

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Board of Directors (Board) of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water), pursuant to the authority set forth in Sections 203(3) and (11) and 216 of the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996, effective April 18, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-111, §§ 203(3), (11), and 216; D.C. Official Code §§ 34-2202.03(3) and (11) and § 34-2202.16 (2012 Repl. & 2018 Supp.)); and Section 6(a) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-505(a) (2016 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of the adoption of amendments to Section 112 (Fees) of Chapter 1 (Water Supply), of Title 21 (Water and Sanitation) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

Pursuant to Board Resolution #18-72, dated November 1, 2018, DC Water's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the *District of Columbia Register (D.C. Register or DCR)* at 65 DCR 13065 on November 23, 2018 to receive comments on the proposed rulemaking.

On January 22, 2019, the DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee met to consider the comments offered during the public comment period and recommendations from the General Manager. At that meeting, the DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee recommended that the Board adopt amendments to 21 DCMR § 112 to amend the miscellaneous fees and charges, permit review fees, pretreatment fees, and add new fees for: events and equipment; fats oil and grease (FOG) facility monthly fee and Cross-Connection/Backflow Prevention fees.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 7, 2019, the Board, through Resolution #19-07, after consideration of all the comments received, the report from the DC Retail Water and Sewer Rates Committee, and recommendations from the General Manager, voted to amend 21 DCMR § 112 to amend the miscellaneous fees and charges, permit review fees, pretreatment fees, and add new fees for: events and equipment; fats oil and grease (FOG) facility monthly fee and Cross-Connection/Backflow Prevention fees.

No changes were made to the proposed regulations.

These rules were adopted as final on February 7, 2019 by resolution, and will become effective on June 3, 2019, after publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

Chapter 1, WATER SUPPLY, of Title 21 DCMR, WATER AND SANITATION, is amended as follows:

Section 112, FEES, Subsections 112.1 through 112.6, are amended to read as follows:

112 FEES

112.1 Fees for installation, inspection and removal/abandonment of water and sewer tap or connection, shall be as follows:

Inspection Type	Fee
Inspect Sewer Tap Removal/Abandonment	\$306
Inspect Pointing Up Sewer Taps	\$860
Inspect Insertion of Y-Branch	\$306
Inspect Installation of Standard Cleanout	\$306

Tap Insertion and Abandonment	Fee
Tap Insertion – 1” diameter	\$425
Tap Insertion – 1-1/2” diameter	\$500
Tap Insertion – 2” diameter	\$540
Water Connection	Reimbursable
Water Tap Removal/Abandonment – 2” diameter or less	\$400
Water Tap Removal/Abandonment – greater than 2” diameter	\$800

- 112.2 Fees for fire hydrants flow tests; fire hydrant meter rentals; rentals of fire hydrant meters with backflow preventer; and for the installation and removal of water bubblers shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Fee
Fire Hydrant Flow Test (Field Test)	\$300
Fire Hydrant Flow Test (Computer Model)	\$200
Fire Hydrant Flow Test (Recent Test Record Available)	\$125
Fire Hydrant Use – Water and Sewer Rate	Usage-Based, see 21 DCMR Chapter 41
Letter in Lieu of Hydrant Flow Test	\$125
Fire Hydrant Permit Fee	\$75
Private Fire Hydrant Flush	\$81
3” Fire Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$1,600 per rental
3” Fire Hydrant Meter Rental <15 days	\$75
3” Fire Hydrant Meter Rental ≥15 days	\$5 per day
3” Fire Hydrant Meter w/Backflow Preventer Deposit	\$2,200 per rental
3” Fire Hydrant Meter w/Backflow Preventer Rental <15 days	\$150 per rental
3” Fire Hydrant Meter w/Backflow Preventer Rental ≥15 days	\$10 per day
5/8” Fire Hydrant Meter w/Backflow Preventer Deposit	\$700 per rental
5/8” Fire Hydrant Meter w/Backflow Preventer Rental <15 days	\$75 per rental
5/8” Fire Hydrant Meter w/Backflow Preventer Rental ≥15 days	\$5 per day

Installation and Removal of Water Bubblers	Fee
1 Water Bubbler	\$262
Each additional Water Bubbler after the first in the same general location	\$54

- 112.3 For the purposes of § 112.2, the phrase "in the same general location" means that the distance between the first and last bubbler of the group is eight thousand feet

(8,000 ft.) or less. A distance greater than eight thousand feet (8,000 ft.) shall require a separate crew.

