



April 19, 2022
Regular Meeting
Ordinance No. 22-

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Amending Water and Sewer Fees Rates and Charges

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

FIRST READ: _____ **SECOND READ:** _____

SEC. I. Introduction, purpose and authority.

Public water and sewer facilities, processes, equipment and personnel costs are sustained by revenues from the fees generated by the system, not by general government revenues. The City Council engaged the services of Municipal and Financial Services Group to perform a study of the water and sewer fees and charges. The conclusion of the study was that water and sewer fees and charges must be increased in order to cover current operating costs and debt service, and future capital needs and related debt service.

The Council adopts this ordinance pursuant to its authority under §15.2-2143 and §15.2-2119 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Public notice has been duly made and public hearings held in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Virginia.

SEC. II. Amending water and sewer fees and charges.

The City Council hereby ordains that the City's *Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges*, regulations promulgated and published by the Director of Public Works, are hereby amended to incorporate the following changes.

1. Metered water service.

For metered water service, the bi-monthly service charge currently consists of a meter fee based upon a nominal meter size and a consumption fee based upon metered consumption. Both components of such charge are hereby increased, as follows:

Water Utility Fees	Current	Proposed	Change
Water Base Fees (bi-monthly rates)			
5/8" Fixed Fee	\$14.95	\$16.15	\$1.20
3/4" Fixed Fee	\$19.70	\$21.28	\$1.58
1" Fixed Fee	\$38.90	\$42.01	\$3.11
1 1/4 & 1 1/2 Fixed Fee	\$86.34	\$93.25	\$6.91
2" Fixed Fee	\$155.55	\$167.99	\$12.44
3" Fixed Fee	\$368.64	\$398.13	\$29.49
4" Fixed Fee	\$622.39	\$672.18	\$49.79
6" Fixed Fee	\$1456.33	\$1572.84	\$116.51
8" Fixed Fee	\$2482.19	\$2680.77	\$198.58
Water Commodity Charge			
Per 1000 gallons	\$3.05	\$3.29	\$0.24

2. Sanitary sewer service rates.

The bi-monthly sanitary sewer service charge currently consists of a meter fee based upon a nominal water meter size and a consumption fee based upon metered water consumption. Both components of the charge are hereby increased, as follows:

Sewer Utility Fees	Current	Proposed	Change
Sewer Base Fees (bi-monthly rates)			
5/8" Fixed Fee	\$23.46	\$25.81	\$2.35
3/4" Fixed Fee	\$30.92	\$34.01	\$3.09
1" Fixed Fee	\$61.05	\$67.16	\$6.11
1 1/4 & 1 1/2 Fixed Fee	\$135.52	\$149.07	\$13.55
2" Fixed Fee	\$244.16	\$268.58	\$24.42
3" Fixed Fee	\$578.67	\$636.54	\$57.87
4" Fixed Fee	\$976.94	\$1074.63	\$97.69
6" Fixed Fee	\$2198.09	\$2417.90	\$219.81
8" Fixed Fee	\$3746.47	\$4121.12	\$374.65
Sewer Commodity Charge			

Per 1000 gallons	\$5.96	\$6.56	\$0.60
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SEC. III. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved as to form:

Kathleen Dooley, City Attorney

Clerk's Certificate

I, the undersigned, certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 22- duly adopted the City Council meeting held Date, 2022 at which a quorum was present and voted.

**Tonya Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council**

