

## **Title 6**

# **WATER AND SEWER FEES AND CHARGES**

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## **Chapter 6.04 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **6.04.010 Purpose.**

The purpose of this title is to provide funding for water and sewer services and facilities which the district's board has found to be necessary and appropriate.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. I, § 1, 1988)

### **6.04.020 Existing fees and charges.**

- A. Existing fees and charges in effect when the ordinance codified in this chapter is adopted shall remain in effect unless specifically changed by this title.

(Ord. 44 § 6, 2007; Ord. 37 § 6, 2003: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. I, § 3, 1988)

### **6.04.030 User charge billing.**

All billings for sewer system user charges shall be either in the name of the property owner as registered with the district or in the name of tenant or occupant of the premises, if so requested in writing by the owner. All billings for water or sewer service shall be either in the name of the property owner as registered with the district or in the name of the tenant or occupant of the premises, if so requested in writing by the owner.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 26 § 6D, 1994)

### **6.04.040 Payment of charges—Delinquencies.**

All charges and fees made pursuant to the provisions of district ordinances, rules and regulations, or any amendments thereto, shall be due and payable upon the specified due date. Any charge or fee levied by the district shall have added to it a basic penalty charge of ten percent of the fee or charge, or portion thereof, that remains unpaid more than fifteen days following the specified due date appearing on the bill or statement of charges, plus an additional penalty of one and one-half percent per month for nonpayment of the delinquent amount, including the basic penalty.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 26 § 6E, 1994)

### **6.04.050 Cost center separation.**

For so long as justified by objective administrative, engineering, financial or legal considerations, and notwithstanding the termination of the district's water and wastewater agreement with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, the MCWD will account for its operations for the Ord Community service area as a separate fund within the general MCWD operation. The Ord Community service area fund will have its own line items and account numbers, and will give the district the ability to report on revenues, operating and capital expenses for the Ord Community service area.

(Ord. 43 § 4, 2006)

## Chapter 6.08 WATER SERVICE CHARGES

### 6.08.010 Monthly water rates and charges.

Water rates and charges shall be fixed by the board of directors from time to time and set forth by ordinance or by resolution at the discretion of the board of directors. If such water rates and charges are adopted by resolution, then the resolution shall state which sections or parts of the District Code is replacing.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 34 § 8C, 1998; Res. 70-14; Ord. 1 Art. II, § 16, 1967)

(Ord. No. 63, § 4, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

### 6.08.020 Water meter connection fee.

- A. New meters. Applicant shall provide tapping and water service piping and vault. The district will install the meter in applicant-furnished vault.

Meter Size	Meter Charge
¾"	\$610.00
1"	\$700.00
1½"	\$790.00
2"	\$1,220.00
3" and larger	Actual direct and indirect cost to district, advance payment to be based on estimated cost.

Effective July 1, 2024, the price will be subject to an annual adjustment based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from February of the prior year to February of the current year. This adjustment will occur annually from July 1 through July 1, 2028.

- B. Moving a meter. The customer shall make a two hundred dollars deposit and shall pay all costs incurred by the district in moving a meter. The customer shall provide the new service at the location approved by the district and shall install the on-site system piping. Once the new installation has been accepted by the district, the district shall install the relocated meter in the customer-provided meter box.
- C. Replacing a meter box. The district shall, at its discretion, replace a damaged meter box or meter box lid when, in its opinion, the damaged meter box or meter box lid does not provide sufficient protection of the installed meter or when the damaged meter box or meter box lid itself poses a public safety hazard. The costs incurred by the district in replacing such damaged meter box or meter box lid shall be paid by the customer. When the estimated cost of such replacement exceeds one hundred dollars, the district shall notify the customer prior to such replacement to allow the customer the option of replacing the meter box or meter box lid using his own forces. Should the meter box or meter box lid not be replaced within thirty days or should the damaged meter box or meter box lid pose a public safety hazard, the district may replace the meter box or meter box lid and charge the cost of such replacement to the owner.

