

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Ordinance No. 24-O-12

Date Introduced: May 6, 2024

Sponsored By: Council President Adam Hiob and Councilman William Montgomery, III

Public Hearing: May 20, 2024

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

AN ORDINANCE concerning.

FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

FOR the purpose of revising regulations regarding fees, rates and charges in the City of Aberdeen.

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments
Chapter A550, Fees.
§ A550-1.A, B, C, D and L
Code of The City of Aberdeen (2010 Edition as amended)

EXPLANATION:

CAPS INDICATES MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW

((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

* * * indicates existing unmodified text omitted from Ordinance

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, that Sections A550-1.A, B, C, D, L of Chapter A550, Fees, of the Code of the City of Aberdeen (2010 Edition as amended), are repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Chapter A550. FEES

§ A550-1 Schedule of rates and charges.

The following fees, rates and charges shall apply in the City:

- A. Water and sewers. The following rates and charges are established pursuant to Chapter **450**, Sewers and Water, of the City's Code:

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(2) ((Demand charges.)) METER REPLACEMENT CHARGE: THIS CHARGE IS ASSESSED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS AS PART OF ITS LIFECYCLE COSTS

(a) Residential: five-eighths-inch to one-inch meter: ((\$1.25)) \$5.00 per quarter.

(b) Commercial: ((the commercial demand charge shall be based upon the meter size)) COMMERCIAL METER REPLACEMENT CHARGE SHALL BE BASED ON EACH METER ON PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

((Size of Meter (inches))	((Number of Units))	((Charge (per quarter)))
((5/8 to 3/4))	((1))	(((\$11.00))
((1))	((2.44))	(((\$26.84))
((1 1/2))	((5))	(((\$55.00))
((2))	((8))	(((\$88.00))
((3))	((16))	(((\$176.00))
((4))	((25))	(((\$275.00))
((6))	((50))	(((\$550.00))
((8))	((80))	(((\$880.00))

SIZE OF METER (INCHES)	CHARGE PER MONTH
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1	\$ 7.00
1-1/2	\$ 12.00
2	\$ 17.00
3	\$ 40.00
4	\$ 46.00
6	\$ 75.00
8	\$ 131.00
10	\$ 140.00
12	\$ 163.00

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(5) Water area connection charge.

- (a) Per equivalent dwelling unit: ((\$10,500 where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and \$9,000 where a building permit is issued thereafter)) \$9,500.

[1] ANNUAL CONNECTION CHARGES: THE WATER AREA CONNECTION CHARGE PER EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT (EDU) SHALL INCREASE BY 5% ANNUALLY ON JULY 1, BEGINNING FY26 FOR 10 YEARS. THE CALCULATED AMOUNT SHALL BE ROUNDED UPWARD TO THE NEAREST \$100 INCREMENT AS DEPICTED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

WATER AREA CONNECTION CHARGE PER EDU	FISCAL YEAR
\$10,000	(1) FY26
\$10,500	(2) FY27
\$11,100	(3) FY28
\$11,700	(4) FY29
\$12,300	(5) FY30
\$13,000	(6) FY31
\$13,700	(7) FY32
\$14,400	(8) FY33
\$15,200	(9) FY34
\$16,000	(10) FY35

[2] Application

- [a] ((Water area connection charges are assessed on all new development and redevelopment.)) CONNECTION CHARGES ARE ASSESSED ON ALL NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT. A single-family dwelling is considered one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). ((and shall be assessed at dwelling unit (EDU) and shall be assessed at \$10,500 where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and \$9,000 where building permits are issued thereafter.))

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[6] CONNECTION AREA CHARGE DETERMINATION:

- [a] THE CITY SHALL ASSESS EQUAL NUMBER OF WATER AND SEWER AREA CONNECTION CHARGES WHERE ONE (1) TOTAL EDU EQUALS THE SUM OF ONE (1) EDU WATER AND ONE (1) EDU SEWER.

