



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER



DSC Information Notice #209

June 30, 2014

Topic: Water and Sanitary Sewer Connection Fees Changes

Effective July 1, 2014, Public Utilities will discontinue use of the current Drainage Fixture Unit (DFU) based fee structure and implement a new fee structure that uses water meter size to calculate water and sewer connection fees. Rates for this new fee structure were established to be cost-neutral for an average new home, and provide a more simplified approach to calculating connection fees. On May 13, 2014, City Council adopted the new fee structure by amending City Code Chapter 28 (Sewers and Sewage Disposal) and Chapter 37 (Water Supply). The connection fee changes apply to all buildings and properties connected to or proposed for connection to the Public Water and/or Sanitary Sewer systems.

Example of new connection fees for an average single-family dwelling with a 5/8" water meter:

Sewer Capital Recovery Fee - \$1,545

Water Capital Recovery Fee - \$2,267

Note: For a property connected to the public sewer system but not to the public water system, the appropriate fee shall be assessed according to the water meter size that would be necessary to serve the property.

Detailed fee information for water meter sizes, multi-family pricing, developer discounts, and processing of credits is available at www.vbgov.com/connectionfees.

Transition Period for New Fee Structure

- Beginning July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, connection fees may be paid according to either the old or new fee structure; however, all requirements under the process dictated by that fee schedule must be met.
- No changes to utility fees will be allowed after the fees have been paid and the building permit issued.
- If water and sanitary sewer connection fees were previously paid under the DFU process and the building permit has not been issued, the developer may choose between the old DFU or new meter-based fee structure.
- Beginning January 1, 2015, all connection fees shall be paid according to the new meter-based fee structure.

Development Services Center (DSC) Plan Submittals

- City of Virginia Beach Water Resource Recovery Fee Computation Sheet (DFU sheet) is still required with all plans submitted to the DSC through December 31, 2014, regardless of which connection fee methodology is chosen.
- Also, the City of Virginia Beach Water Customer Data Sheet (AWWA Form) is still required with all plans submitted to the DSC for verification that the appropriate water meter size is selected for the project.

Effective Date: Immediately, with specific transition dates outlined above

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