

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Ordinance No. 11-O-03

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AMENDMENT TO THE CODE, CHAPTER A550, FEES

1 AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter A550, Section A550-1, schedule of rates and
2 charges.

3 BE IT ENACTED that the Code of the City of Aberdeen, Chapter A550, Section
4 A550-1, schedule of rates and charges, be and are hereby amended and to read as follows:

5 § A550-1. Schedule of rates and charges.

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

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

9 (1) Water use rate. These charges and rates shall be determined as part of the
10 formulation of the annual Water Fund Budget and shall be set and adopted as part
11 of the annual budget ordinance.

12 (2) Demand charges.

13 (a) Residential: five-eighths-inch to three-fourths-inch meter: \$1.25 per
14 quarter.

15 (b) Commercial: the commercial demand charge shall be based upon the meter
16 size:

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

1 (3) Sanitary sewer use rate. These charges and rates shall be determined as part of
2 the formulation of the annual Sewer Fund Budget and shall be set and adopted as
3 part of the annual budget ordinance.

4 (4) Nonresident user rates. The water and sewer use rate to customers out of the City
5 limits shall be 150% of the prevailing use rate unless as otherwise approved by
6 the Mayor and Council.

7 (5) Water area connection charge.

8 (a) Per equivalent dwelling unit, \$10,500.

9 [1] Application

10 [a] Water area connection charges are assessed on all new development
11 and redevelopment. A single family dwelling is considered one
12 Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) and shall be assessed at \$10,500 as
13 described in this section.

14 [b] An EDU is determined to be two hundred fifty (250) gallons of
15 water per day.

16 [c] The water area connection charge is broken down into four (4)
17 components: (1) water production; (2) water storage; (3) water
18 distribution; (4) engineering and administration.

19 [d] A separate fee per EDU is established for each component. The City
20 Manager is empowered to credit an applicant a portion of the water

1 area connection charge if that applicant has paid for one or more of
2 the components of the water area connection charges in another
3 manner. Adjustment of the water area connection charges is at the
4 sole and complete discretion of the City Manager.

5 [2] Water Production Component Calculation

6 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for, or pay the debt service
7 on, any project that increases the water production capacity of the
8 City of Aberdeen, whether by using City-owned infrastructure or by
9 purchasing water production capacity in another system from which
10 the City will buy water. That component shall be assessed at \$6,700
11 per EDU.

12 [3] Water Storage Component Calculation

13 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for, or pay the debt service
14 on, any project that increases the water storage capacity of the City
15 of Aberdeen. That component shall be assessed at \$2,600 per EDU.

16 [4] Water Distribution Component Calculation

17 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for, or pay the debt service
18 on, and project that increases the water distribution capacity of the
19 overall water system of the City of Aberdeen. The further purpose
20 of this component is to pay for, or pay the debt service on, water
21 pumping stations needed to move water from one zone to another or
22 to boost pressure from the Harford County water system into the
23 Aberdeen water system. That component shall be assessed at \$800
24 per EDU.

25 [5] Engineering and Administrative Component Calculation

26 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for the periodic engineering
27 studies needed to evaluate any present and future capacities and
28 capabilities of the City of Aberdeen water system. That component
29 shall be assessed \$400 per EDU.

30 (b) Hotels and motels: \$1,800 per room (rental unit).

31 (c) Commercial, business, industrial and other residential. The Director of
32 Public Works, with the approval of the City Manager, shall develop and
33 implement a method of calculating the daily water generation rates for all
34 commercial, business, industrial, and other residential uses within the City.
35 Each 250 gallons per day of water generation shall typically constitute an

1 EDU, but surcharges can be established to cover water production peaking.
2 The connection charge shall be assessed on such uses multiplying the
3 number of EDU's, or fraction thereof, by the charge established in
4 subsection (a) of this section.

5 (d) Apartment units: \$5,300 per apartment unit.

6 (6) Water meter charge.

7 (a) This charge is additional to the area connection charges. The City will
8 furnish and install the water meter. The meter shall be owned and
9 maintained by the City.