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(b) ACCESSORY APARTMENTS (CONSISTENT WITH PERMITTED USE IN CHAPTER 235): ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT. THE ACCESSORY APARTMENT SHALL BE PERMITTED TO HAVE A SEPARATE WATER SERVICE TO INCLUDE A WATER METER TO THE PUBLIC SYSTEM.

(c) (((b))) Hotels and motels: ((\$1,800 where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and, for building permits issued thereafter, 50% of an equivalent dwelling unit per room (rental unit).)) ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT PER ROOM RENTAL UNIT.

(d) (((c))) Commercial, business, AND industrial. ((and other residential.)) The Director of Public Works, with the approval of the ((City Manager)) MAYOR, shall develop and implement a method of calculating the daily water generation rates for all commercial, business, AND industrial((, and other residential)) uses within the City. ((Each 250 gallons per day of water generation shall typically constitute an EDU, but surcharges can be established to cover water production peaking. The connection charge shall be assessed on such uses multiplying the number of EDUs, or fraction thereof, by the charge established in Subsection A(5)(a) of this section.))

[1] EDU DETERMINATION

THE COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE CALCULATED USING AN ESTIMATED AVERAGE DAILY DEMAND (ADD) OF GALLONS PER DAY (GPD). THE ADD WILL BE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS (EDU) AT 250 GALLONS PER DAY FOR EACH EDU. THE CONNECTION CHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED BY MULTIPLYING THE NUMBER OF EDUS, OR FRACTION THEREOF BY THE CHARGE ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION A(5)(A) OF THIS SECTION. THE MINIMUM EDU ASSESSED SHALL BE ONE (1) EDU. FOR FRACTIONS GREATER THAN ONE (1) EDU, THE CHARGE SHALL BE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST HALF (0.5) EDU.

[2] METHODOLOGY

THE ESTIMATION OF ADD MAY BE CALCULATED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CITY FOR APPROVAL BY:

[a] ESTIMATING ADD USING CURRENT DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES AS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; OR

[b] ESTIMATING OF ADD BASED ON LIKE USE. ESTIMATION FOR ADD MAY BE SUBMITTED BASED ON FACILITIES OF SIMILAR SIZE AND USE; OR

[c] ESTIMATING ADD BASED ON ALTERNATE METHODS. A DEVELOPER MAY SUBMIT CALCULATIONS FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION FOR ADD.

[3] COMMERCIAL AUDIT

[a] APPLICATION

[i] ADDITIONAL CONNECTION CHARGE FEES ARE ASSESSED ON COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRIAL USAGE RESULTING IN AN INCREASE OF CONSUMPTION GREATER THAN 5% OF THEIR ESTABLISHED AREAS CONNECTION CHARGE.

[ii] THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MAY AUDIT COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER ACCOUNTS FROM THE DATE A USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS ISSUED AND WHERE THE DIRECTOR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WATER USAGE SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS THE THE ESTIMATED ADD UPON WHICH CALCULATION OF THE CONNECTION FEE WAS BASED.

[iii] ACTUAL CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE ASSESSED BASED ON THE AVERAGE DAILY RATE OVER THE AVERAGE YEAR SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT AUDIT. WHERE THE ACTUAL USAGE EXCEEDS THE ESTABLISHED EDU DETERMINATION BY 5% OR MORE; ADDITIONAL CONNECTION CHARGES BASED ON THE CURRENT RATE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL EDU WILL BE ASSESSED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. PAYMENT IS DUE WITHIN 180 DAYS OF NOTICE.

[b] AUDIT METHODOLOGY

[i] THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MAY AUDIT CITY RECORDS AND PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AND TENANT FOR PAID AREA CONNECTION CHARGES.

[ii] EVIDENCE SUCH AS PAID CONNECTION FEES, APPROVED SITE PLANS, AND WATER BILLS MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE AND ESTABLISH THE INITIAL CONNECTION CHARGE EDU FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS.

