

CHAPTER 14.24

SANITARY SEWERAGE CONNECTION CHARGES

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14.24.010: Service Tap, Side Sewer and Hookup Charge: Before connecting to the public sanitary sewer system, a service tap, side sewer and hookup charge shall be assessed and collected by the City Treasurer for each connection according to the following:

- (1) Sewer Mainline Tap Charge: When the property has participated in the construction costs of the sewer mainline to which it will be connecting, the tap fees shall be:
 - (a) If a wye or tee installed and previously paid for by the property and used for the connection, no tap charge.
 - (b) If a wye or tee was not installed, \$100.00 inside the City limits and \$150.00 outside the City limits.
- (2) Side Sewer Charge: When the property has participated in construction costs of the sewer mainline, and the costs are at least equal to the connection fees, the side sewer fees shall be:
 - (a) 4" side sewer installed and previously paid for by the property and used for the connection, no charge.
 - (b) 4" side sewer previously installed, but not paid for, \$15.00 per linear foot inside the City limits and \$22.50 per linear foot for property outside the City limits.
 - (c) When a side sewer has not been installed, the property owner shall be responsible for the installation of the side sewer.

When a public sewer system connection larger than 4" is required for connecting property's side sewer, the side sewer shall connect to a sanitary sewer system manhole. If a manhole is not available, a manhole constructed per City standards will be required as part of the service connection.

Charges for services larger than 4" shall be based upon the actual cost of time and materials plus the established City overhead costs for services rendered. If the manhole and other related construction is accomplished by the owner, no tapping charge will be assessed.

- (3) Hookup Charge: The hookup charge for connections from all property other than that described in subsection (1) of this Section shall be based upon the water meter size as follows:
 - (a) When a wye or a tee has previously been installed for the connecting property's side sewer and is used for the side sewer connection, the hookup charge shall be:

WATER METER SIZE	PROPERTY INSIDE CITY LIMITS	PROPERTY OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
3/4"	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
1"	4,000.00	6,000.00
1 1/2"	5,000.00	8,250.00
2"	6,300.00	9,450.00
3"	12,250.00	18,375.00
4"	17,500.00	26,250.00
6"	32,500.00	48,750.00
8"	50,500.00	75,750.00

- (b) When a public sewer system service tap is required for the connecting property's side sewer connection, the total charge shall be the sum of the appropriate service tap charge defined in subsection (1), side sewer charge defined in subsection (2), and the hookup charge defined in subsection (3), above. (Ord. 3619 Sec. 8, 1995: Ord. 3279 Sec. 1, 1990: Ord. 3182 Sec. 2, 1989: Ord. 2888 Sec. 5 (part), 1985: Ord. 2480 Sec. 6, 1980: Ord. 2172 Sec. 2, 1978: Ord. 1941 Sec. 3 (Exhibit C), 1976: Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.24.020: Area Charge: In addition to the hookup charge, before hookup an area charge shall be assessed and collected by the City Treasurer for each connection made to the sanitary sewer, as follows:

- (1) Each new single-family dwelling unit, multi-family dwelling unit, and commercial account shall pay an area charge as follows:
- (a) Each new account shall pay an area charge of four cents (\$0.04) per square foot for the gross square footage associated with the connecting property developed.
 - (b) When the gross square footage, associated with the connecting property developed, is less than the calculated total square footage, using the connecting property's legal boundary description, a minimum area charge, based upon twenty thousand (20,000) square feet shall be assessed, unless the calculated total square footage is less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, in which case the area charge shall be based upon the calculated total square footage.
 - (c) An additional area charge will be assessed and collected for development of additional gross square footage associated with previously connected property.
- (2) The gross area of county fairs, "open space" or "public places" as defined by Section 14.22.010, shall not be assessed an area charge. (Ord. 3619 Sec. 9, 1995: Ord. 2941 Sec. 1, 1985: Ord. 2480 Sec. 7, 1980: Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.24.030: Revenue Funds: The City Treasurer shall collect and deposit all connection charges into revenue funds as follows:

- (1) All hookup charge connection charges shall be deposited into the Water-Sewer Revenue Fund established in Ordinance 1211 for use as authorized therein and in Section 14.26.050.

(2) All area charge connection charges shall be deposited into a fund created by the City Treasurer to be known as the "Sewer Area Charge Fund". Necessary new interceptors and sewage treatment plant modifications or expansion as authorized by the City Council shall be funded primarily by the Sewer Area Charge Fund, supported only when essential by duly authorized sewer-related Water-Sewer Revenue Fund, to be repaid interest-free from the Sewer-Area Charge Fund revenues as they are deposited. (Ord. 3619 Sec. 10, 1995: Ord. 2202 Sec. 1, 1978: Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)

14.24.040: Enforcement: If a connection to the sanitary sewer is required or if an existing connection is in need of repair, and if said connection or repair is not made by the owner within thirty (30) days after written notice has been issued by the Director in charge of the sewerage system, the Director is authorized and directed to cause the same to be made and to file a statement of the cost thereof, including any and all required connection charges, with the City Clerk, and thereupon a warrant shall be issued under the direction of the City Council by the City Finance Department against the Sewer Revenue Fund for the payment of such cost. The amount of such cost, together with a penalty of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount thereof, plus interest at a minimum charge of eight percent (8%) per year upon the total amount of such cost and penalty, shall be assessed against the property upon which the building or structure is situated and shall become a lien hereon as provided for by RCW Chapter 35.67. Alternatively or concurrently, the lien may be enforced by cutting off the water service supplied to the premises by the City as provided for by RCW 35.67.290. (Ord. 1919 Sec. 2 (part), 1976)