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

13 (c) Applicants will need to provide to the City, in writing, the size of meter
14 required for a given project before said meter is ordered.

15 (d) Applicants will need to provide at least a thirty (30) day notice to the City to
16 allow for ordering and receipt of meters.

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

19 (7) Sanitary sewer area connection charge.

20 (a) Per equivalent dwelling unit: \$5,400.

21 [1] Application

22 [a] Fees are assessed on all new development and redevelopment. A
23 single family dwelling is considered one (1) Equivalent Dwelling
24 Unit (EDU) and shall be assessed at \$5,400 as described in this
25 section.

26 [b] An EDU is determined to be 250 gallons of sewage per day and shall
27 be determined by the amount of water that is metered for the
28 premise.

29 [c] The Sanitary Sewer Area Connection Fee is broken down into three
30 components: (1) sewage collection (including pump stations), (2)
31 sewage treatment, (3) engineering and administration.

1 [d] A separate fee per EDU is established for each component. The City
2 Manager is empowered to credit an applicant a portion of the
3 Sanitary Sewer Area Connection Charge if that applicant has paid
4 for one or more of the components of that charge in another manner.
5 Adjustment of the Sanitary Sewer Area Connection Charge is at the
6 sole and complete discretion of the City Manager.

7 [2] Sewage Collection Component Calculation

8 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for, or pay the debt service
9 on, any project that increases the sewage collection capacity of the
10 City of Aberdeen, or any project that deals with the reduction of
11 Inflow and Infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. That
12 component shall be assessed at \$2,000 per EDU.

13 [3] Sewage Treatment Component Calculation

14 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for, or pay the debt service
15 on, any project that increases the sewage treatment capacity of the
16 City of Aberdeen. That component shall be assessed at \$3,000 per
17 EDU.

18 [4] Engineering and Administrative Component Calculation

19 [a] The purpose of this component is to pay for the periodic engineering
20 studies needed to evaluate any present and future capacities and
21 capabilities of the City of Aberdeen sewer system. That component
22 shall be assessed at \$400 per EDU.

23 (b) Hotels and motels: \$1,000 per room (rental unit).

24 (c) Commercial, business, industrial and other residential. The Director of
25 Public Works, with the approval of the City Manager, shall develop and
26 implement a method of calculating the daily water generation rates for all
27 commercial, business and industrial uses within the City. Each 250 gallons
28 per day of water generation shall constitute an EDU. The connection charge
29 shall be assessed on such uses multiplying the number of EDU's, or fraction
30 thereof, by the charge established in subsection (a) of this section.

31 (d) Apartment units: \$2,700 per apartment unit.

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

- 1 (9) Responsibility for costs. The cost to furnish and install the water and sewer house
2 service connection from the utility main line shall be borne by the property owner.
- 3 (10) Work done within rights-of-ways. House service work performed within public
4 rights-of-ways shall be done by the City or by a Maryland licensed utility
5 contractor.
- 6 (11) Water service interruption.
- 7 (a) Residential customer: a fee of \$50 per occurrence will be charged for
8 interruption of service if payment arrangements have not been made.
- 9 (b) Commercial/industrial customer: a fee of \$100 per occurrence will be
10 charged for interruption of service if payment arrangements have not been
11 made.
- 12 (c) Department of Public Works business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
13 Monday through Friday; non-holiday. Restoration of water and sewer
14 service made during non-business hours shall be \$95 for residential
15 customers and \$200 for non-residential customers.
- 16 (12) Fees and penalties.
- 17 (a) Late charges: a 10% penalty fee will be charged if not paid by the due date.
18 Only cash or money order will be accepted for past-due accounts.
- 19 (b) Returned checks: a fee of \$30 will be charged for returned checks.
- 20 (c) Fee charged for final readings: \$30.
- 21 (d) Fee charged for checking the accuracy of a water meter and for leak
22 detection: \$20. There is no charge if first request within 12-month period.
23 The fee is waived if the meter is off by more than 5%, if a leak is found.
- 24 (e) Fee charged for service termination: \$100.
- 25 (13) Responsibility for payment of water and sewage usage rates and charges shall be
26 borne by the property owners. Failure of the tenants or lessees to make payment
27 of water and sewage usage rates and charges shall not relieve the property owner
28 from responsibility for payment.
- 29 (14) Miss Utility Location Markings Fees.
- 30 (a) Requests for Miss Utility location markings will be billed at the rate of \$35
31 per locate during Public Works business hours.

