Fees for New Water Services

Water System Development Charges and Sewer Connections Fees

For all new or additional residential units or water services, or an increase in meter size, there shall be levied a system development charge which is in addition to the charges for installation of water service and private fire services. Water System Development Charges and Sewer Connection Fees shall be waived for a dwelling unit approved in the City as a unit affordable by households of low or very low income, as defined and regulated by Municipal Code Section 24.16.010. Such waiver shall not apply to units approved as accessory units that were previously established without City-required permits.

Accessory dwelling unit charges apply to inside-city ADUs as defined and regulated by Municipal Code Section 24.16.100 or its successors and to outside-city second units as permitted by the County that meet city definition of an accessory dwelling unit. Multi-family dwelling unit charges shall apply to each multiple unit, condominium, apartment, multiple home, mobile home space, or similar residential development with a separate irrigation meter or little or no irrigation. If additional residential units are added to an active service, current water system development charges are due at the time units are completed for occupancy.

For uses other than multi-family residential uses, current water system development charges will be levied for additional services, or uses which require a larger meter, based on the proportionate increase in capacity.

See Fees for Installation of Water Meters (over).

Pasatiempo/Carbonera Zone Capacity Fee

A portion of the actual cost of the creation of the Pasatiempo/Carbonera zone devoted to new customers shall be paid on a pro rata basis at time of connection through a zoned capacity fee. New connections in the Pasatiempo/Carbonera zone are subject to such fee on the basis of equivalent meter size.

See Fees for Installation of Water Meters (over).

City Installed Water Services

a. Installation of water services, private fire services and public fire hydrants will only be performed by City staff when engineering conditions warrant, otherwise the applicant shall obtain a permit from the City, pay an inspection fee and select an approved contractor. If City staff does install a water service, the customer will be billed for time, overhead, and materials.

b. Miscellaneous Work Performed by City Staff: When miscellaneous work (such as relocation of a service) is required to be done by City staff, the customer will be charged a fee for the work covering time, overhead, and materials, based upon an engineer's estimate prepared by Water Engineering. This fee, and other applicable fees, must be paid before the work is authorized.

Fees for Installation of Water Meters

Service Description	Water System Development Charge	Sewer Connection Fee (inside City only)	Pasatiempo/ Carbonera Zone Capacity Fee
Residential Per Unit:			
Standard Single Family Residential	$6,530	$1,200	$6,018.12
Apts, Condos, Townhomes, Mobile Homes, etc (res with separate irrig meter or little or no irrigation)	$ 4,571	$ 900	$4,212.68
Accessory Dwelling Units	$ 3,918	$ 900	$3,610.87
Single Room Occupancy	$ 3,265	$ 900	$3,009.06

Services Per Meter Size and Type:			
⅝" x ¾"	$ 6,530.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 6,018.12
¾"	$ 9,795.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 9,027.18
1"	$ 16,325.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 15,045.30
1½"	$ 32,650.00	$ 2,900.00	$ 30,090.60
2"	$ 52,240.00	$ 4,900.00	$ 48,144.96
3" Compound	$ 104,180.00	$ 9,800.00	$ 96,289.92
3" Turbo	$ 114,275.00	$ 9,800.00	$105,317.10
4" Compound	$ 163,250.00	$15,700.00	$150,453.00
4" Turbo	$ 195,900.00	$15,700.00	$180,543.60
6" Compound	$ 326,500.00	$31,800.00	$300,906.00
6" Turbo	$ 408,125.00	$31,800.00	$376,132.50
8" Compound	$ 522,400.00	**	$481,449.60
8" Turbo	$ 587,700.00	**	$541,630.80
10"Compound	$ 750,950.00	**	$692,083.80
10" Turbo	$ 946,850.00	**	$872,627.40

** In proportion to meter capacity as determined by the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works may establish an "equivalent" meter size if a well is utilized or if a substantial portion of the water consumption will not be discharged to the sewer or other special conditions when the water meter size is clearly not a reasonable determination of sewage.

