



## TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN MANAGER OFFICE

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
WATER / SEWER RATES

The Town Manager of the Town of Southbridge has opened and continued the public hearing for the FY2023 Water & Sewer Rates to Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 6:00 PM in MacKinnon Council Chambers at Town Hall. The proposed changes to said rates will be effective with Water and Sewer bills issued July 1, 2022.

Those wishing to speak on this matter will be given the opportunity to do so. The proposed rates are on display on the Town's website [www.ci.southbridge.ma.us](http://www.ci.southbridge.ma.us)

Please publish:

Thursday, June 2, 2022

Thursday, June 9, 2022

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# WATER

## TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

### WATER FEES and CHARGES

#### AMENDED AND REISSUED

**June 22, 2022**

**Effective July 1, 2022**

#### Authority

As follows: Article XVIII "Water Regulations" Section 22A – The Town Manager shall establish water rates and fees following a public hearing on the same matter.

#### **FY 2023 COMMITMENTS & BILLING**

<u>Metered Quarterly Consumption</u>	<u>Charge per hcf (100 cubic feet)</u>
First 500 cubic feet	\$3.46
Next 3,500 cubic feet	\$4.04
Next 15,000 cubic feet	\$4.79
Next 81,000 cubic feet	\$5.73
Over 100,000 cubic feet	\$6.72

**Effective all bill issued after July 1, 2022**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly Base Charges</u>
5/8 inch	\$ 69.83
¾ inch	\$ 76.80
1 inch	\$ 97.77
1 ½ inch	\$ 125.64
2 inch	\$ 202.55
3 inch	\$ 768.16
4 inch	\$ 977.65
6 inch	\$1,466.49
8 inch	\$2,025.14

## SERVICE FEES SCHEDULE

<u>FEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. Installation of Outside Meter Reader	\$NC	Install meter with outside reader
2. Return Check Fee	\$25.00 or 1% of check face value which- ever is larger	Insufficient Funds Charge
3. Curb Cock Shut Off Order Normal working hours	\$50.00	Scheduled turn off water service requested by customer
3a. Curb Cock Shut Off Order Normal working hours	\$75.00	Turn off water service delinquent account or for damages caused by customer
4. Curb Cock Shut Off or Turn on - after hours	\$90.00	
5. Curb Cock Turn On Fee	\$50.00	Following meter turn-off
6. Water Use Recheck Charge	\$N/C	Reread meter
7. New Account Charge	\$N/C	New Account activation of water service
8. Reinstallation of meter	\$N/C	
9. Illegal Water Use Charge	\$500.00 first offense \$1500.00 second offence	Use of water without application for service or other unauthorized use.
10. Remove Meter Charge	\$60	Remove meter - delinquent account or Damage caused by Customer
11. Turn Off at Main Charge	\$100.00	Turn off service at main or plug Customer request
12. Broken Meter Lock or Seal	\$300.00	Broken meter lock or seal
13. Relocate Meter		Move meter - same Premise at Customer's request - no plumbing involved except meter
Meter Size		
5/8" - 2"	\$150.00	
2" - 4"	\$500.00	
over 4"	\$1500.00	

14. Fire Hydrant Opening Permit	\$100.00	Cost of permit, installation of meter, hydrant monitoring, opening and closing of hydrant - normal working hours- during a 30-day period
14a. Water Sales - Fire Hydrants	Actual Use	Sale of Water from metered hydrants

15. Fees for Application of Water Service

WATER CONNECTION FEES

<u>New Service Line Size (inches)</u>	<u>Tie In Fee</u>	-
1"	\$ 2,500	
1-1/2"	\$ 3,000	
2"	\$ 5,000	
4"	\$ 7,500	
6"	\$ 10,000	
8"	\$ 12,500	
10"	\$ 20,000	
12"	\$ 25,000	

Costs do not include expenditures for tapping sleeve and valve.  
Customer to be responsible for actual cost of tapping sleeve and valve.