(Ord. 38 § 11, 2003; Ord. 36 § 4, 2002; amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 34 § 4 (part), 1998: Ord. 6 Art. II, § 2b, 1988)

(Ord. No. 63, § 5, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

**6.08.030 Temporary water service.**

- A. The district may grant permission to use water from specified hydrants, or other specified points of connection, by issuing a permit. Application for a permit should be made at least twenty-four hours before service is required. Except for qualified fire protection agency representatives, no person or persons shall operate or draw water from a fire hydrant without a permit. A charge of one hundred dollars per day per connection will be levied against any person taking water without a permit, using a non-district owned hydrant meter or other temporary water service without a permit and against any person that improperly attaches any hydrant meter to a fire hydrant and against any person that does not provide adequate backflow protection. The district shall have the right to remove any non-district owned hydrant meter attached or any district owned hydrant meter improperly attached to a hydrant.
- B. The district owned meter shall be installed at the district's specified point of connection to measure the quantity of water used. Permittee shall return the permit the next regular working day after its date of expiration.
- C. The applicant shall deposit in advance an amount equal to the cost of the estimated quantity of water for one month to be used or one thousand one hundred dollars which ever is greater and the cost of the district equipment to be installed as set forth in subsection F of this section. Deposits will be returned after the applicant has paid all fees and charges and the district completes the inspection of its equipment, including, but not limited to, the hydrant meter, gate valve, backflow device, and the fire hydrant.
- D. Temporary water service other than from fire hydrants is to be granted at the convenience of the district and will be provided only after receipt of deposit and all fees and charges for the required service.
- E. Applicant for temporary water service shall pay:
1. All direct and indirect costs to the district in rendering such service including but not limited to the making of connections and use of district equipment as set forth below.
  2. For all water used as set forth in subsection F of this section.
- F. The applicant shall be responsible for district equipment utilized for this purpose and the necessary repair or replacement costs shall be deducted from the applicant's deposit. The applicant is responsible for returning the district equipment and closing the account promptly after the job is complete. If a meter is not returned promptly, the district shall deduct the cost of replacing the meter from the applicant's deposit.

The temporary water fees for Marina and Ord Water shall be as follows:

Fee	Charges (Effective August 1, 2024)
Gate Valve/Meter Deposit	\$813
Minimum Water Consumption Deposit	\$1,372
Set/remove hydrant	Actual Cost
Relocate meter per occurrence	Actual Cost
Meter set, other than fire hydrant	Actual Cost
Minimum monthly service charge	\$123

Effective July 1, 2024, the price will be subject to an annual adjustment based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from February of the prior year to February of the current year. This adjustment will occur annually July 1 through July 1, 2028.

Monthly quantity rate for each HCF (see Section 6.08.100 Water Consumption Rates.

(Ord. 37 § 7, 2003; Ord. 36 § 5, 2002: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. II, § 2c, 1988)

(Ord. No. 51, § 4, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 4, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 54, § 4, 6-14-2011; Ord. No. 56, § 4, 5-19-2014; Ord. No. 60, § 4, 3-12-2018; Ord. No. 63, § 6, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

#### **6.08.040 Repair, replacement and maintenance of hydrants.**

- A. Private customers who desire to have the district maintain and repair fire hydrants on private property shall enter into an agreement with the district for that purpose.

Said agreement will in general:

1. Authorize the district to access the property to perform such services;
  2. Require the customer to pay the district for all costs incurred in entering into and providing such services;
  3. Require a deposit of six hundred dollars at time of execution of the agreement;
  4. Require protection by bollards or guard posts should a hydrant be repeatedly damaged. The district may also require that the hydrant be relocated to a less vulnerable location. Such relocation or protection will be paid for by the customer and will be subject to the approval of the local fire protection agency;
  5. Limit the liability of the district for loss or damage resulting from the district providing such services to loss or damages resulting from the district's sole negligence in performing such services.
- B. The district will not maintain or repair nor will the district be liable for any loss or damage that results from a customer's failure to enter into an agreement with the district to provide the above described hydrant maintenance and repair services. In addition, the district may notify the local fire protection agency of the customer's failure to enter into a fire hydrant maintenance and repair agreement.
- C. Public customers who desire to have the district maintain and repair fire hydrants under the public customer's jurisdiction may have the district provide such service by entering into an agreement to do so and by paying the fees indicated below. Such fees shall cover all costs incurred by the district in providing such maintenance and repair service.