Charges to furnish and install water meters by City forces:

Size	Disc Meter	C2 Omni Meter
¾"x ⅝"	$ 260.00	N/A
¾"	$ 285.00	N/A
1"	$ 310.00	N/A
1 ½"	N/A	$ 1,465.00
2"	N/A	$ 1,650.00
3"	N/A	$ 2,070.00
4"	N/A	$ 3,370.00
6"	N/A	$ 5,610.00

Compound meters larger than 6" will be charged at time, overhead and materials

Plan Review / Inspection / Permit Fees

Construction and Development Plan Review Fees

Category/Service Size		Base Rate	Additional Rate*
Residential per unit including fire services		$50.00	N/A
Non-Residential or Residential on Master Meter Size:	5/8" x 3/4"	$ 50	$50 each hour over 1
	1"	$100	$50 each hour over 2
	1 1/2"	$155	$50 each hour over 3
	2"	$255	$50 each hour over 5
	3"	$360	$50 each hour over 7
	4"	$460	$50 each hour over 9
	6"	$515	$50 each hour over 10
Commercial Fire Service 4" /+		$ 50	$50 per hour over 1
Fire Hydrant		$100	$50 per hour over 2
Well Permit per parcel		$ 50	$50 per hour over 1
Production Well Permit per parcel		$155	$50 each hour over 3
Backflow Prevention Device per project		$100	$50 each hour over 1
4"/+ Fire Service Backflow Retrofit (may be waived for City required retrofit larger than 2")		$100	$50 each hour over 1
Water Main Extension		$310	$60 each hour over 5.5
Water Main Replacement		$620	$60 each hour over 11
Facility, i.e. Pressure Regulating Station, Booster Pump Station, Tanks, etc		$200 ea	$50 each hour over 4

*Additional Charges are assessed in ¼ hour increments.

Landscape / Irrigation Plan Review Fees

Landscape Area	Base Rate	Additional Rate**
Up to 5000 sq ft	$ 85	$40 each hour over 2
5,000 - 50,000 sq ft	$170	$40 each hour over 4
50,001 sq ft and above	$340	$40 each hour over 8
Plumbing Fixture Violation Appeal Retrofit	$100	Per appeal

Inspection / Permit Fees

Category	Base Rate	Additional Rate**
Water Service Installation	$155 per tap	$50 each hour over 3
Fire Hydrant	$155 ea.	$50 each hour over 3
Backflow Device	$100 ea.	$50 each hour over 2
Backflow Device Retrofit		Waived to encourage installation
Water Service/Fire Hydrant Adjustment without Street Opening	$50 ea	$50 each hour over 1
Monitoring Well Permit	$50 per well	$50 each hour over 1
Production Well Permit	$100 per well	$50 each hour over 2
Public Works Dept. Street Opening Permit (Inside City of Santa Cruz)	$275 per project	Traffic Control Plan as Required

Water Main Extension / Replacement Inspection and Others Fees:

Number of Lineal Feet (lf), min 100	$60 up to 100 lf Additional = .60/lf
Service/Hydrant/Water Main Taps	$120 each
Water Main Tie-Ins	$685 each plus $60 each hour over 11
Hydrants	$60 each
Thrust Blocks	$60 each
Disinfection & Pressure Testing	$915 each plus $60 each hour over 12
Add. Facilities i.e. Pressure Regulating Station etc.	$180 each plus $60 for each hour over 3
Water Main Extension Mapping Fee	$175 per project plus $50 each hour over 4

Miscellaneous Service Fees

Bulk Water

Charges for Use of Water for Construction or other Temporary Purpose through the Bulk Water Station, a Temporary Service, or a Temporary Fire Hydrant. If Temporary Service is to be Abandoned Upon Completion of the Construction Project, Connection Fees will be Refunded or Credited to the Project.

Bulk Water Station	
Deposit	$100 minimum
Annual Permit	$30 per truck
Service Charge	Based on actual use, $30 per month minimum
Failure to Report Use	$60 per month minimum
Quantity Rate	Current Quantity Rate

Hydrant Meter *(limited availability)*	
Deposit	$2,000 for hydrant meter with backflow device;
Service Application	$30
Daily Use Fee	$5 per day
Quantity Charge	Current Quantity Rate

Meter Set or Remove Charge	$75 per meter

Lock Charge	$40

Unauthorized Connection Fee	$95

Insufficient Notification, Cancellation, Postponement or Rescheduling of Contractor-Requested Assistance	$335 per incident