

Sewer Rates and Charges - 2020

Rates for Sewer by Class of Service

ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT: The rates and fees herein provided are adjusted 1.16% beginning the first billing cycle of the 2020 calendar year. The rates thereafter will be adjusted annually beginning the first billing of each calendar year to reflect an average of the five previous published years' annual increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Items, 1982-84=100 for all Urban Consumers, Anchorage, Alaska Area ("CPI") as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (For example, 2020 rates reflect an increase based on the average CPI for 2012-2016.)

GROUP A - RESIDENTIAL

Group A includes all residential customers living in single family or multiple family living units. Multiple family units include multi-plexes, apartments and townhouses, but excludes hotels, motels and similar transient accommodations. All **commercial** residential customers with a water meter are eligible for Group D metered commercial sewer rates. Customers wishing to convert to metered rates are encouraged to consider that a pending Water and Sewer Rate Study may impact either or both ERU rates and metered rates, when deciding whether to invest in the costs of installing a water meter.

GROUP B – SMALL GENERAL SERVICE

Group B includes commercial enterprises where the use of water is incidental to the commercial activity and is primarily limited to domestic and janitorial use. This class of service includes such businesses as hotels, motels, professional office buildings, barber shops, warehouses, libraries, public offices, churches and theaters, etc. Group B customers with water meters are eligible for Group D metered commercial sewer rates. Customers wishing to convert to metered rates are encouraged to consider that a pending Water and Sewer Rate Study may impact either or both ERU rates and metered rates, when deciding whether to invest in the costs of installing a water meter.

GROUP C - LARGE GENERAL SERVICE

Group C includes commercial enterprises where water usage is greater than in Small General Service and/or water is used for food preparation or other activities, but not for industrial processing. Group C customers with meters are eligible for Group D metered commercial sewer rates. Customers wishing to convert to metered rates are encouraged to consider that a pending Water and Sewer Rate Study may impact either or both ERU rates and metered rates, when deciding whether to invest in the costs of installing a water meter.

GROUP D - METERED COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL SERVICE

Group D includes metered commercial and industrial enterprises (non-commercial residential Group A customers are not currently eligible for metered rates).

**BASIS FOR MONTHLY FEES AND CHARGES
GROUPS A - D**

NON-METERED SERVICES

Non-metered sewer users in **Groups A, B and C** shall be charged at the rate of \$67.46 per ERU per month, not including tax, when the water service and sewer service serve the same activities. If the activities serviced by the sewer services are different than those served by the water service, a water charge shall be computed based on the activities served by the sewer. The sewer rate shall then be computed at 1.2 times the established water charge.

METERED SERVICES

Users with metered service (**Group D** shall be charged for sewer service according to the rates listed below. The charge shall be based upon the quantity of metered water, except that those users having a sewer meter shall be charged for the quantity of sewage actually metered. The quantity of sewage will be adjusted if a significant amount of wastewater is not discharged into the city sewer system.

Minimum Charge for Each Metered Service

Service Size	Minimum Monthly Charge
3/4" - 1" water service	\$57.56
1-1/2" - 2" water service	\$95.23
2-1/4" - 4" water service	\$240.11
Over 4" water service	\$1,200.47

Charge for Consumption

Gallons of Sewage Discharged per Month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons	
	Groups A, B & C	Group D
First 10,000 Gallons	\$8.46	\$8.46
Next 40,000 Gallons	\$6.77	\$6.77
Next 50,000 Gallons	\$5.61	\$5.61
Next 100,000 Gallons	\$5.06	\$5.06
All Additional Gallons	\$2.50	\$2.50

GROUP E - SPECIAL RATES AND FEES

Group E includes charges for other categories of service not included in Groups A through D.

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| 1. | <p>Users generating sewage with a BOD and SS loading in excess of mg/1 (upon a determination by the utility manager that the concentration and characteristics of the sewage will not cause a detrimental effect upon the sewer system and/or treatment plant [<i>BOD = ABiological Oxygen Demand</i> and <i>SS = ASuspended Solids</i>])</p> | Specified rate in rate tables times a factor of the actual BOD and SS loading divided by 250, plus the cost of testing |
| 2. | <p>Tank Truck Operators: Fresh sewage, or waste from portable or chemical toilets, provided the utility manager determines the waste will not be detrimental to the sewer system and/or treatment plant.</p> <p>NOTE:
 It is prohibited to discharge into the city's sewer system, septic tank waste or any waste containing toxic or other materials that could cause the city's discharge to violate the EPA or DEC discharge permit.</p> | <p>Per thousand gallons: \$65.48</p> |
| 3. | <p>Recreational Vehicles: Individual RV owners utilizing city-owned or approved dump sites</p> <p>Public and private campground operators [<i>Operators must maintain sufficient records to compute a monthly payment, and such records shall be made available to the city upon request.</i>]</p> | <p>No fee</p> <p>\$1.11 per day Per RV, camper or trailer permit, not including tent campers.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Ship's Sewage:</p> | <p>Not accepted</p> |
| 5. | <p>Sewer Service Connection Fee:</p> | <p>Installed at property owner's expense. Any work performed by the city will be charged at total cost, including labor, overhead, administration, materials and equipment PLUS a \$158.07 connection fee.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Sewer Service Inspection Fee: This fee shall be charged for services installed by anyone other than the city.</p> | <p>\$126.45</p> |
| 7. | <p>Unauthorized Connection or Discharge into the City Sewer System:</p> | <p>Per Occurrence \$992.13
 PLUS Cost of repair, restoration or cleanup by city
 PLUS State and/or federal penalties & charges levied against the city or individuals</p> |

8. **Restoration of Sewer Service and Repair of Damage by Owner or Contractor to City Facilities:** **Actual cost**, including city overhead, administration, labor, materials and equipment
9. **Locate Sewer Main:** **First Locate: No Charge**
Each Additional Locate: \$99.20
Large projects requiring several locates will be under a special contract and may require a fee.
10. **Security Deposit:** If a water security deposit was paid, no additional deposit will be required. If no water deposit was paid, the following deposits will be charged. **Domestic: \$49.60**
(Single family & duplex)
Commercial: \$148.82
Multi-Family: \$148.82
11. **Contractor Work:** Any contractor tapping into a city sewer main, or otherwise working on a city sewer main, must be properly licensed to perform the work and must provide: \$5000.00 **Bond** or equivalent cash guarantee payable to the city
12. **Sewer System Delivery Charge** (includes new account name or same account name). A Sewer System Delivery Charge of \$50 per month will be applied to any service that has their water turned off. Sewer System Delivery Charge: \$50.58 monthly
13. **Sewage Meter:** Computed from the quantity of metered water delivered to the same activity unless a sewage meter has been installed. Sewage meters approved by the city may be installed at the user-s expense.
14. **Delinquent Account Charges:** **Interest rate: 10.6% per annum**
Monthly late fee: \$5.82