Type of Connection	Monthly Charge per Hydrant
Single/double outlet, all sizes main	\$24.00 per month

Effective July 1, 2024, the price will be subject to an annual adjustment based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from February of the prior year to February of the current year. This adjustment will occur annually July 1 through July 1, 2028.

(Ord. 36 § 6, 2002: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. II, § 2e, 1988)

(Ord. No. 63, § 7, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

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**6.08.050 Cross-connection control permit.**

Permit fees are as follows:

First backflow prevention device	\$132.00 per year
Each additional backflow prevention device	\$88.00 per year

Effective July 1, 2024, the price will be subject to an annual adjustment based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from February of the prior year to February of the current year. This adjustment will occur annually July 1 through July 1, 2028.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. II, § 2f, 1988)

(Ord. No. 63, § 8, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

**6.08.060 Fixed monthly service charges.**

The fixed monthly water charges for Marina Water shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Charges				
	Effective August 1, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
5/8" & 3/4"	\$42.29	\$50.75	\$60.90	\$65.77	\$71.03
1"	\$65.06	\$78.07	\$93.69	\$101.18	\$109.28
1.5"	\$122.01	\$146.41	\$175.69	\$189.75	\$204.93
2"	\$190.34	\$228.41	\$274.09	\$296.02	\$319.70
3"	\$372.56	\$447.07	\$536.49	\$579.41	\$625.76
4"	\$577.55	\$693.06	\$831.67	\$898.21	\$970.06
6"	\$1,146.99	\$1,376.39	\$1,651.67	\$1,783.80	\$1,926.50
8"	\$1,830.31	\$2,196.37	\$2,635.65	\$2,846.50	\$3,074.22
10"	\$3,196.95	\$3,836.34	\$4,603.61	\$4,971.90	\$5,369.65
12"	\$4,791.37	\$5,749.64	\$6,899.57	\$7,451.54	\$8,047.66

The fixed monthly water charges for Ord Water shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Charges				
	Effective August 1, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
5/8" & 3/4"	\$52.34	\$57.57	\$63.33	\$67.13	\$71.16
1"	\$78.61	\$86.47	\$95.12	\$100.83	\$106.87

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1.5"	\$144.31	\$158.74	\$174.62	\$185.09	\$196.20
2"	\$223.14	\$245.45	\$270.00	\$286.20	\$303.37
3"	\$433.35	\$476.69	\$524.35	\$555.81	\$589.16
4"	\$669.85	\$736.84	\$810.52	\$859.15	\$910.70
6"	\$1,326.78	\$1,459.46	\$1,605.40	\$1,701.73	\$1,803.83
8"	\$2,115.09	\$2,326.60	\$2,559.26	\$2,712.81	\$2,875.58
10"	\$3,691.72	\$4,060.89	\$4,466.98	\$4,735.00	\$5,019.10
12"	\$5,531.12	\$6,084.23	\$6,692.66	\$7,094.21	\$7,519.87

(Ord. 36 § 7, 2002: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 26 § 6A, 1994)

(Ord. No. 51, § 5, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 5, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 54, § 5, 6-14-2011; Ord. No. 56, § 5, 5-19-2014; Ord. No. 60, § 5, 3-12-2018; Ord. No. 63, § 9, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

#### **6.08.070 Long-term water supply.**

Subject to the requirements of debt instruments issued by the district, twenty-five percent of all monthly charges collected shall be used for long-term water supply projects. This section may be waived on an annual basis.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 24 § 4b, 1993)