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

3 (1) Engineering review and construction inspection services. In-house engineering
4 review: \$65 per hour; outsourced engineering review: cost plus 15%; in-house
5 inspections: \$50 per hour; outsourced inspections: cost plus 15%.

6 (2) Building permit.

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

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

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

11 (d) Addition, garage attached, garage detached, interior renovation,
12 decks/porches, carport: \$0.03 per square foot, \$30 minimum.

13 (e) In-ground pool: \$75.

14 (f) Mobile home: single-wide \$55; double-wide \$75.

15 (3) Sign permit. Sign permit fees shall be the following; these fees shall include
16 building and zoning permits:

Type	Fee
Billboard	\$100
Marquee/awning	\$30
Freestanding	\$60
Face	\$40
Hanging	\$40
Roof	\$40
Temporary	\$40

17 (4) Water and sewer service connections and new or expanded service connections.
18 Service connection shall be based upon water meter size:

Water Meter Size (inches)	Water Service Connection	Sewer Service Connection
5/8 to 3/4	\$550	\$450
1	\$750	\$550
1 1/2	\$950	\$650
2	\$1,050	\$700

- 1 (5) Private fire hydrant testing: \$75 per hydrant.
- 2 (6) Erosion and sediment control.
- 3 (a) Erosion and sediment control agreement: \$125 (less than or equal to 5,000
4 square feet or less than or equal to 100 cubic yards of disturbed area).
- 5 (b) Erosion and sediment grading permit: shall be a minimum of \$200 or 4% of
6 the approved erosion and sediment control construction cost estimate,
7 whichever is greater.
- 8 (c) Standard erosion control plan: \$200.
- 9 (7) Stop-work order: \$100. \$150 for second stop work order if corrective action is
10 not taken within thirty (30) days of first stop work order, \$200 for third, and each
11 successive stop work order if corrective action is not taken on first stop work
12 order.
- 13 C. Annexation fees. Application fee upon submission: \$1,000 minimum.
- 14 (1) The City Clerk shall coordinate an estimate of the costs that the City shall incur to
15 process the annexation petition, including but not limited to: advertising costs,
16 legal review fees, staff planning, and engineering review fees.
- 17 (2) The petitioner shall deposit with the City the amount of said estimate and will
18 understand that such money shall be used at the City's discretion in relation to the
19 review and process of the petitioner's annexation petition, annexation plan, and
20 annexation agreement.
- 21 (3) Any unused portion of the estimated amount will be returned to the petitioner
22 after the vote on the annexation resolution is taken. Any additional, amount of
23 money needed above the initial estimate to process the annexation shall be paid to
24 the City before the date that the vote on the annexation resolution occurs.

- 1 D. Planning and zoning. The following fees, rates and charges are established pursuant to
2 Chapter 235, Development Code, and Chapter 475, Subdivision of Land, of the City
3 Code:
- 4 (1) Rezoning request: \$1,000, plus publication and posting fee of \$200, plus City
5 Attorney fees.
- 6 (2) Zoning appeals.
- 7 (a) Variances: \$150; \$50 where less than 20% of the lot is affected.
- 8 (b) Special exceptions: \$300 for use of individual parcels; \$500 for residential
9 subdivisions, plus \$20 per dwelling unit; \$500 for shopping center, plus \$30
10 per acre.
- 11 (c) Publication and posting fee: \$100 in addition to the filing fee for variances
12 and special exceptions.
- 13 (3) Interpretation of Development Code: \$500, plus publication and posting fee of
14 \$100.
- 15 (4) Planning Commission review.
- 16 (a) Concept plan: \$500.
- 17 (b) Site plan review: \$500, plus \$50 per residential unit; \$500, plus \$100 per
18 commercial or industrial acre.
- 19 (c) Revisions to site plan review: \$300, plus \$25 per residential unit; \$300, plus
20 \$50 per commercial or industrial acre.
- 21 (d) Subdivision review: \$500, plus \$50 per residential lot; \$500, plus \$50 per
22 multifamily residential lot; \$500, plus \$100 per commercial or industrial acre.
- 23 (e) Revisions to subdivision review: \$300, plus \$50 per residential lot; \$300, plus
24 \$50 per multifamily residential lot; \$300, plus \$100 per commercial or
25 industrial acre.
- 26 (f) Review of planned unit developments, mixed-use developments, and
27 integrated business district: \$500, plus \$50 per residential lot; \$500, plus \$100
28 per commercial or industrial acre.
- 29 (5) Copy of Development Code: \$20; Zoning Map: \$20.
- 30 (6) Copy of Subdivision Regulations: \$10.