[iii] THE PROPERTY OWNER MAY PROVIDE ANY DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE AREA CONNECTION CHARGES AS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED OR BASED UPON CURRENT USAGE. IF NO EVIDENCE IS RECEIVED FROM THE OWNER WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE WRITTEN NOTICE, THE NOTICE WILL STAND AS DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CONNECTION CHARGE THEN DUE.

[4] SITE EXPANSION

[a] IF EXISTING USE OF PROPERTY IS EXPANDED DUE TO:

[i] CHANGE IN USE;

[ii] ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES; OR

[iii] INCREASED CAPACITY OF THE SAME USE,

A NEW CAPACITY REQUEST SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONNECTION CHARGE APPROVAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. ADDITIONAL AREA CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE ASSESSED UPON THE INCREASE OF CONNECTION CHARGES CALCULATED FROM THE EXISTING USE.

[5] NON-PAYMENT: CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE DUE AND COLLECTIBLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY OWNER UNTIL PAID.

(e) (((d))) Apartment units: ((\$5,300 per apartment unit where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and, for building permits issued thereafter, 100% of an equivalent dwelling unit fee per apartment unit.)) ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT PER APARTMENT UNIT.

(6) Water Meter Charge

(a) ((This charge is additional to the area connection charges.)) A WATER METER CHARGE SHALL BE COLLECTED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER METER FOR EACH SERVICE ADDRESS. The City will furnish and install the water meter. The meter shall be owned and maintained by the City.

(b) The meter charge SHALL include all costs accrued by the City, including the COST OF THE meter, any ancillary components, and any labor/installation charges, plus a charge of 15% of said cost for handling.

(c) Applicants ((will need to)) SHALL provide to the City, in writing, BY A LICENSED

ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT, the size of meter required for a given ((project)) SITE before said meter is ordered. ANY ERRORS FOR IMPROPER SIZING SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT.

(d) Applicants ((will need to provide at least a thirty-day notice)) SHALL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME to the City to allow for ordering and receipt of meters. THE CITY SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS AS A RESULT OF INSUFFICIENT NOTICE BY APPLICANT AND/OR DELAYS THROUGH THE ORDERING PROCESS OF THE METERS VIA THE CITY'S VENDORS.

(e) Meters will not be released, provided, or installed until all requisite fees and charges are paid to the City.

(7) Sanitary sewer area connection charge.

(a) Per equivalent dwelling unit: ((\$5,400 where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and \$8,500 where a building permit is issued thereafter.)) \$10,000.

[1] ANNUAL CONNECTION CHARGES: THE SEWER AREA CONNECTION CHARGE PER EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT (EDU) SHALL INCREASE BY 5% ANNUALLY ON JULY 1, BEGINNING FY26 FOR 10 YEARS. THE CALCULATED AMOUNT SHALL BE ROUNDED UPWARD TO THE NEAREST \$100 DOLLAR INCREMENT AS DEPICTED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

SANITARY AREA CONNECTION CHARGE PER EDU	FISCAL YEAR
\$10,500	(1) FY26
\$11,100	(2) FY27
\$11,700	(3) FY28
\$12,300	(4) FY29
\$13,000	(5) FY30
\$13,700	(6) FY31
\$14,400	(7) FY32
\$15,200	(8) FY33
\$16,000	(9) FY34
\$16,800	(10) FY35

[1] (([1])) Application.

[a] Fees are assessed on all new development and redevelopment. A single-family dwelling is considered one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). ((and shall be assessed at \$5,400 where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021 and \$8,500 where a building permit is issued thereafter, as described in this section.))

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[5] CONNECTION AREA CHARGE DETERMINATION:

[a] THE CITY SHALL ASSESS EQUAL NUMBER OF WATER AND SEWER AREA CONNECTION CHARGES WHERE ONE (1) TOTAL EDU EQUALS THE SUM OF ONE (1) EDU WATER AND ONE (1) EDU SEWER.

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(b) ACCESSORY APARTMENTS (CONSISTENT WITH PERMITTED USE IN CHAPTER 235): ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT. THE APARTMENT ACCESSORY SHALL BE PERMITTED TO HAVE ITS OWN SEPARATE SEWER SERVICE TO INCLUDE A CLEAN OUT TO THE PUBLIC SYSTEM.