#### **6.08.080 Private fire service.**

The monthly charges for Marina Water private fire service shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Meter Charges (Effective August 1, 2024)
1"	\$2.07
1.5"	\$6.01
2"	\$12.82
2.5"	\$23.04
3"	\$37.23
4"	\$79.33
6"	\$230.45
8"	\$491.08

The monthly charges for Ord Water private fire service shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Meter Charges (Effective August 1, 2024)
1"	\$2.97
1.5"	\$8.65
2"	\$18.45
2.5"	\$33.16
3"	\$53.56

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4"	\$114.13
6"	\$331.51
8"	\$706.48

Effective July 1, 2024, the price will be subject to an annual adjustment based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from February of the prior year to February of the current year. This adjustment will occur annually July 1 through July 1, 2028.

For the purposes of Section 6.08.080, regarding the monthly fire service fees for the Ord and Marina service areas, the term "meter size" means the size of the backflow prevention check valve installed on the private fire service lateral and does not mean the size of the detector by-pass meter. If the customer or property owner can show the district, to the satisfaction of the district engineer, that the pipe after the check valve is of a different size than the check valve, then the district can adjust the monthly fire service fee in accordance with the pipe size.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 24 § 4c, 1993)

(Ord. No. 56, § 6, 5-19-2014; Ord. No. 58, § 4, 12-1-2014; Ord. No. 60, § 6, 3-12-2018; Ord. No. 63, § 10, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

**6.08.090 Capacity charges for new or modified potable and recycled water service connections.**

A. The water capacity charge for each equivalent dwelling unit ("EDU", as defined in Section 1.04.010) shall be as follows:

- Marina Water service area \$6,800.00 per EDU.
- Ord Water service area \$13,900.00 per EDU.

Appendix C shall be the basis for determining capacity charges for water service connections. The general manager shall determine the assigned water rate for those uses not specified in Appendix C. The assigned water rate for any use not specified in Appendix C may be increased within six months after the end of the first full year of any such use, if actual, metered water use for the year is higher than the use determined by the general manager in calculating the capacity charge.

B. The capacity charges adopted by this code shall each year, commencing on July 1, 2003, and continuing thereafter on each succeeding July 1st, be adjusted by an increment based on the change in the Engineering News Record 20-City Average Construction Cost Index over the prior year, using the index published for the first quarter of the calendar year, and rounded to the nearest twenty-five dollars. The board may, by resolution adopted before the effective date of any annual adjustment, determine that such adjustment shall not be effective for the next succeeding year, or that the adjustment shall be some other amount within the ranges set forth in this code.

C. For each new or modified water service connection, the general manager shall determine the appropriate use type or types. If the general manager determines that a new or increased service connection involves more than one use, the general manager shall determine the capacity charge based on such multiple uses. Increased service at each service connection shall be based on Appendix C and shall be adjusted based on the difference between an existing use type and the proposed use type. A change of use following the existing use which results in a less intensive assigned water use shall not entitle the user to any refund of capacity charges previously paid. The general manager's determination may be appealed to the board pursuant to the procedures under Section 2.08.020.



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- D. If connection is not made to the district's water or recycled water system within one year from the date a capacity charge is paid after the effective date of this provision, the difference between the amount of the capacity charge paid and the amount of the revised capacity charge in effect at the time of the connection shall be paid to the district before the connection is installed. No credit will be provided by the district if the capacity charge is reduced. No additional payment shall be required for connections for which connection charges are paid before the effective date of this provision. No service shall be provided through a connection for which the required capacity charge has not been paid.
- E. A parcel of land that has/had a water service connection to the district's potable and/or recycled water system, on record with the district, is considered to have capacity credit. A residential water service connection shall be deemed to have one EDU of water capacity unless the district has records which show a greater amount. Capacity for a commercial water service connection is determined by Appendix C. All capacity credit is restricted to the parcel of land with the existing water service connection and cannot be transferred from one parcel to another unless an agreement with the district was in effect prior to 13th day of December, 2012 the effective date of this ordinance or as follows:
1. A single owner of parcels which touch along a parcel line or at a point with one or more EDUs, can transfer capacity credit throughout those parcels only, and must indicate the specific capacity credit to the parcel at the time of modified service.
  2. If one parcel with one or more EDUs is subdivided into smaller parcels, the capacity credit shall be allocated to one parcel or divided between parcels in conjunction with the land use jurisdiction through the subdivision process. However, no less than one EDU may be allocated to any one parcel.