16. Meter Test at Customer Request		
Statutory Period		\$NC
Outside Statutory Period		
1" or smaller		\$ 100 Test Meter at Town Meter Shop
1-1/2" or 2"		\$ 150
3" or larger		\$Actual cost to Town
17. Inspection Fees		
Inspection	\$2.50/LF of water main installed	Fee paid by developers for inspection of the installation of the system
18. Cross Connection Device Test/Retest per device	\$50.00/device	Check test/retest device
19. Cross Connection Survey	\$75.00/hr.	Locate and classify cross connections as per CMR 22.22

20.	Sale of Blueprints per drawing	\$ 10.00	Sale by Water Department
21.	Sale of Maps per map	\$ 10.00	Sale by Water Department
22.	Repair of damaged water mains	Actual Cost incurred by Town to repair damaged pipe	
23.	Plan Review Fee per unit	\$5.00	Fee for Water Department
24.	Standby Fire Protection(firelines) per day	Actual Cost	
25.	Testing Connections & Inspections after regular working hours	\$ 115.00/hr.	Actual cost to Town including overtime
26.	Damage to or Replacement of Fire Hydrant Meter	Actual Cost	Fine to Customer
27.	Replacement of Damaged Meter	Actual cost	Charge for meter and materials.
27a.	Service charge to Replace damaged meter (regular working hours)	\$60.00/hr	Charge with 1 hour minimum.
27b.	Service charge to Replace damaged meter (after regular working hours)	\$115.00/hr	Charge with 1 hour minimum.
28.	Service Line Thawing	\$250.00	Includes turn service off & on, Thaw service line from T handle to meter.
29.	Fire Protection Service Charge		
	Pipe Size		Quarterly Service Charge
	1 inch		\$ 47.29
	2 inch		\$ 89.32
	4 inch		\$175.93
	6 inch		\$306.69
	8 inch		\$461.99
30.	Lien Fee	\$25.00	Fee to levy delinquent water charges to Real Estate tax bill

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| 31. | Final Water Charge                                     | \$50.00     | Fee to perform individual reading and Billing for transfer, sale of property, or other purpose |
| 32. | Miscellaneous Service                                  | \$70.00/hr  | Any service work per hour not Covered by specific charges                                      |
| 33. | Miscellaneous Services<br>- after normal working hours | \$155.00/hr | Any service work per hour not covered by specific charges (min 2 hr)                           |

**Michael McCall**  
**Town Manager**  
**Town of Southbridge**  
**Issued Date: June 22, 2022**

**SEWER**  
**TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**  
**SEWER FEES and CHARGES**  
**AMENDED AND REISSUED**

**June 22, 2022**

**Effective July 1, 2022**

**Authority**

As follows: Part 1 Article II, Section 12 “The Sewer Connection Fees” of the “1997 Regulation for the Installation and Connection of Building Sewer and for the Use of the Public Sewers in the Town of Southbridge” (are amended and consolidated) republished herewith Part II These changed are in addition to changing the Sewer Rate Schedule for FY 2023; Part III Article X, Section 11 “User Charges for Sewer Service” established by Town Manager is amended and reissued as noted below following a public hearing on the same matter.

**Part I**  
**SEWER RATE SCHEDULE**  
**FY 2023 COMMITMENTS & BILLING**

<b><u>Metered Quarterly Consumption</u></b>	<b><u>Charge per hcf (100 cubic feet)</u></b>
First 500 cubic feet	\$4.39
Next 3,500 cubic feet	\$6.00
Next 15,000 cubic feet	\$7.92
Next 81,000 cubic feet	\$11.77
Over 100,000 cubic feet	\$15.91

**Effective all bill issued after July 1, 2022**

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Quarterly Base Charges</u></b>
1 inch	\$ 85.28
¾ inch	\$ 94.07
1 inch	\$ 119.40
1 ½ inch	\$ 153.53
2 inch	\$ 247.37
3 inch	\$ 937.96
4 inch	\$1,194.04
6 inch	\$1,791.18
8 inch	\$2,473.51
Unmetered	\$181.86

  