(c) (((b))) Hotels and motels: ((\$1,000 where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and, for building permits issued thereafter, 50% of an equivalent dwelling unit per room (rental unit).) 50% OF AN EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT PER ROOM WHERE A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2024, AND THEREAFTER, ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT PER ROOM (RENTAL UNIT).

(d) (((c))) Commercial, business, AND industrial ((and other residential)). The Director of Public Works, with the approval of the ((City Manager)) MAYOR, shall develop and implement a method of calculating the daily water generation rates for all commercial, business and industrial uses within the City. ((Each 250 gallons per day of water generation shall constitute an EDU. The connection charge shall be assessed on such uses multiplying the number of EDUs, or fraction thereof, by the charge established in Subsection A(7)(a) of this section.))

[1] EDU DETERMINATION

THE COMMERCIAL SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE SHALL BE CALCULATED USING AN ESTIMATED AVERAGE DAILY DEMAND (ADD) OF GALLONS PER DAY (GPD). THE ADD WILL BE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS (EDU) AT 250 GALLONS PER DAY FOR EACH EDU. THE CONNECTION CHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED BY MULTIPLYING THE NUMBER OF EDUS, OR FRACTION THEREOF BY THE CHARGE ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION A(7)(A) OF THIS SECTION. THE MINIMUM EDU ASSESSED SHALL BE ONE (1) EDU. FOR FRACTIONS GREATER THAN ONE (1) EDU, THE CHARGE SHALL BE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST HALF (0.5) EDU.

[2] METHODOLOGY

THE ADD MAY BE CALCULATED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CITY FOR APPROVAL USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPROVED METHODS:

[a] ESTIMATING ADD USING CURRENT DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

[b] ESTIMATING ADD BASED ON LIKE USE. ESTIMATION FOR ADD MAY BE BASED ON FACILITIES OF SIMILAR SIZE AND USE.

[c] ESTIMATING ADD BASED ON ALTERNATE METHODS. A DEVELOPER MAY SUBMIT CALCULATIONS FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION FOR ADD.

[3] COMMERCIAL AUDIT

[a] APPLICATION

[i] ADDITIONAL FEES ARE ASSESSED ON COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES RESULTING IN AN INCREASE OF CONSUMPTION GREATER THAN 5% OF THEIR ESTABLISHED AREAS CONNECTION CHARGE.

[ii] THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MAY AUDIT COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL WATER ACCOUNTS FROM THE DATE USE AND OCCUPANCY IS ISSUED AND WHERE THE DIRECTOR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WATER USAGE SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS THE ESTIMATED ADD UPON WHICH CALCULATION OF THE CONNECTION FEE WAS BASED .

[iii] ACTUAL CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE ASSESSED BASED ON THE AVERAGE DAILY RATE OVER THE AVERAGE YEAR SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT AUDIT. WHERE THE ACTUAL USAGE EXCEEDS THE ESTABLISHED EDU DETERMINATION BY 5% OR MORE; ADDITIONAL CONNECTION CHARGES BASED ON THE CURRENT RATE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL EDU WILL BE ASSESSED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. PAYMENT IS DUE WITHIN 180 DAYS OF NOTICE.

[b] AUDIT METHODOLOGY

[i] THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MAY AUDIT CITY RECORDS AND PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AND TENANT FOR PAID

AREA CONNECTION CHARGES.

1. EVIDENCE SUCH AS PAID CONNECTION FEES, APPROVED SITE PLANS, AND WATER BILLS MAY BE USED TO DETERMINE AND ESTABLISH THE INITIAL CONNECTION CHARGE EDU FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS.
2. THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS A RIGHT TO PROVIDE ANY DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE AREA CONNECTION CHARGES. IF NO EVIDENCE IS PROVIDED FROM THE OWNER AFTER 30 CALENDAR DAYS, THE FORMAL NOTICE WILL STAND AS RECORD FOR THE CONNECTION CHARGE.