(Ord. 49 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 48 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 47 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 46 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 37 § 8, 2003; Ord. 36 § 8, 2002: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 28 § 6(B)(1), 1995: Ord. 17 § 2.2, 1990)

(Ord. No. 51, § 6, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 6, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 55, § 4, 11-13-2012; Ord. No. 57, § 4, 5-5-2014; Ord. No. 61, § 5, 8-17-2020; Ord. No. 63, § 11, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

**6.08.100 Water consumption rates.**

- A. Water consumption by District Customers shall be measured in units of one hundred cubic feet (seven hundred forty-eight gallons). The quantity charge for water consumption per one hundred cubic feet (HCF) shall be as follows for each service area:

For Marina Water:	Charges				
	Effective August 1, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
<b>Single Family Consumption Charge</b>					
Tier 1	\$4.36 per hcf	\$5.23 per hcf	\$6.28 per hcf	\$6.78 per hcf	\$7.32 per hcf
Tier 2	\$7.00 per hcf	\$8.40 per hcf	\$10.08 per hcf	\$10.89 per hcf	\$11.76 per hcf
<b>Multi-Family and Non-Residential Consumption</b>					

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Charge					
Uniform Rate	\$4.64 per hcf	\$5.57 per hcf	\$6.68 per hcf	\$7.22 per hcf	\$7.79 per hcf

For Ord Water:	Charges				
	Effective August 1, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
<b>Single Family Consumption Charge</b>					
Tier 1	\$6.79 per hcf	\$7.47 per hcf	\$8.22 per hcf	\$8.71 per hcf	\$9.23 per hcf
Tier 2	\$10.37 per hcf	\$11.41 per hcf	\$12.55 per hcf	\$13.30 per hcf	\$14.10 per hcf
<b>Multi-Family and Non-Residential Consumption Charge</b>					
Uniform Rate	\$7.30 per hcf	\$8.03 per hcf	\$8.83 per hcf	\$9.36 per hcf	\$9.92 per hcf

B. The quantity charge shall be increased in amount just sufficient to pay any utility tax or assessment levied on the district by the state, municipality or other government entity.

(Ord. 37 § 9, 2003: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 32 § 5, 1998: Ord. 30 § 5, 1996: Ord. 28 § 6, 1995)

(Ord. No. 51, § 7, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 7, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 54, § 6, 6-14-2011; Ord. No. 56, § 7, 5-19-2014; Ord. No. 60, § 7, 3-12-2018; Ord. No. 63, § 12, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

### 6.08.110 Water shortage surcharge.

The Water Shortage Surcharges are designed to temporarily modify the then-current water consumption charges during water shortage emergencies and droughts. The Water Shortage Surcharge does not affect the fixed Service Charge. The proposed Water Shortage Surcharges are designed to only go into effect and in the amount of each of the respective Water Shortage Contingency Plans (WSCP) for Marina Water and Ord Water, which define water usage reduction targets by various stages and as determined by the MCWD Board. The analysis for both Services Areas define:

- (1) The water usage reduction goals by water shortage stage.
- (2) The estimated water use reduction during each respective stage.
- (3) The estimated changes in rate revenue for each respective stage.
- (4) The estimated changes in expenditures for each respective stage.

- (5) The proposed Water Shortage Surcharge by stage (expressed as a percent increase to the water consumption charges.
- (6) The proposed reduction in capital spending by stage.
- (7) The anticipated financial deficit that will occur by stage (after accounting for the mitigating measures.

Each of the above steps are detailed in the respective subsections below.

