

**CHAPTER 52: WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES**

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**§ 52. 01 WATER RATES AND SERVICES.**

There shall be a monthly charge to all consumers of water serviced by the city. The rates to be charged for water service shall be as follows.

(A) *Residential water rate.* A person serviced by the city as any single-family dwelling unit in which each water service is metered independently shall be charged the following rates for water service.

Base Charge	\$25.00 base charge per meter
1 cubic foot and above	\$25.00 base charge per meter plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet

(B) *Commercial and industrial water rate.* A business or other legal entity serviced by the city.

Base Charge	\$32.50 base charge per meter
1 to 25, 000 cubic feet	\$32.50 base charge per meter plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet from 1 to 25, 000 cubic feet
25, 001 to 50, 000 cubic feet	\$32.50 base charge per meter plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet from 1 to 25, 000 plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet above 25, 001 to 50, 000 cubic feet
50, 001 cubic feet and above	\$32.50 base charge per meter plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet from 1 to 25, 000 plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet above 25, 001 to 50, 000 cubic feet plus \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet above 50, 000 cubic feet

(Ord. 1077, passed 01/04/2021)

(C) *Reading of water meter.* All water customers shall be responsible for reading the customer's water meter and reporting the reading thereof to the Municipal Finance Officer no later than the fifteenth day of each month of each year. Failure to do so shall result in the imposition of a service charge of \$20 for each failure to report the meter reading. Such charges shall be added to the customer's account for collection in the same manner as other charges imposed in connection with the water system.

(D) *Single-family residential customers.* All single-family residential customers requesting water service shall first make a deposit of \$100. Commercial and industrial customers shall make a deposit based on the size of the water meter as follows:

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3/4 inch	\$150
1 inch to 1-1/2 inch	\$200
2 inches	\$250
Above 2 inches	\$300

(E) *Shut-off for non-payment.* In the event the water is shut off for non-payment of water charges, there shall be a charge of \$25 for reinstating water service.

(F) *Establishment of rates.* Any person, business or other legal entity located outside of the corporate limits of the city, that is connected to the city's water system shall be charged such rate or rates as established by the city, pursuant to a duly enacted ordinance.  
(Prior Code, § 13.12.010) (Ord. 1039, passed 3-20-2017)

**§ 52.02 WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATES INSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY.**

There shall be a monthly charge to all consumers of wastewater (sewer) service within the city, and the rates to be so charged shall be as follows.

(A) *Residential wastewater (sewer) rate.*

(1) A person serviced by the city as a single-family dwelling unit in which each water service is metered independently and is serviced by the sanitary wastewater (sewer) system.

(2) The city determines that all residential wastewater (sewer) customers receiving wastewater service from the city shall be charged a residential wastewater rate based upon 100% of the total water usage as calculated from the water meter readings for each account. The fee for wastewater usage shall be as follows:

0 to 167 cubic feet	\$32 base charge per meter
168 to 2,000 cubic feet	\$32 base charge per meter plus \$3 per 100 cubic feet to 2,000 cubic feet
2,001 cubic feet and above	Cap of \$86.99

(B) *Residential wastewater (sewer) rate with two water meters on one service.*

(1) A person serviced by the city as any single-family dwelling unit which has two water distribution system meters on one water service and is connected to the wastewater (sewer) system.

(2) The city determines that residential wastewater (sewer) customers receiving wastewater service from the city in that manner shall be charged at a rate of 100% of the total water usage as calculated from the main water meter servicing the residential structure. The fee for wastewater usage shall be as follows:

0 to 167 cubic feet	\$32 base charge per meter
168 cubic feet and above	\$32 base charge per meter plus \$3 per 100 cubic feet

(C) *Commercial and industrial wastewater (sewer) rate.*

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(1) A business or other legal entity serviced by the city and is connected to the sanitary wastewater (sewer) system.

0 to 167 cubic feet	\$37 base charge per meter
168 cubic feet and above	\$37 base charge per meter plus \$3.75 per 100 cubic feet

(2) Commercial and industrial customer charges shall be based on 100% consumption of water in each month.