[4] SITE EXPANSION

[a] IF EXISTING PROPERTY IS EXPANDED DUE TO

[i] CHANGE IN USE

[ii] ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES

[iii] INCREASED CAPACITY OF THE SAME USE

- [b] A NEW CAPACITY REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONNECTION CHARGE APPROVAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. ADDITIONAL AREA CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE ASSESSED BETWEEN THE INCREASE OF CONNECTION CHARGES CALCULATED FROM THE EXISTING USE.

[5] NON-PAYMENT: CONNECTION CHARGES SHALL BE DUE AND COLLECTIBLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR SUCH PROPERTIES THAT THIS CAPACITY IS ASSESSED AT AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY OWNER UNTIL PAID.

- (e) (((d))) Apartment units: ((\$2,700 per apartment unit where a building permit is issued on or before June 30, 2021, and, where building permits are issued thereafter, 100% of an equivalent dwelling unit fee per apartment unit.)) ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT PER APARTMENT UNIT

(((8). Capital improvement charges. Both the water and sewer capital improvement charges are included in the area connection charges. The current capital improvement charges are \$750 for water and \$750 for sewer.))

- (8) (((9))) Responsibility for costs. The cost to furnish and install the water and sewer house service connection from the utility main line shall be borne by the property owner.

(9) ~~((10))~~ Work done within rights-of-ways. House service work performed within public rights-of-ways shall be done by the City or by a Maryland-licensed utility contractor.

(10) ~~((11))~~ WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION

(a) Residential customer: A fee of \$50 per occurrence will be charged for interruption of service if payment arrangements have not been made.

(b) Commercial/industrial customer: a fee of \$100 per occurrence will be charged for interruption of service if payment arrangements have not been made.

(c) Department of Public Works business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday; non-holiday. Restoration of water and sewer service made during nonbusiness hours shall be ~~((95))~~ \$125 for residential customers and ~~((200))~~ \$250 for nonresidential customers.

(11) ~~((12))~~ Fees and penalties.

(a) Late charges: A penalty fee of 10% will be charged if not paid by the due date. Only cash, ~~((or))~~ money order, OR CREDIT CARD will be accepted for past-due accounts.

(b) ~~((Returned checks: A fee of \$30 will be charged for returned checks.))~~ FEE CHARGED FOR FINAL READINGS: \$50

(c) ~~((Fee charged for final readings: \$30))~~ LEAK DETECTION FEE:

[1] NO CHARGE FOR AN INITIAL LEAK DETECTION CHECK AND A SECOND VERIFICATION READ WITHIN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

[2] \$100 PER EACH SEPARATE REQUEST AS DETERMINED FROM THE INITIAL LEAK CHECK.

[3] THE CITY MAY WAIVE LEAK DETECTION FEES IF A LEAK IS FOUND AND USAGE IS GREATER THAN 5% AS DETERMINED BY THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS OF NORMAL USAGE.

(d) ~~((Fee charged for checking the accuracy of a water meter and for leak detection: \$20. There is no charge if first request within twelve-month period. The fee is waived if the meter is off by more than 5%, if a leak is found.))~~ FEE CHARGED FOR SERVICE TERMINATION: \$150.

~~((e Fee charged for service termination: \$100.))~~

(12) ~~((13))~~ Responsibility for payment of water and sewage usage rates and charges shall be borne by the property owner. Failure of the tenants or lessees to make payment of water and sewage usage rates and charges shall not relieve the property owner from

responsibility for payment. FOR ALL WATER AND SEWER USAGE CHARGES AND FEES NOT COLLECTED IN FULL FOR EACH PROPERTY OWNER PER FISCAL YEAR, THE UNPAID USAGE CHARGES AND FEES SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY 120 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER JUNE 30 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR UPON THE PROPERTY OWNER UNTIL ALL CHARGES AND FEES ARE PAID.