<b>Septate Treatment</b>	
-In Town	\$48.69
-Out of Town	\$69.32

**Part II**  
**“User Charges for Sewer Services”**  
**Town of Southbridge General By-law Article X, Section 11**  
**SERVICE FEES SCHEDULE**  
**Effective July 1, 2022**

<u>FEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. Return Check Fee	\$25.00 or 1% of check face value which- ever is larger	Insufficient Funds Charge
2. Illegal Sewer Use Charge	\$500.00 first offense \$1500.00 second offence	Use of sewer without application for service or other unauthorized use.
3. Turn Off at Main Charge	\$100.00	Turn off service at main or plug Customer request (inspection only – actual Construction to be done by outside contractor)
4. Fee for Application of Sewer exception Meters	\$200.00	Fee includes only the cost of meter and inspection. Customer is responsible for actual cost of
5. Meter Test at Customer Request		
Statutory Period		\$NC
Outside Statutory Period		
1" or smaller		\$ 100 Test Meter at Town Meter Shop
1-1/2" or 2"		\$ 150
3" or larger		\$Actual cost to Town
6. Inspection Fees		
Inspection	\$2.50/LF of sewer main installed	Fee paid by developers for inspection of the installation of the system
7. Sale of Blueprints per drawing	\$ 10.00	Sale by Sewer Department
8. Sale of Maps per map	\$ 10.00	Sale by Sewer Department
9. Repair of damaged sewer mains	Actual Cost incurred by Town to repair damaged pipe	
10. Plan Review Fee per unit	\$5.00	Fee for Sewer Department
11. Testing Connections & Inspections after regular working hours	\$ 115.00/hr.	Actual cost to Town including overtime



12.	Damage to or Replacement of Exception Meter	\$ Actual Cost	Actual Costs to Town - Charge for meter and materials.
13.	Lien Fee	\$25.00	Fee to levy delinquent water charges to Real Estate tax bill
14.	Final Sewer Charge	\$50.00	Fee to perform individual reading and Billing for transfer, sale of property, or other purpose
15.	Miscellaneous Service	\$70.00/hr	Any service work per hour not Covered by specific charges
16.	Miscellaneous Services - after normal working hours	\$155.00/hr	Any service work per hour not covered by specific charges (min 2 hr)
17.	Sewer only Meter Meter Reading Charge	\$10.00/qtr.	Fee to perform quarterly reading of Metered Sewer Only Non –commercial Accounts.

**Part III**  
**“The Sewer Connection Fee”**

**Article II Section 12**

Section 12 Sewer Connection Fees are to be used to upgrade existing sewer collection line in order to maximize capacities for the sewage to be contributed by new growth; and potentially to add any needed capacity to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for new growth.

Fees will be uniform Town –wide: \$6.825 per gallon of Average Daily Flow (ADF) as calculated by 310 CMR 15.203. Fees will be payable at the time of issuance of the Town Sewer Connection Permit.

The Town Sewer Connection Permit will be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

The fee per unit will be reduced if found to be excessive following the determination of actual cost to be incurred. An abatement per unit fee paid will be made with interest.

- (a) New Residential Sewer Connections: \$6.825 per gallon, ADF fee per unit for new residential construction. (\$750/bedroom with a minimum of 3 bedrooms)

Additions to Existing Sewered Properties: \$6.825 per gallon, ADF, for the additional discharge to the Town Sewer from newly constructed properties currently connected to the Town Sewer. Building permits will not be issued until this fee has been paid.

- (b) Sewer Connection Permit Fees will be waived for connection within 60 days to sewer line constructed by funding under the authority of MGL Chapter 21 Section 30A (Collection System Grant)

(c) New Commercial/Industrial Construction shall be \$6.825 per gallon, ADF.

Sewer connection permits will not be issued to projects which do not have required State Sewer Extension permit until extension permit is issued by the State. Additionally, permits will not be issued in any part of Ton in which there is a moratorium.

The sewer connection permit fee will not be applicable to projects which had a building permit prior to September 2, 1986.

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