(D) *Required to have water service.* The city will not allow a person, business or other legal entity inside the corporate limits of the city access to the city's wastewater (sewer) system or accept any residential or commercial wastewater without being serviced by the city's water system.

(E) *Commercial or industrial customers.*

(1) Commercial or industrial customers shall have the yearly option to base their wastewater charges on actual metered wastewater usage in lieu of metered water usage. The option must be exercised in writing by the commercial or industrial customer on or before October 1 of each calendar year. The cost of such meter and installation shall be borne by the commercial user.

(2) The commercial or industrial customer who has exercised their option to have their wastewater discharge charges based on metered flow shall be responsible to monitor and report to the city total flow for each month. The customer shall read the wastewater meter and report the reading thereof to the Finance Officer no later than the fifteenth day of each month. Failure to do so shall result in the imposition of a service charge of \$20 for each failure to report the wastewater meter reading. Such charges shall be added to the customer's account for collection of the same in the same manner as other charges imposed in connection with the wastewater system. Flows must be monitored continuously by the commercial or industrial customer using a totalizing flow meter. The meter(s) shall be installed, calibrated and maintained to ensure its accuracy is consistent with accepted engineering standards and capabilities. All metering devices and the manner of installation must be approved by the city in writing.

(F) *Calibration; metering equipment.* The metering equipment shall be calibrated whenever requested by either party. The expense of the calibration shall be paid by the customer unless the meter is determined to over register in excess of 3% of the correct volume, in which event the cost of calibration shall be paid by the city. A meter registering not more than 2% above or below the test result shall be deemed to be accurate. The previous readings of any meter disclosed by test to be inaccurate shall be corrected for one-half the time from the last calibration in accordance with the percentage of inaccuracy found by such tests. If any meter fails to register for any period, the amount of wastewater treatment discharged during such period shall be based on consumption of water used during that same period as if no wastewater meter had been installed. An appropriate official of the city shall have access to the meter at all reasonable times for the purpose of verifying its readings.

(G) *Establishment of rates.* Any person, business or other legal entity located inside of the corporate limits of the city that is connected to the city's wastewater (sewer) system shall be charged such rate or rates as established by the city, pursuant to a duly enacted ordinance.

(Prior Code, § 13.12.030) (Ord. 1039, passed 3-20-2017)

**§ 52.03 WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATES AND SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS**

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There shall be a monthly charge to all consumers of wastewater (sewer) service outside the city and the rates to be so charged shall be as follows.

(A) *Residential wastewater (sewer) rate.*

(1) A person serviced by the city as any single-family dwelling unit in which each water service is metered independently.

(2) The city determines that all residential wastewater (sewer) customers receiving wastewater service from the city shall be charged at a rate of 100% of the total water usage as calculated from the water meter readings for each account.

0 to 167 cubic feet	\$42 base charge per meter
168 to 2,000 cubic feet	\$42 base charge per meter plus \$4.50 per 100 cubic feet to 2,000 cubic feet
2,001 cubic feet and above	Cap of \$124.49

(3) Residential wastewater (sewer) rates shall be based on consumption of water in each month and shall be adjusted to reflect any changes in usage.

(B) *Residential wastewater (sewer) rate with two water meters on one service.*

(1) A person serviced by the city as any single-family dwelling unit which has two water distribution system meters on one water system and is connected to the wastewater (sewer) system.

(2) The city determines that residential wastewater (sewer) customers receiving wastewater service from the city in that manner shall be charged at a rate of 100% of the total water usage as calculated from the main water meter servicing the residential structure. The fee for wastewater usage shall be as follows:

0 to 167 cubic feet	\$48 base charge per meter
168 cubic feet and above	\$48 base charge per meter plus \$4.50 per 100 cubic feet

(C) *Commercial and industrial wastewater (sewer) rate.*

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(1) A business or other legal entity serviced by the city and is connected to the sanitary wastewater (sewer) system.

0 to 167 cubic feet	\$55.50 base charge per meter
168 to 50,000 cubic feet	\$55.50 base charge per meter plus \$5.60 per 100 cubic feet to 50,000 cubic feet
50,001 cubic feet and above	\$55.50 base charge per meter plus \$5.60 per 100 cubic feet to 50,000 cubic feet plus \$5.60 per 100 cubic feet above 50,000 cubic feet

(2) Commercial and industrial customer charges shall be based on 100% consumption of water in each month and shall be adjusted to reflect any changes in usage.