112.4 Retail customer fees and charges; legal and copying fees; and event and equipment fees shall be as follows:

(a) Retail customer fees and charges shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Fee
Customer Bad Check Fee	\$25.00
Declined Credit Card Fee	\$35.00
Customer Penalty Late Payment Fee	10.00% after 30 days
Additional Penalty Late Payment Fee	1%/month after 60 days, compounded monthly
New Customer Account Initiation Fee	\$50.00
Turn-Off Charges for Non-Payment	\$50.00
Reconnection Fee	\$50.00
Unauthorized Turn-On	\$245.00
Broken Bypass Seal	\$700.00
Second Water Audit within 24 months	\$125.00
Manual Meter Read ¹	\$20.00/month

¹ The Manual Meter Read Fee is charged if customer refuses or does not respond to install Automatic Meter Reader or if the meter transmission unit is not transmitting due to the customer’s failure to provide appropriate transmission requirements.

(b) Legal and copying fees shall be as follows:

Witness Fee	Salary + Fringe
Standard Letter and Legal Pages	\$0.75 per sheet
Photocopying	

(c) Event and Equipment fees shall be as follows:

Size of Event (Attendees)	Number of DC Water Personnel Per Event¹	Cost per Event at \$81/hour per person
100 – 2,000	2	\$182/hour
2,000 – 5,000	4	\$324/hour
5,000 or more	6	\$486/hour

¹ Refers to the minimum number of personnel required for the event. Upon review of the event specifications, DC Water shall determine the appropriate number of personnel based on the assessed need.

Event Equipment	Cost per Unit per Event
Misting Tent ¹	\$550
Mobile Brita Hydration Station ¹	\$600
Cooling Station	\$420
Quench Buggy	\$2,500
DC Water Mascot	\$50

¹Refers to a per unit per event, assuming a single day event. For a multi-day event, the per unit cost would be multiplied by the number of days.

112.5 Fees for engineering reviews both standard and expedited, excessive submission, and as-builts shall be as follows:

(a) Small Plan Review fees (water service 2” or smaller) shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Standard Fee	Expedited Fee – 15 working days
Water and Sewer Availability Letter (small)	\$125	\$215
Small Sheet and Shore	\$1,000	\$1,750
Small basic non-residential project – 1 metered connection	\$3,300	\$5,800
Small basic non-residential project - 2 metered connections	\$6,600	\$11,600
Small basic non-residential project – 3 metered connections	\$9,900	\$17,400
Small basic non-residential project - 4 or more metered connections	\$13,200+ Determined on a per project basis	\$23,200+ Determined on a per project basis
Small Hybrid Non-Residential - 1 metered connection	\$5,000	\$8,700
Small Hybrid Non-Residential - 2 metered connections	\$10,000	\$17,400
Small Hybrid Non-Residential - 3 metered connections	\$15,000	\$26,100
Small Hybrid Non-Residential project - 4 or more metered connections	\$20,000+ Determined on a per project basis	\$34,800 Determined on a per project basis
Sanitary or combined Sewer connection - 6” or smaller	\$700	\$1,200
Storm Sewer Connection - less than 15”	\$700	\$1,200
Fire Service - greater than 2”	\$4,600	\$8,100
Single Family Residential – up to 50 metered connections	\$700 each up to \$25,000	\$1,200 each
Town Houses – up to 50 metered connections	\$700 each up to \$25,000	\$1,200 each
Single Family Units or Town Houses - More than 50 metered connections	\$700+ each up to 50; and \$350 each	\$1,200+ each up to 50 and \$600 each

Fee Name	Standard Fee	Expedited Fee – 15 working days
	above 50	above 50
Small Non-Residential or Residential Raze Utility Release Letter - No Abandonment	\$330	\$580
Small Non-Residential or Residential Raze Permit Review and Utility Release Letter - With Abandonments (2)	\$700	\$1,200
As part of a project review	\$300	\$600

(b) Large Plan Review fees (water service larger than two (2)-inch either domestic or fire or both services) shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Standard Fee	Expedited Fee – 15 working days
Base Plan Submission Administrative Fee – All Review Types	\$140	Not Applicable
Reject Plan Submission Administrative Fee – All Review Types	\$75	Not Applicable
Large Permit Basic (per submission)	\$10,000	\$17,400
Foundation to Grade - Large Commercial	\$1,000	Not Applicable
Approved Plan Revision (Field Conditions)	\$1,000	\$1,750
Large Project Sheeting and Shoring (Large Commercial)	\$6,500	\$11,300
Abandonment Waiver Request	\$500	\$880
Water and Sewer Availability Letter (Large)	\$500	\$880
Temporary Water Connections	\$3,300	\$5,800
Large Basic Plan Review Fee – 1 metered connection	\$10,000	\$17,400
Large Basic Plan Review Fee – 2 metered connections	\$20,000	\$34,800
Large Basic Plan Review Fee – 3 metered connections	\$30,000	\$52,200
Large Basic Plan Review Fee – 4 or more metered connections	\$40,000+ Determined on a per project basis	\$69,600+ Determined on a per project basis
Fire Service Only > 2” (no interior renovations)	\$4,500	\$7,800
Sanitary or Combined Connection 8” or larger	\$4,500	\$7,800
Sanitary or Combined Connection 6” or smaller	\$700	\$1,200
Storm Connection 15” or larger	\$4,500	\$7,800
Storm Connection less than 15”	\$700	\$1,200
Large Renovation no new water/sewer work - Project Document signoff only (inside a	\$400	\$700