- (13) ((14)) Hydrant fire flow tests. Hydrant fire flow tests conducted by an authorized agent for a contractor/developer will be billed at a rate of \$((300)) \$325 for each specified location. This fee covers water usage and City staff support during the maintenance shop regular business hours. For hydrant flow test outside of shop regular business hours, a flat rate will be charged at 1.5 times the rate for tests conducted during regular business hours.

B. Construction. The following fees and charges are established pursuant to Chapter **210**, Building Construction, of the City Code:

- (1) Engineering review OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS ((and construction inspection services)). In-house engineering review: \$100 per hour; outsourced engineering review: cost plus 15%. ((; in-house inspections: \$75 per hour; outsourced inspections: cost plus 15%.))

- (2) CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES. IN-HOUSE SERVICES: MINIMUM OF \$400 OR 5% OF CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER; OUTSOURCED INSPECTION: COST PLUS 15%.

(a) FOR PROJECT DURATIONS LESS THAN TWO (2) YEARS: 100% OF TOTAL COSTS PAID AT TIME OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT EXECUTION.

(b) FOR PROJECT DURATIONS OF TWO (2) YEARS OR GREATER: COSTS OF SERVICES WILL BE SPLIT ANNUALLY BASED ON THE APPROVED DURATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT. IF THE PROJECT IS FINISHED PRIOR TO THE APPROVED DURATION, THE REMAINING BALANCE SHALL BE PAID PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE.

- (3) CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW. \$150.

- (4) ((2)) Building permit.

(a) Residential: \$0.03 per square foot, minimum (((\$100)) \$30. ((For fences and sheds: \$25. For fences over 250 linear feet, add \$0.04 per linear foot.))

[1] NEW CONSTRUCTION: \$0.03 PER SQUARE FOOT, MINIMUM \$100.

[2] FENCES, \$30. FOR FENCES OVER 250 LINEAR FEET, ADD \$0.04 PER

1 LINEAR FOOT.

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3 [3] IN-GROUND POOL: \$75.

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5 [4] ROOF WHERE HARFORD COUNTY PLANS REVIEW IS REQUIRED: \$30.

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7 [5] MOBILE HOME: SINGLE-WIDE \$55; DOUBLE-WIDE \$75.

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9 (b) Commercial (((new construction))): \$0.04 per square foot, minimum \$150.

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11 (c) Industrial (((new construction))): \$0.06 per square foot, minimum \$150.

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13 (d) ((Addition, garage attached, garage detached, interior renovation, decks/porches,
14 carport: \$0.03 per square foot, \$30 minimum.)) COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL
15 FENCE: \$30. FOR FENCES OVER 250 LINEAR FEET, ADD \$0.04 PER LINEAR
16 FOOT.

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18 (e) ((In-ground pool: \$75)) COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL RETAINING WALL: \$150.

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20 (f) ((Mobile home: single-wide \$55; double-wide \$75.)) COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL
21 SHED: \$50.

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23 (G)TENANT OCCUPANCY (NO RENOVATIONS, RENOVATIONS UNDER
24 \$25,000, OR NO CHANGE OF USE PER THE APPLICABLE IBC): \$50.

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26 (H)COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL ROOF: \$150.

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28 (I) DEMOLITION:

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30 [1] DEMOLISH STRUCTURE AND PLAN TO REBUILD: \$50

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32 [2] DEMOLISH STRUCTURE WITH NO PLAN TO REBUILD: \$100.

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34 (J) WORKING WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT: \$100.00 FOR RESIDENTIAL
35 IMPROVEMENTS AND \$500.00 FOR COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL
36 IMPROVEMENTS.

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38 (K)POST-ISSUANCE PERMIT AMENDMENT WHERE HARFORD COUNTY
39 PLANS REVIEW IS REQUIRED: \$25.

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41 (L) RENEWAL OF EXPIRED PERMIT: RESIDENTIAL \$30;
42 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL \$150.