(D) *Required to have water service.* The city will not allow a person, business or other legal entity inside the corporate limits of the city access to the city's wastewater (sewer) system or accept any residential or commercial wastewater without being serviced by the city's water system.

(E) *Yearly option.*

(1) Commercial or industrial customers shall have the yearly option to base their wastewater charges on actual metered wastewater usage in lieu of metered water usage. The option must be exercised in writing by the commercial or industrial customer on or before October 1 of each calendar year. The cost of such meter and installation shall be borne by the commercial user.

(2) The commercial or industrial customer who has exercised their option to have their wastewater discharge charges based on metered flow shall be responsible to monitor and report to the city total flow for each month. The customer shall read the wastewater meter and report the reading thereof to the Finance Officer no later than the fifteenth day of each month. Failure to do so shall result in the imposition of a service charge of \$20 for each failure to report the wastewater meter reading. Such charges shall be added to the customer's account for collection of the same in the same manner as other charges imposed in connection with the wastewater system. Flows must be monitored continuously by the commercial or industrial customer using a totalizing flow meter. The meter(s) shall be installed, calibrated and maintained to ensure its accuracy is consistent with accepted engineering standards and capabilities. All metering devices and the manner of installation must be approved by the city in writing.

(F) *Calibration; metering equipment.* The metering equipment shall be calibrated whenever requested by either party. The expense of the calibration shall be paid by the customer unless the meter is determined to over register in excess of 3% of the correct volume, in which event the cost of calibration shall be paid by the city. A meter registering not more than 2% above or below the test result shall be deemed to be accurate. The previous readings of any meter disclosed by test to be inaccurate shall be corrected for one-half the time from the last calibration in accordance with the percentage of inaccuracy found by such tests. If any meter fails to register for any period, the amount of wastewater treatment discharged during such period shall be based on consumption of water used during that same period as if no waste water meter had been installed. An appropriate official of the city shall have access to the meter at all reasonable times for the purpose of verifying its readings.

(G) *Establishment of rates.* Any person, business or other legal entity located inside of the corporate limits of the city that is connected to the city's wastewater (sewer) system shall be charged such rate or rates as established by the city, pursuant to a duly enacted ordinance.  
(Prior Code, § 13.12.040) (Ord. 1039, passed 3-20-2017)

**§ 52.04 BULK WATER RATES.**

The charges for bulk water sales shall be as follows:

(A) Bulk water station located at 335 East Ninth Street (Canton Public Works): 25 cents per 75 gallons of water.

(B) Bulk water use via water hydrant meter:

(1) Five hundred dollars advance refundable hydrant meter deposit to the city;

(2) One hundred dollars base charge per month (no usage included); and

(3) Three dollars and thirty-three cents for each 1,000 gallons of usage.

(Prior Code, § 13.12.050)

**§ 52.05 OUTSIDE WATERING PURPOSES.**

Any water, be it commercial or residential, that is metered through an additional meter or meters that is consumed through either an in-ground sprinkler system or outside water valve that does not go into the sanitary wastewater (sewer) system shall not bear the wastewater (sewer) rate charge. Any additional water meter hookup, for outside watering purposes only must be hooked up in accordance with the city ordinances and state plumbing codes. Systems must be inspected prior to having water turned on and the cost for the entire hookup shall be borne by the property owner, including the cost of any additional meters or curb stop. The fees for consumption and usage shall be billed and paid monthly.

(Prior Code, § 13.12.060)

**§ 52.06 LATE FEES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER (SEWER) SERVICE.**

The City Commission establishes for water and wastewater (sewer) services that are delinquent past the scheduled bill due date, a late fee to be assessed to the delinquent account. The amount of the late fee shall be 1.5% of the total water and wastewater (sewer) bill for each delinquent account or a minimum late fee of \$10, whichever is greater.

(Prior Code, § 13.12.070)

**§ 52.07 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The ordinance codified in this chapter shall be effective upon its passage and publication in accordance with SDCL § 9-19-13. (Prior Code, § 13.12.080)

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