

**Sec. 66-51. Utility charges.**

Customers shall pay charges for utility service comprised of and in accordance with the following schedules of rates and charges:

(a) *Monthly service charges.* The monthly service charge shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) *Customer account charge.* A monthly administrative charge of \$5.00 shall be levied on each customer account. However, customers who have only a water service account or a wastewater service account shall pay a monthly administrative charge of \$3.50. Customers shall pay an administrative fee of \$25.00 when they open or revise a utilities account. The charge shall be applied on the first utility bill after the revision.
- (2) *Commodity charge.* Based on the table below for metering requirements, ERU determinations and other usage-based rate charges
  - (i) *Water:* \$25.00 per 2,000 gallons or part thereof and \$45.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof thereafter **except for residential and governmental and educational users.**
  - (ii) *Wastewater:* \$2533.00 per equivalent residential unit (ERU) as such standard is determined by the Virginia Department of Health regulations.
  - (iii) Reserved.
  - (iv) Commodity charge and rate assignment:

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	Customer Class	WASTEWATER CHARGES		WATER CHARGES
		A rate of \$25.00 per ERU applies		Rate Charges as follows:
		Unit Equivalent	ERU's Per Unit	
(a)	Residential	1 family unit	1	\$25.00 for first 2,000 gallons, additional usage @ \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons
	Noncommercial, nonresidential facilities	Per structure	1	
(b)	Car wash, Laundromat, Restaurants, Industries or Industrial-zoned, Salons and Barber Shops	Meter required	Meter required	\$25.00 for first 2,000 gallons, additional usage @ \$45.00 per 1,000 gallons
(c)	Professional, Office, Retail space (not storage) and Business (except	Per 1,000 sq. feet	1	\$25.00 for first 2,000 gallons, additional usage @ \$45.00 per

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	those otherwise listed)			1,000 gallons
(d)	Nursing/convalescent and homes for the aged	Per bed	0.45	\$25.00 for first 2,000 gallons, additional usage @ \$45.00 per 1,000 gallons
	Motels, hotels and bed & breakfast	Per room	0.45	
(e)	Governmental and educational	Flat rate as determined by the board of supervisors	Flat rate as determined by the board of supervisors	\$11599.00 first 2,000 gallons, additional usage @ \$175.00 per 1,000 gallons

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(v) Customers requiring metered wastewater service shall be charged \$3325.00 for the first 2,000 gallons, and an additional \$53.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

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(vi) Any customer using in excess of 50,000 gallons of wastewater monthly will be required to be metered.

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(vii) Uses not enumerated in the table above shall be charged according to the most similar usage rate as determined by the public utilities director.

(3) *Nonuser service charge.* Regardless of water use, customers who are required to connect but choose not to use the county water system shall be charged a monthly nonuser service charge comprised of (i) a customer account charge pursuant to section 66-51(a)(i) and either (a) \$25.00 for residential service or (b) \$25.00 for commercial service.

(4) *Customer account setoff.* The county shall set off any refunds to which a customer is entitled against any debts that the consumer owes the county.

(b) *Ancillary charges.*

Type	Charge
(1) Bulk water charge	\$800750.00 up to 1,000 gallons; \$2045.00 per 1,000 gallons or any part thereof thereafter
(2) Bacteriological test for new construction, per test	28,003.50
(3) Meter testing charges:	
(i) 5/8inch	350.00

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	(ii)	1-inch	359.00
	(iii)	1½-inch	459.00
	(iv)	2-inch	459.00
	(v)	Meters that are larger than two inches will be charged the actual cost of the test	
(4)	Temporary voluntary meter disconnection fee	Customer cost charge plus capacity costs charge for each billing period of disconnection, plus service reconnection fee	
(5)	Meter reinstallation fee	Customers shall pay a charge of <del>\$650.00</del> for reinstalling meters that are two inches or smaller. Consumers shall pay the actual cost incurred by the county for labor, materials and equipment, plus 25 percent for reinstalling meters that are larger than two inches.	

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- (c) Multiple-family dwellings, schools, churches, businesses, industries and other types of units will be valued in multiples of an ERU.
- (d) A consumer who has paid a connection fee shall pay the monthly service charges and ancillary charges, irrespective of whether the consumer is actually receiving utility service.
- (e) Significant industrial users shall pay a surcharge for the cost of treating excessive strength waste or pollutants in accordance with such schedule as approved in advance by the public utilities director.
- (f) When a water meter is tested at the consumer's request and the test establishes that the meter is inaccurate according to applicable industry standards, the consumer shall not be assessed the meter testing charge.
- (g) In addition to other applicable enforcement penalties, any person who makes an erroneous request for system repairs or a service call to the county and it is determined that such request or call involved a matter that was not related to the improper functioning or operation of the county's facilities shall pay the following fees:

- (1) For erroneous system repairs or service calls made Monday through Friday during normal county business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), \$450.00; or
- (2) For erroneous system repairs or service calls made at any time other than those set forth in subsection (1) of this section, or during any holiday observed by the county, \$765.00.

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