(2)	Outside City (in 201 area) .....	\$250.00
(3)	Outside City (out of 201 area).....	\$400.00

- 13. Application exception..... \$500.00  
 (temporary exception to waste water discharge restrictions)  
 1 per year not to exceed 180 days
  
- 14. Lateral cleaning
  - (a) Inside City ..... \$100.00
  - (b) Outside City ..... \$150.00
  
- 15. Relocation of residential pump
  - (a) Inside City ..... \$3,000.00
  - (b) Outside City ..... \$4,500.00
  
- 16. UST discharge permit fee (per tank)..... \$100.00
  
- 17. Groundwater discharge permit fee ..... \$250.00  
 (annual fee per location)
  
- 18. Manhold adjustment fee (per foot adjusted) ..... \$200.00
  
- 19. Lateral location fee
  - (a) Inside City ..... \$150.00
  - (b) Outside City ..... \$200.00