- 1 (7) Business use and occupancy certificate: \$50 to assure compliance with the
2 Aberdeen Development Code and with the State Fire Marshal's office.
- 3 (8) Demolition permits: \$100 without a separate permit or \$50 with a building permit
4 to construct a new structure.
- 5 (9) Forest conservation and forest stand delineation plan review: \$300.
- 6 (10) Temporary storage permit for vehicle: \$100.
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- 8 (11) Aberdeen Comprehensive Plan: \$75.
- 9 E. Stormwater management. The permit fee established pursuant to Chapter 465,
10 Stormwater Management, of the City Code shall be a minimum of \$200 or 4% of
11 construction cost, whichever is greater.
- 12 F. Miscellaneous fees. The following miscellaneous fees are established pursuant to the
13 cited chapters of the City Code:
- 14 (1) Mobile home park license (Chapters 370, Mobile Home Park): annual fee of
15 \$200.
- 16 (2) Parades (Chapter 402, Parades and Assemblies): \$5.
- 17 (3) Peddlers and solicitors (Chapter 417, Peddling and Soliciting): \$10 to \$50.
- 18 (a) Sales of magazines, educational books, other nonreligious printed material:
19 \$10.
- 20 (b) Miscellaneous household items: \$10.
- 21 (c) Seafood sales (along roadsides): \$50.
- 22 (d) Fruit and vegetable vendors reselling purchased goods: \$50.
- 23 (e) Ice cream vendors: \$50.
- 24 (4) Chapter 486, Taxicabs:
- 25 (a) Annual taxi vehicle registration: \$8.
- 26 (b) Taxi driver permit: new: \$8; renewal: \$5.
- 27 (5) Bicycle registration (Chapter 505, Vehicles and Traffic): \$1 (permanent).

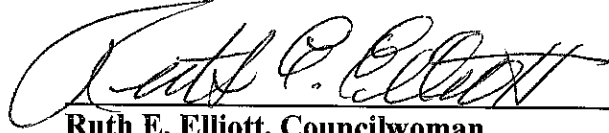
- 1 G. County fees. Harford County fees shall be as applicable and as required.
- 2 H. Returned check fee: \$30 for each occurrence.
- 3 I. Fees not described. The City Manager may establish reasonable fees for materials or
4 services not described in this chapter.

5 LET IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, upon motion duly made and approved by the
6 Mayor and Council, the above Ordinance is hereby adopted and shall be effective at the
7 expiration of twenty (20) calendar days after date of the adoption.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN



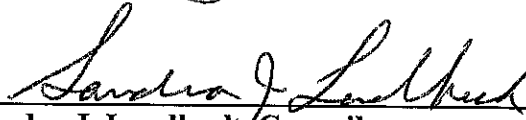
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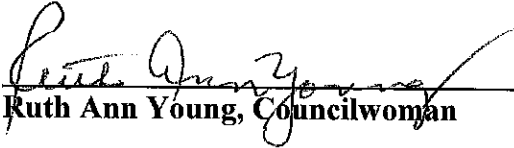
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ATTEST:

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Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date April 11, 2011