Fee Name	Standard Fee	Expedited Fee – 15 working days
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Large Project Approved Plan Revision (Project Scope/Design Change, or field change) (1)	\$1,000	\$1,750
Large Project Sheeting and Shoring (2)	\$6,500	\$11,300
Large water meter size reduction plan (no other work)	\$3,300	\$5,800
Large Project Raze Utility Release Letter - No Abandonments	\$300	\$500
Large Project Raze Utility Release Letter - With Abandonments	\$700	\$1,200

(c) Excessive Submission (Additional Fee for 4th Submission) shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Standard Fee	Expedited Fee – 15 working days
Large Plan Excessive Submission Review	\$2,400	\$4,200
Small Non-Residential Plan Excessive Submission Review	\$600	\$1,050
Residential Plan Excessive Submission Review (3)	\$360	\$630
Request for Information (RFI)	\$30	\$60
Letter in Lieu	\$50	\$90
Request for As-Built Drawings	\$90/man hour	\$150/man hour
Water Meter Sizing Computation	\$90	\$150
Water and Sewer Availability Letter	\$500	\$880
Delayed Abandonment or Waiver from Standards Letter	\$500	\$880
Processing of Standard Easement Covenant	\$1,000	\$1,750
Processing of Non-Standard Easement Covenant	\$5,000	\$8,750
One Day Plan Design and Review and approval (Velocity type program)	\$20,000+ Determined on per project basis	Determined on per project basis

(d) Existing/Proposed As-Built shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Fee
Single Family Unit Residential Service Connection - Small Residential	\$250
Townhouses or Single Family Units from Multi-Unit Project	\$250
Small Non-Residential, Large Service Connection (per connection)	\$500

Small Non-Residential Fire Service	\$750
Large Non-Residential - water service 3” or larger, sewer service 8” or larger, fire service 3” or larger	\$750
New Water or Sewer Main (20 to 100 feet) (each)	\$2,500
Each additional 200 feet of water line	\$2,000
Each additional 400 feet of sewer main/line	\$2,000
If installing more than 200 linear feet or any Water line larger than 24" in diameter	Determined on a per project basis
If installing more than 200 linear feet of sewer or any sewer larger than 60” in diameter	Determined on a per project basis

112.6 Waste Hauler Permit and Disposal Fees; Pretreatment Industrial User Permit and Sampling Fees; High Strength Waste Fees; and FOG Facility fees shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Fee
Waste Hauler Discharge Annual Permit Fee per Vehicle	\$30
Waste Hauling Disposal Fees	
High strength grease trap waste	\$0.07 per gallon
High strength septage waste	\$0.07 per gallon
Domestic strength waste	\$0.003 per gallon
Low strength waste	\$0.003 per gallon
Industrial User Permit Fees	
Permit Initial Fee	\$2,500
Permit Renewal Fee	\$700
Industrial User Annual Compliance Fees	
Significant or Non-Significant Categorical Industrial User	
1 Outfall	\$3,100
2 or more Outfalls	\$4,300
Significant Non-Categorical Industrial User	
1 Outfall	\$3,100
2 or more Outfalls	\$4,300
Non-Significant Non-Categorical User	
1 Outfall	\$700
2 or more Outfalls	\$900
High Strength Waste Fees	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	\$0.135 per pound
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$0.263 per pound
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) or Total Nitrogen (TN)	\$1.471 per pound
Total Phosphorus (TP)	\$4.524 per pound
Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Facility Monthly Fee	\$13.70 per month

Section 112, FEES, is amended by adding a new Subsection 112.12 to read as follows:

112.12 Cross-Connection/ Back Flow Prevention Fees and Turn-Off Charges

- (a) The Cross-Connection/ Back Flow Prevention Fees and Turn-Off Charges shall be as follows:

Fee Name	Fee
Cross-Connection/Back Flow Prevention Monthly Fee per Assembly	\$6.70
Cross-Connection Turn-off - 5/8" to 2"	\$200
Cross-Connection Turn-off - 3" to 5"	\$400
Cross-Connection Turn-off - 6" and larger	\$900