Water Shortage Surcharge by Drought Stage for Marina and Ord (percentage increase applied to Consumption Charges only)				
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
0%	10%	20%	30%	40%

(Ord. No. 60, § 8, 3-12-2018; Ord. No. 63, § 13, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

## Chapter 6.12 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

### 6.12.010 Monthly sewer rates and charges.

Minimum monthly sewer service charges shall be fixed by the board of directors from time to time and set forth by ordinance. The payment of charges shall be the responsibility of the owner. The board of directors by resolution shall establish such procedures for the billing and collection of charges as shall be deemed necessary and proper.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 34 § 80, 1998; Ord. 2 § 923, 1967)

### 6.12.020 Capacity charges for new or modified sewer service connections.

- A. The collection system capacity charge for residential and equivalent dwelling units ("EDU", as defined in Section 1.04.010) shall be as follows:
  - Marina service area \$2,650.00 per EDU.
  - Ord service area \$3,575.00 per EDU.
- B. Connector element: One thousand eighty dollars per EDU, charged only to properties which will be served by facilities not considered in the adopted facilities plan and which must be constructed by the district.
- C. The capacity charges adopted by this code shall each year, commencing on July 1, 2003, and continuing thereafter on each succeeding July 1st, be adjusted by an increment based on the change in the Engineering News Record 20-City Average Construction Cost Index over the prior year, using the index published for the first quarter of the calendar year, and rounded to the nearest twenty-five dollars. The board may, by resolution adopted before the effective date of any annual adjustment, determine that such adjustment shall not be effective for the next succeeding year, or that the adjustment shall be some other amount within the ranges set forth in this code.
- D. If connection is not made to the district's sewer system within one year from the date a capacity charge is paid after the effective date of this provision, the difference between the amount of the capacity charge paid and the amount of the revised capacity charge in effect at the time of the connection shall be paid to the district before the connection is installed. No credit will be provided by the district if the capacity charge is reduced. No additional payment shall be required for connections for which connection charges are paid

before the effective date of this provision. No service shall be provided through a connection for which the required capacity charge has not been paid.

(Ord. 49 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 48 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 47 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 46 § 4 (part), 2007; Ord. 37 § 10 (part), 2003: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 28 § 6, 1995; Ord. 6 § 3, 1988)

(Ord. No. 51, § 8, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 8, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 57, § 5, 5-5-2014; Ord. No. 61, § 6, 8-17-2020; Ord. No. 63, § 14, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

#### **6.12.030 Industrial waste discharge permit.**

The industrial waste discharge permit charge is one hundred thirty-two dollars per year.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. II § 3b, 1988)

(Ord. No. 63, § 15, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

#### **6.12.040 Capacity charge for new and modified sewer service connection.**

The sewer collection system element of the capacity charge for nonresidential units shall be based on "fixture units," as defined in the Uniform Plumbing Code, under the specified public or assembly uses, using the following guidelines:

- A. Twenty fixture units equal one EDU;
- B. The minimum charge for any connection to the public sewer system is one EDU;
- C. Fees shall be imposed at the time of connection to each structure for all plumbing fixtures on the customer's approved building plans, regardless of the number of fixtures installed at the time of the initial connection. Increased service shall be based on the Uniform Plumbing Code and shall be adjusted based on the difference between the existing fixture units and the proposed fixture units. A change of units following the project's initial fixture units, which results in fewer fixture units, shall not entitle the user to any refund of capacity charges previously paid.

Table 6.12.040 summarizes the sewer collection system charge.

Table 6.12.040

##### **SEWER CAPACITY CHARGES**

##### **Residential Units**

Marina service area sewer collection system capacity charge \$2,650 per EDU. Ord service area sewer collection system capacity charge \$3,575 per EDU.

The per unit charge for single-family residential connection is 1 EDU.

The per unit charge for multiple dwelling, condominium, trailer space, or mobile home is 0.8 EDU. For example, 5 multiple dwelling units equals four (4) EDU's for a capacity fee of \$10,600 when the capacity charge per EDU is \$2,650 in the Marina service area or \$14,300 when the capacity charge per EDU is \$3,575 in the Ord service area.

