



Water Rates and Charges Effective January 1, 2018 (OMC: 13.16)
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Water Service Charges

Other Charges

Standard Charges

There are two standard water service charges paid by all customers: a service capacity charge which is a flat rate based on the size of the water meter, and a water consumption charge which is based on the amount of water used.

Service Capacity Charge (bi-monthly)

This fixed charge is based on the size of the water service connection:

Service Connection Size	1/1/2018	1/1/2019
5/8" or 3/4"	\$25.87	\$27.68
1"	\$39.53	\$42.29
1 1/2"	\$73.66	\$78.82
2"	\$114.63	\$122.65
3"	\$210.21	\$224.92
4"	\$346.76	\$371.03
6"	\$688.12	\$736.29
8"	\$1,643.95	\$1,759.03
10"	\$2,599.78	\$2,781.76

Elevation Charge (bi-monthly)

Only those residents living in higher elevations pay this charge which is required to recover a portion of the cost to pump water to these service zones:

Elevation Charge	1/1/2018	1/1/2019
Zone 4	\$0.21	\$0.22
Zone 5	\$0.55	\$0.58

Private Fire Service Charge (bi-monthly)

Only customers with a private fire service connection pay this charge. It covers the cost of providing water system fire flow capacity and maintenance, and varies by the size of the private fire service:

Fire Service Connection Size	1/1/2018	1/1/2019
Private Fire Service Charge - fixed fee for customers with fire service connections.		
4"	\$33.08	\$35.39
6"	\$96.08	\$102.80
8"	\$204.75	\$219.08
10"	\$368.20	\$393.98

Water Consumption Charge (bi-monthly)

This charge is based on water usage. The metered water usage billed in units of 100 cubic feet (hcf) is applied to a tiered rate structure.

Water Usage/hcf*	1/1/2018	1/1/2019	
* One billing unit equals one-hundred-cubic feet (748 gallons) of water			
Single Family & Condominium			
Tier 1	0-23	\$2.16	\$2.31
Tier 2	24-42	\$2.22	\$2.37
Tier 3	43+	\$2.30	\$2.46
Multi-Family			
Tier 1	0-15	\$2.16	\$2.31
Tier 2	16-19	\$2.19	\$2.34
Tier 3	20+	\$2.23	\$2.38
Agriculture (monthly)			
Flat rate	\$2.20	\$2.36	
Commercial			
Flat rate	\$2.21	\$2.37	
Construction Service			
Flat rate	\$2.20	\$2.36	

Penalty Fee

A 10% fee will be added to water charges that have an unpaid balance 25 days after the billing due date for services rendered.

Late Service Fee

An account that remains unpaid approximately two weeks after the penalty date shown on the final notice will be assessed a service late fee and is subject to disconnection.

Note that the cost for water will be lower if less water is used.

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Government Code Section 53756 authorizes agencies to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass-through increases in wholesale charges for water and adjustments for inflation for a period of five (5) years. The amount of automatic adjustments (Pass-Through Charges) to account for changes in wholesale water costs will be based directly on the incremental difference in costs that the City will incur from these other agencies as a result of increases or decreases in the amount such agencies charge the City. Any such adjustments will only be made to the extent such increases or decreases are not already reflected in the schedule of charges then in effect. Data documenting the amount of the increase or decrease in water commodity costs and the basis for all adjustment calculations will be made available to the public upon request at the time of any automatic adjustment. Volumetric usage charge component of the water used and will be assessed on all hcf's used by a customer. A notice of at least 30 days will be provided to customers before any such adjustments will take effect. The formula for which the automatic pass-through charge is calculated is as follows:

Pass-Through Formula

$$\text{Pass-through rate (\$/hcf)} = \frac{(\text{FY Wholesale Water Costs}) - (\text{Base Year Wholesale Water Costs})}{\text{Calendar Year Water Use}}$$

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$\text{Pass-through charge} = \frac{[(\text{Revised Supply Cost}) * (\text{Revised Water Supplied}) - (\text{Plan Supply Cost}) * (\text{Planned Water Supplied})]}{\text{Revised Water Supplied}}$

Note: No pass-through charge for calendar year (cy) 2017

See below for description of variables used in this formula

Variables Used in the Pass-Through Charge Formula

Revised Supply Cost = cost of water based on provided water purveyor rates, basin pumping percentage for the current year, and electricity costs

Revised Water Supplied = water consumption for current year

Plan Supply Cost = estimated cost of water based on provided water purveyor rates, basin pumping percentage at the time of the rate study, and electricity costs

Planned Water Supplied = estimated water demand at the time of the rate study