



**MOTION: DEVINE**

**SECOND: SOLLEY**

**May 8, 2012  
Regular Meeting  
Ordinance No. 12-09**

**RE: AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE, AVAILABILITY,  
AND CONNECTION FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES**

**ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0**

**FIRST READ: April 24, 2012 SECOND READ: May 8, 2012**

**SEC. I. Introduction, purpose and authority.**

The City Council engaged the services of Municipal and Financial Services Group to perform a study of the water and sewer fees and charges, including consumption charges, connection fees, and availability fees. This report was completed and presented to City Council in a public meeting on January 24, 2012. Public water and sewer facilities, processes, equipment and personnel costs are sustained by revenues from the fees generated by the system, not by general revenues. The conclusion of the study is that water and sewer fees and charges must be increased in order to cover current operating and capital costs, and that the structure for assessing connection and availability fees should be modified in the interests of administrative convenience, and fairness. Upon consideration of the study, the Council has determined that recommended fee increases and changes in fee structures are reasonable, fair, and equitable.

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.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** 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:

| <b>Bi-monthly Fixed Fee – Water</b> |                |                               |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Meter Size</b>                   | <b>Current</b> | <b>Effective July 1, 2012</b> |
| 0.625"                              | 7.45           | 8.31                          |
| 0.750"                              | 9.26           | 10.96                         |
| 1"                                  | 18.28          | 21.64                         |

|              |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1.25" & 1.5" | 40.59    | 48.04    |
| 2"           | 73.12    | 86.55    |
| 3"           | 173.29   | 205.12   |
| 4"           | 292.55   | 346.31   |
| 6"           | 658.23   | 779.18   |
| 8"           | 1,190.11 | 1,328.05 |

| <b>Bi-Monthly Consumption Fee – Water</b> |         |                        |
|---|---------|------------------------|
| Unit                                      | Current | Effective July 1, 2012 |
| Per 1000 Gallons                          | 1.90    | 2.08                   |

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:

| <b>Bi-monthly Fixed Fee – Sewer</b> |          |                        |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Meter Size                          | Current  | Effective July 1, 2012 |
| 5/8"                                | 8.56     | 11.76                  |
| 3/4"                                | 11.28    | 15.49                  |
| 1"                                  | 22.28    | 30.59                  |
| 1 1/4" & 1 1/2"                     | 49.46    | 68.70                  |
| 2"                                  | 89.12    | 122.31                 |
| 3"                                  | 211.21   | 289.87                 |
| 4"                                  | 356.58   | 489.37                 |
| 6"                                  | 802.28   | 1,101.00               |
| 8"                                  | 1,367.43 | 1,807.41               |

| <b>Bi-Monthly Consumption Fee – Sewer</b> |         |                        |
|---|---------|------------------------|
| Unit                                      | Current | Effective July 1, 2012 |
| Per 1000 Gallons                          | 4.00    | 4.23                   |

3. Water and sanitary sewer availability fees.

| <b>Water</b>                          |                |                               |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|                                       | <b>Current</b> | <b>Effective July 1, 2012</b> |
| Per Equivalent Residential Connection | \$2,250        | 3,000                         |
| Meter Size                            |                |                               |
| 5/8 inches                            |                | 3,000                         |
| 3/4 inches                            |                | 4,000                         |
| 1 inch                                |                | 7,800                         |
| 1 ½ inches                            |                | 17,300                        |
| 2 inches & over (per ERC)             |                | 3,000                         |

| <b>Sanitary Sewer</b>                 |                |                               |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|                                       | <b>Current</b> | <b>Effective July 1, 2012</b> |
| Per Equivalent Residential Connection | \$4,750        | 5,000                         |
| Meter Size                            |                |                               |
| 5/8 inches                            |                | 5,000                         |
| 3/4 inches                            |                | 6,600                         |
| 1 inch                                |                | 13,000                        |
| 1 ½ inches                            |                | 29,200                        |
| 2 inches & over (per ERC)             |                | 5,000                         |

4. Water and sanitary sewer connection fees.

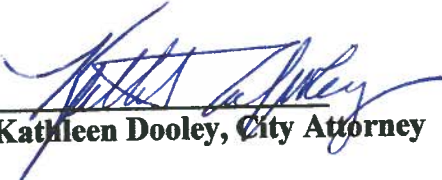
| <b>Water</b>     |                |                               |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|                  | <b>Current</b> | <b>Effective July 1, 2012</b> |
| Line Size        |                |                               |
| 3/4 inches       | 1,050          | 2,600                         |
| 1 inch           | 1,250          | 2,900                         |
| 1 ½ inches       | 2,300          | 3,100                         |
| All larger sizes | Cost + 10%     | Cost + 10%                    |

| <b>Sanitary Sewer</b> |                |                               |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | <b>Current</b> | <b>Effective July 1, 2012</b> |
| Lateral Size          |                |                               |
| 4 inches              | 2,100          | 5,100                         |
| 6 inches              | 2,500          | 5,300                         |
| All larger sizes      | Cost + 20%     | Cost + 20%                    |

SEC. III. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2012.

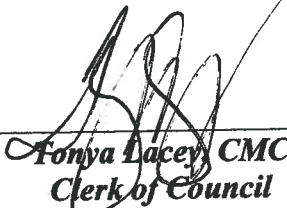
Approved as to form:

  
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Kathleen Dooley, City Attorney

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*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. 12-09 duly adopted the City Council meeting held May 8, 2012 at which a quorum was present and voted.*

  
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Tonya Dacey, CMC  
Clerk of Council