##### **Nonresidential Units**

Sewer collection system capacity charge—Based on fixture units as defined in the Uniform Plumbing Code per structure.

Fixture units are to be assigned based on ultimate plumbing fixtures per approved building plans, regardless of number of fixtures initially installed.

Each nineteen fixture units are equivalent to one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU).

A hotel/motel unit is nonresidential.

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The sewer collection system capacity charge is collected at the ratio of one EDU per each nineteen fixture units. For example, twenty-three fixture units equals one point two one (1.21) EDU's for a capacity fee of \$3,207 when the capacity charge per EDU is \$2,650 in the Marina service area or \$4,326 when the capacity charge per EDU is \$3,575 in the Ord service area.  
Each nonresidential connection is a minimum of one EDU.

- D. A parcel of land that has/had a sewer service connection to the district's sewer collection system, on record with the district, is considered to have capacity credit. A residential sewer service connection shall be deemed to have one EDU of sewer capacity unless the district has records which show a greater amount. Capacity for a commercial sewer service connection is determined on the basis of existing "fixture units." All capacity credit is restricted to the parcel of land with the existing sewer service connection and cannot be transferred from one parcel to another unless an agreement with the district was in effect prior to 13th day of November, 2012 the effective date of this ordinance or as follows:
1. A single owner of parcels which touch along a parcel line or at a point with one or more EDUs, can transfer capacity credit throughout those parcels only, and must indicate the specific capacity credit to the parcel at the time of modified service.
  2. If one parcel with one or more EDUs is subdivided into smaller parcels, the capacity credit shall be allocated to one parcel or divided between parcels in conjunction with the land use jurisdiction through the subdivision process. However, no less than one EDU may be allocated to any one parcel.

(Ord. 37 § 10 (part), 2003: Ord. 36 § 10, 2002: amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 12 § 2.1, 1989)

(Ord. No. 51, § 8, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 8, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 55, § 4, 11-13-2012; Ord. No. 57, § 6, 5-5-2014; Ord. No. 61, § 7, 8-17-2020; Ord. No. 63, § 16, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

#### 6.12.050 Wastewater collection rates.

Wastewater collection rates for all classes of customers within the District shall be as follows per month per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), calculated using the table of user classifications and wastewater demand factors set forth in Appendix D of this code.

Sewer Charges	Charges				
	Effective August 1, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
<b>Marina Sewer Schedule of Rates</b>					
Fixed Monthly Charges (per EDU)	\$9.45	\$10.87	\$12.50	\$13.75	\$15.13
Flow-Based Charges (per hcf)	\$1.85	\$2.13	\$2.45	\$2.70	\$2.97
<b>Ord Sewer Schedule of Rates</b>					
Fixed Monthly Charges	\$20.55	\$21.37	\$22.22	\$23.11	\$24.03

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(per EDU)					
Flow-Based Charges (per hcf)	\$4.02	\$4.18	\$4.35	\$4.52	\$4.70

(Ord. 37 § 11, 2003; Ord. 36 § 11, 2002; amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 32 § 6, 1998; Ord. 26 § 6, 1994)

(Ord. No. 51, § 9, 7-23-2008; Ord. No. 52, § 9, 8-10-2010; Ord. No. 54, § 7, 6-14-2011; Ord. No. 56, § 8, 5-19-2014; Ord. No. 60, § 9, 3-12-2018; Ord. No. 63, § 17, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

## Chapter 6.16 OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

### 6.16.010 Charges for services common to water and sewer service.

A. Plan review.

1. The district shall require a fee of three hundred fifty dollars before undertaking a plan review/water conservation review for all existing residential modifications or additions and seven hundred dollars for all existing commercial modifications or additions. The district shall require a fee of eight hundred seventy-five dollars before undertaking a plan review for a small project. For a large project, the district shall require a fee of eight hundred seventy-five dollars, plus an additional cost as determined by the district engineer, in order to recover the district's actual costs incurred for inspections, plan checks, administrative and legal costs. The applicant shall be advised before the additional cost is incurred and shall be given the option of withdrawing the plans or being billed for the additional cost.
2. The review is intended to provide: (a) an assessment of the proposed connection(s), and (b) an estimate of the development's impact on the district's facilities, (c) an estimate of fire flow rates in the vicinity of the project, and (d) a projection of the project's potential contribution to connection fees or reimbursement agreements.