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44 (5) ((3)) Sign permit. Sign permit fees shall be the following; these fees shall include
45 building and zoning permits:
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Type	Fee
Billboard	\$100
Marquee/awning	\$30
Freestanding/MONUMENT	\$60
HANGING ((Face))	\$40
FACE ((Hanging))	\$40
Roof	\$40
Temporary	\$40
WALL	\$40
WINDOW	\$40

- (6) (((4) Water and sewer service connections and new or expanded service connections. Service connection shall be based upon water meter size.)) WATER PURCHASE FOR CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS (PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT WATER SERVICE).

((Water Meter Size (inches)))	((Water Service Connection))	Sewer Service Connection))
((5/8 to ¾))	(((\$550))	(((\$450))
((1))	(((\$750))	(((\$550))
((1 ½))	(((\$950))	(((\$650))
((2))	(((\$1,050))	(((\$700))

LICENSED CONTRACTORS THAT PURCHASE WATER TO SUPPORT THEIR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES OR REQUIRE WATER ONSITE PRIOR TO PERMANENT WATER SERVICE AND REQUEST TO USE A PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT DURING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

(a) PORTABLE HYDRANT METERS SHALL BE RENTED FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER SUPPLIED TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF CONTRACTORS: MASTER PLUMBERS, UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS, BRICK/BLOCK MASONS CONTRACTORS, WELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS, LAWN AND GARDEN SERVICES, PAVING CONTRACTORS, DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS, AND OTHERS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(b) THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE SHALL PROVIDE CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD FOR A DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT SET FORTH BELOW. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JOB, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE WILL INSPECT THE METER AND HYDRANT. A FINAL BILL SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTRACTOR WITH ANY REMAINING AMOUNT REFUNDED AFTER REPAIRS ARE MADE.

[1] \$500 FOR A 1-INCH METER. THIS DEPOSIT SHALL COVER THE DAMAGE TO THE HYDRANT METER. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THEIR DESIGNEE MAY GRANT AN EXCEPTION FOR THE METER SIZE BASED ON THE SCOPE OF THE DEVELOPMENT. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE CHARGED FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS FOR ANY DAMAGES PLUS A 15% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

[2] \$5,000 FOR EACH HYDRANT. THIS DEPOSIT SHALL COVER THE DAMAGE TO THE HYDRANT TO INCLUDE FULL REPLACEMENT WHILE IN USE BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE DEPOSIT FEE SHALL ONLY COVER THE HYDRANT SPECIFIED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE JOB SITE AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE CHARGED FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS FOR ANY DAMAGES PLUS A 15% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

(c) BULK PURCHASE AS AN ACCESSIBLE WATER SOURCE PROCEDURES: CONTRACTOR USING TANKER TRUCKS SHALL ONLY PURCHASE WATER FROM AN APPROVED YARD HYDRANT LOCATED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SHOP, 341 MICHAELS LANE, ABERDEEN, MD.

(d) THE CITY SHALL CHARGE THE FOLLOWING FEES UNDER THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

[1] HYDRANT METER RENTAL FEE (PER MONTH): \$100

[2] WATER USAGE: CURRENT WATER RATE

[3] FAILURE TO EXCHANGE METER AFTER SIX MONTHS: \$150

[4] TAMPERING WITH, DISASSEMBLY OF, OR AN INABILITY TO OBTAIN A READING FROM A METER: \$500

[5] MISCELLANEOUS DAMAGE TO ANY DEVICE: GREATER OF \$100 OR ACTUAL REPLACEMENT COST

[6] LOSS OR THEFT OF THE DEVICE, MISSING PARTS, OR ANY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE CITY: ACTUAL REPLACEMENT VALUE

[7] BULK WATER TANKER PURCHASE PER LOAD

[a] UP TO 5,000 GALLONS: \$35 PER LOAD

[b] 5,000 TO 10,000 GALLONS: \$70 PER LOAD

[8] THE SALE OF WATER OUTSIDE OF CITY BOUNDARIES SHALL BE
CHARGED AT 150% THE CITY'S WATER RATE

(7) (((5))) Erosion and sediment control.

