

# Water Availability & Connection Charges

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## Sec. 74-358. Water availability and connection charges.

(a) *Availability charges.* Every water service applicant shall pay an availability charge for water service furnished through any service connection to a water main. This charge shall be paid at the issuance of the building permit and is to be paid as follows:

<i>Type of premises</i>	<i>Charge</i>
Single-family residential (individually metered, meter size 5/8 inch) . . .	\$4,863.00
Single-family residential (individually metered, meter size greater than 5/8 inch-see commercial charge below)	
Multifamily residential (master metered) each unit . . .	3,888.00
Commercial, industrial, and institutional:	

TABLE INSET:

Meter size (inches)	Charge	Meter size (inches)	Charge
5/8	\$ 4,863.00	2	\$ 38,904.00
3/4	7,295.00	3	72,945.00
1	12,158.00	4	121,575.00
1 1/2	24,315.00	6	243,150.00

Irrigation systems shall be charged \$100.00 per supply fixture unit. For purposes of this subsection, each sprinkler head shall be equal to 2.5 supply fixture units. The supply fixture unit charge shall then be reduced to \$10.00 per supply fixture unit value if the following conditions are met:

- (1) A timer device be installed to limit activation time and to allow operation only during nonpeak hours. Peak hours shall be set by the director of public works.
- (2) The system shall be designed and installed by a state licensed contractor.

(b) *Rules for setting availability charges.* The following rules shall be used in setting the availability charge:

(1) *Types of use or principal use.* Multiuse premises shall be charged on the various types of use or on the principal use, whichever results in the higher charge.

(2) *Determination of type and charges.* The director of public works or his representative shall determine the type and charge for all premises. When a premises does not fall under any of the listed types, the director of public works shall select the most appropriate type listed or he may designate a special charge for the premises based on water consumption and meter size.

(3) *Type of premises and units of measurement.* The type of premises and units of measurement shall be as defined in the zoning chapter, building code and town ordinances.

(4) *Charge based on plans for building permit; fixture count.* All availability charges shall be based on the plans submitted for the purpose of obtaining a building permit to the office of building inspections of the town. In multiuse structures each changed use or new use will require a new building permit and a recomputation and payment of availability fees prior to approval of any occupancy.

(5) *Existing buildings.* Existing buildings with building permits having been issued prior to April 14, 1992, with water availability fees based on a supply fixture unit charge (erroneously formerly referred to as a drainage fixture unit) shall continue when necessary to have water availability charges computed under the standards and at the same rates as existed under the town ordinance (with necessary changes to accommodate this updated terminology) upon the date of the issuance of the building permit, except where the capacity for water service is increased. When the water service capacity is increased, the availability fee then shall be computed based on water meter size under subsection (a) of this section. Unless otherwise specified, the availability fee based on a supply fixture unit charge shall be computed at \$100.00 per supply fixture unit, using the following chart:

TABLE OF FIXTURE UNITS

*Supply*

*Fixture Unit Value*

*Type of Fixture or Group of Fixtures (s.f.u.)*

Bar sink . . .	2
Bathtub . . .	4
Dental unit or cuspidor . . .	1
Drinking fountain (each head) . . .	1
Hose bib or sill cock (standard type) . . .	5
Laundry tub or clothes washer (each pair faucets) . . .	4
Service sink . . .	4
Lavatory . . .	2
Lavatory (dental) . . .	1
Lawn sprinkler (standard type, each head) . . .	2.5
Shower (each head) . . .	4
Sink or dishwasher . . .	4
Sink (flushing rim, clinic) . . .	10
Sink (wash-up, each set of faucets) . . .	2
Sink (wash-up, circular spray) . . .	4
Urinal (stall) . . .	5
Urinal (wall) . . .	5
Urinal (tank) . . .	3
Water closet (flush tank) . . .	5
Water closet (flushometer valve) . . .	10
Water supply outlets for items not listed above shall be computed at their maximum demanded, but not less than:	
3/8 inch . . .	2
1/2 inch . . .	4
3/4 inch . . .	6
1 inch . . .	10

For existing buildings with building permits issued on and after April 14, 1992, future water availability fees shall be computed as set out elsewhere in this section.

(c) *Tapping charge and inspection fee.* A tapping charge and inspection fee shall be \$320.00 per tap (one inch or less), and the actual cost of the tap plus 25 percent of all taps larger than one inch.

(d) *Developer tapping fee.* The tapping inspection fee for developer-installed tap and service on a town-owned water main shall be \$48.00 for each tap and service line installed.

(e) *Connection fee.* A connection fee of \$2,800.00 for each separate connection to an existing town-owned water main shall be paid by each applicant who desires service therefrom.

(f) *Supply fixture units.* For the purposes of this article, a supply fixture unit is a measure of the probable hydraulic demand on the water supply by various types of plumbing fixtures. The supply fixture unit value for a particular fixture depends on its volume rate of supply, on the time duration of a single-supply operation, and on the average time between successive operations. Using standards of the engineering profession, the director of public works shall determine as necessary in writing the supply fixture unit for any plumbing fixture.