



MOTION: KELLY

SECOND: DEVINE

RE: Amending the Water and Sewer Availability Fees

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 7; Nays: 0

FIRST READ: January 10, 2023 SECOND READ: January 24, 2023

January 24, 2023  
Regular Meeting  
Ordinance 23-01

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

Availability fees are charged to new development to offset the costs associated with increasing system capacity – either within the transmission or conveyance system or at the treatment plants.

The last rate increase for these fees for water and sewer occurred in FY 2013. The staff proposes to increase the current availability fees that are charged for new water and sewer development. (For reference, the vast majority of residential connections are 5/8" in size).

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 availability fees**

**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. **Water and sanitary sewer availability fees.**

Water	Current	Proposed
5/8" Meter Size	\$3,000	\$3,800
¾" Meter Size	\$4,000	\$5,100
1" Meter Size	\$7,800	\$9,900
1.5" Meter Size	\$17,300	\$21,900
2" Meter and Larger (per ERC <sup>1</sup> )	\$3,000	\$3,800

<sup>1</sup> Equivalent Residential Connection

Wastewater	Current	Proposed
5/8" Meter Size	\$5,000	\$6,000
¾" Meter Size	\$6,600	\$7,920
1" Meter Size	\$13,000	\$15,600
1.5" Meter Size	\$29,200	\$35,040
2" Meter and Larger (per ERC)	\$5,000	\$6,000

SEC. III. Effective date.

This ordinance shall take effect March 1, 2023.

Votes:

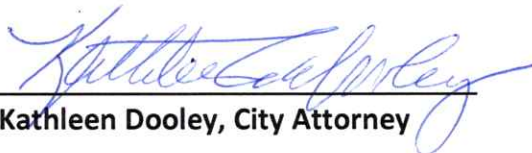
**Ayes:** Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham, Kelly

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None

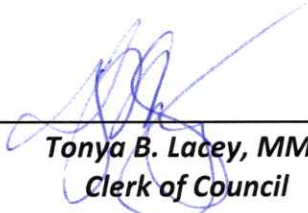
Approved as to form:

  
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 23-01 duly adopted the City Council meeting held January 24, 2023 at which a quorum was present and voted.*

  
Tonya B. Lacey, MMC  
Clerk of Council