B. Construction inspection.

1. The district shall require a deposit before undertaking a construction inspection check review of a proposed development. The fee shall be eight hundred seventy-five dollars for a large project, and seven hundred dollars for a small project. A small project is defined as a single-family residence, duplex, etc. that is connecting to an existing main, with minimal on-site piping. A large project is defined as a subdivision, an apartment complex, a commercial development, or other project larger than a single-family home. If the construction inspection costs more than the fee, the applicant shall be advised before the additional cost is incurred and shall be given the option of withdrawing the plans or being billed for the additional cost.
2. The applicant will submit actual construction bid data. The submitted data shall be in a unit cost format and shall be certified by both the contractor and the applicant as being the actual costs incurred in furnishing and installing the water and sewer facilities. The water and sewer construction costs must be reviewed and accepted by the district.
3. The applicant shall deposit the appropriate inspection fee with the district at the time that permits are issued. The district will charge expenses incurred in inspecting the project against this account. Should the district incur costs in excess of the amount deposited, the developer will be required to make additional deposits.

C. Permit fees. Each water service or sewer lateral: Eighty-eight dollars.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 21 § 6, 1991; Ord. 6 Art. II § 5, 1988)

(Ord. No. 63, § 18, 6-17-2024, eff. 7-1-2024)

#### **6.16.020 Charges to schools, colleges, and state agencies.**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the capacity charge shall not apply to any of the following:

- A. Any school district;
- B. The county office of education;
- C. Any community college district;
- D. The California State University;
- E. The University of California; or
- F. Any state agency.

Except upon compliance with Section 54999.3 of the Government Code, including, if necessary, negotiation with the public agencies to which Section 54999.3 applies, and the board's ratification of a negotiated agreement pursuant to Section 54999.3, the board directs that each such agreement provide for an application of the capacity charge on a nondiscriminatory basis, based upon each entity's proportionate share of use of those facilities.

(Amended during 3-02 supplement: Ord. 6 Art. II § 6, 1988)

#### **6.16.030 Fee for completion of water assessment charges.**

- A. Collection of fee. The district shall collect a fee to pay the district's costs of preparing and providing a water supply assessment or water verification for a development pursuant to the applicable sections of the Water Code and the Government Code. Costs may include, but are not limited to, all consultant fees associated with the preparation of the documentation, district staff time to assist with, prepare or otherwise coordinate the completion of the documentation. If the water supply assessment or water supply verification is requested by the developer, the fee will be paid at the time of the request. If the water supply assessment or water supply verification is requested by a land use jurisdiction and the requesting jurisdiction collects the district-specified fee from the developer, the fee will be paid at the time of the request. If the requesting jurisdiction does not pay the fee at the time the water supply assessment or water supply verification is requested, the fee will be collected from the developer at the time of the first request for service or the first request for a plan review or water conservation review for the development.
- B. Calculation and payment of balance. The district will request payment and, if the water supply assessment or water supply verification is requested by the developer, will require payment of the estimated cost before preparing a water supply assessment or water supply verification. When the district submits the water supply assessment or water supply verification to the land use jurisdiction, the district will submit to the jurisdiction and the developer a final statement for all preparation costs. If the district has collected an estimated cost payment, the district will refund any balance remaining at the time of the final statement. If the district has not collected an estimated cost payment or if the costs exceed the estimated cost payment, the district will collect the balance before doing a plan review or water conservation review for the development.

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- C. Notice of obligation. The district will record a notice of obligation at the Monterey County recorder's office against the property for any fee not collected at the time the water supply assessment or water supply verification is requested.

(Ord. 39 § 4 (part), 2004)