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C. Annexation fees. ((Application fee upon submission: \$1,000 minimum.))

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D. Planning and Zoning. The following fees, rates and charges are established pursuant to
Chapter 235, Development Code, and Chapter 475, Subdivision of Land, of the City Code:

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(4) Planning Commission review.

(a) Concept plan: ((\$500)) \$1,000 FILING FEE, PLUS \$50 PER GROSS ACRE.

(b) Site plan review: ((\$500)) \$1,000 FILING FEE, plus ((\$50)) \$100 per residential unit;
((\$500)) \$1,000 FILING FEE, plus ((\$100)) \$200 per commercial or industrial
GROSS acre.

(c) Revisions to site plan review: ((\$300)) \$500 FILING FEE, plus ((\$25)) \$50 per
residential unit; ((\$300)) \$500 FILING FEE, plus ((\$50)) \$100 per commercial or
industrial GROSS acre.

(d) Subdivision review: ((\$500)) \$1,000 FILING FEE, plus ((\$50)) \$100 per residential
lot; ((\$500)) \$1,000 FILING FEE, plus ((\$50)) \$100 per multifamily residential lot;
((\$500)) \$1,000 FILING FEE, plus ((\$100)) \$200 per commercial or industrial
GROSS acre.

(e) Revisions to subdivision review: ((\$300)) \$500 FILING FEE, plus ((\$50)) \$100 per
residential lot; ((\$300)) \$500 FILING FEE, plus ((\$50)) \$100 per multifamily
residential lot; ((\$300)) \$500 FILING FEE, plus ((\$100)) \$200 per commercial or
industrial GROSS acre.

(f) ((Review of planned unit developments, mixed-use developments, and integrated
business district: \$500, plus \$50 per residential lot, \$500, plus \$100 per commercial
or industrial acre.

(g))) Traffic impact analysis review fee: \$500.

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L. Trash and recycling service fees. All owners and tenants of structures containing not more than three residential units within the City shall be required to comply with the fees under this subsection.

(1) Replacement trash or recycling container: (((\$50)) \$70 per container.

(2) Additional trash collection fee per CITY COMPATIBLE container per fiscal year. OWNER MUST PURCHASE container: (((\$60)) \$100 (NON PRORATED) PER FISCAL YEAR per container.

(a) CITY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT OF OWNER PROVIDED TRASH CONTAINER DUE TO NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR THRU USE OR DAMAGE BY ANY MANMADE OR NATURAL DISASTER (FIRE, ACCIDENT, ETC.)

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(4) Residential bulk pickup

(a) Residential bulk pick-up beyond one pick-up per fiscal year shall be subjected to the following fees:

[1] Large ((appliance)) APPLIANCES (i.e., mattresses, couches, dressers, sofas, stoves, refrigerators, etc.) Up to three (3) BULKY items per pickup: (((\$ 20)) \$ 30 per item.

[2] Small appliances that one person can easily pick up and load onto a truck and are less than 50 lbs each (chairs, tables, desks), approximately three (3) to five (5) items per pickup: (((\$10)) \$20 per pickup.

(b) The Department of Public Works shall assess contents within these categories to determine the fee for bulk items for disposal.

(5) RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP FOR NEW SERVICE INSIDE CITY LIMITS

(a) TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINER:

[1] CITY PROVIDED CONTAINER - ONE (1) TRASH AND ONE (1) RECYCLING CONTAINER: \$70 PER CONTAINER PAID AT THE TIME OF BUILDING PERMIT ISSUANCE

[2] RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN THIS CATEGORY WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO OTHER FEES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

(6) ((5)) Residential trash and recycling pickup outside the City limits:

(a) Trash and recycling collection pick-up: ((\$ 216)) \$325 per year plus administrative fee of 15).

(b) Trash and recycling container: initial issue ((\$60)) \$70 per container.

(c) Residential units in this category will also be subject to other fees described in this section.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendars days following adoption.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN

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SEAL:

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Date _____