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## **NEW WATER SERVICES FEES AND COSTS**

### **Detached, Single-family Residential Construction and Developments**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The following new water services fees and costs for residential construction and developments are described in more detail in the EAWSD New Water Services Policy, amended and approved by the EAWSD Board of Directors on June 3, 2010. The fees and costs summarized here apply when a potential residential customer or developer requests new water service from EAWSD for one or more detached, single-family residences. A “new service” is any water service that requires the setting of a water meter where no meter is currently installed and for which a meter base fee is not being paid.

Fees are based on the number of residential dwelling units being requested. A single residence represents 1 equivalent dwelling unit (edu). One edu represents water use of 0.25 acre-feet per year (afy), which equals 81,463 gallons per year or 223 gallons per day. All applicable fees and deposits are due upon application for service, prior to commencement of construction or service to an existing residence.

#### **WATER RIGHTS FEE--\$25,000/AFY**

This fee is used by the District to pay for costs incurred by the District for the administration, acquisition and regulatory or legal confirmation of water rights required to provide the water used by the new residence or residential development. The fee is \$6,250 for a single residence. (EAWSD may, at the discretion of the Board, accept equivalent water rights in lieu of this fee.)

#### **WATER SOURCE FEE--\$1,500/EDU**

This fee represents an amount needed to provide a source of drinking water for a single dwelling unit, including the proportional cost of well drilling and development, well testing, and connection to the EAWSD water system. (In lieu of this fee, EAWSD may, at the discretion of the Board, accept a producing well or other substitute of greater value related to the provision of water, such as water rights, land for a well, or easements needed for transport or production of water.)

#### **SYSTEM SERVICE FEE--\$2,882/EDU**

This fee is based on the value of existing District assets, which have been paid for by other customers through rates and taxes, and that benefit the new customer when he or she connects to the system. (This fee will be reduced by half for customers who convert from a private well to the District water system and will be waived in its entirety for customers who convert from a private well to the District water system and either remove the well from service or transfer an acceptable well to the District.)

### **METER COST**

The residential customer or developer must pay for the actual cost of meter installation. A deposit is required at the time of application for service for the entire estimated cost of the meter installation. A complete residential meter installation (including ¾-inch radio-read meter, riser piping and meter can) is currently estimated to cost \$1,200.

### **SERVICE LATERAL COST**

The residential customer or developer must pay for the actual cost of tapping the water main and installing a lateral service line, if needed. A deposit is required at the time of application for service for the estimated cost of the service lateral(s) required for the property or properties. The amount of the deposit depends on the length of the required service line(s) and whether or not access beneath a paved road is required. Current service lateral deposits are as follows:

- Less than 25 feet, unpaved                      \$1,200 deposit
- Less than 25 feet, paved                         \$1,700 deposit
- More than 25 feet, unpaved                     \$3,000 deposit
- More than 25 feet, paved                       \$4,000 deposit

### **OTHER NEW INFRASTRUCTURE COST**

The new residential customer or developer is responsible for installing or for the cost of installing any other new infrastructure required to serve the residence or development, such as water mains, fire hydrants, and valves. If installed by the customer or developer, any new infrastructure must meet District specifications, and ownership must be transferred to the District upon completion and acceptance.

### **SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Upon application for service, a new customer must pay a billing security deposit of \$130. This deposit will be returned upon termination of District service, provided the final bill is paid in full.

### **OTHER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Applications for more than ten connections within the District must be approved by the EAWSD Board of Directors. Applications for connections outside the District must be approved by the EAWSD Board of Directors, except that the General Manager may approve an application for a single connection outside the District where no water main extension is required. Applications requiring Board approval will, in most cases, require the execution of a Development Agreement between the applicant and the District setting forth the conditions of approval; fees, costs and deposits required with due dates; development/construction schedule requirements; and any other terms and conditions for the development.

**Refer to the EAWSD New Water Services Policy for complete details and requirements for new water services. The policy is available from the EAWSD Administration office or online at: [EAWSD New Water Services Policy P10-02-01 Amended on June 3, 2010](#)**