

ORDINANCE No. 22-37

To amend and reordain Chapter 22, Article II, Water Service, Division 3, Connection and Availability Charges, Secs. 22-67 and 22-68; Division 5, Service Charges, Secs. 22-126, 22-128, 22-129 and 22-132; Division 6, Bulk Water and Construction Service, Secs. 22-159, 22-160, 22-161, and 22-162; Article IV, Sewer Service, Division 3, Connection and Availability Fees, Secs. 22-307 and 22-308; Division 4, Service Charges, Secs. 22-336, 22-337, 22-337.1, and 22-340; and Division 5, Discharge of Septic Tank Sewage Into County Treatment Plant, Sec. 22-364, of the Code of the County of Spotsylvania, Virginia, to amend utility rates and fees.

PUBLIC HEARING: May 10, 2022

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the code amendments and recommends approval as stated in the executive summary dated May 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors held a public hearing, duly advertised in a local newspaper for a period of two weeks, on April 21, 2022 and April 28, 2022, and interested citizens were offered an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the general welfare is served by approval of the code amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 22, Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Articles II, Division 3, Secs. 22-67 and 22-68; Division 5, Secs. 22-126, 22-128, 22-129, and 22-132; Division 6, Secs. 22-159, 22-160, 22-161, and 22-162; Article IV, Division 3, Secs. 22-307 and 22-308; Division 4, Secs. 22-336, 22-337, 22-337.1, and 22-340; and Division 5, Section 22-364 be and are hereby **amended and re-ordained** as follows:

Chapter 22 WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

ARTICLE II. WATER SERVICE

DIVISION 3. CONNECTION AND AVAILABILITY CHARGES

Sec. 22-67. Water availability fees.

Water availability fees shall be paid to the county for each meter for each new or altered water service as follows:

(a) *New residential services.*

- (1) The water service availability fees for single family detached dwelling units, residential attached dwellings and multi-family dwellings with four (4) or less residential units per building, and mobile homes shall be based upon water meter size as follows:

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	CURRENT until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$4,920	\$5,290	\$5,396	\$5,504
$\frac{3}{4}$	5,800	7,218	7,362	7,510
1	8,660	16,239	16,564	16,895
1½	14,370	32,337	32,984	33,643
2	18,410	49,552	50,543	51,554

(2) For each new residential multi-family dwelling containing five (5) or more residential units per building or for each new mixed use residential dwelling containing a combination of commercial and five (5) or more residential units which is not an institutional assisted living facility, the water service availability fee shall be based upon on the higher of (1) the meter size and the table given in subsection (b) below, or (2) the water service availability fee equal to fifty (50) percent of the water service availability fee charged for a $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$ meter paid for each individual residential unit and commercial unit.

(3) For institutional assisted living facilities, the water service availability fee shall be as set forth in the following table:

Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
The greater of \$1,220 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-67(b)	The greater of \$1,325 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-67(b)	The greater of \$1,350 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-67(b)	The greater of \$1,375 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-67(b)

(b) *Nonresidential domestic and process water service.* For nonresidential domestic and process water use a water service availability fee shall be charged for each water meter for new nonresidential users based upon nominal water meter size on each service line which provides the service as follows:

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	CURRENT until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$4,920	\$5,290	\$5,396	\$5,504
$\frac{3}{4}$	5,800	7,218	7,362	7,510
1	8,660	16,239	16,564	16,895
1½	14,370	32,337	32,984	33,643
2	18,410	49,552	50,543	51,554
3	29,540	98,106	100,068	102,069
4	39,400	157,436	160,585	163,796
6	70,050	314,872	321,169	327,593
Greater than 6 inches	Determined by county administrator			

- (c) *Irrigation service.* For new irrigation services, availability shall be charged based upon nominal meter size on each service line which provides the service as follows:

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	CURRENT until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$4,920	\$5,290	\$5,396	\$5,504
$\frac{3}{4}$	9,840	12,250	12,495	12,745
1	19,700	36,950	37,689	38,443
1½	49,230	110,790	113,006	115,266
2	73,860	198,810	202,786	206,842
Greater than 2 inches	Not available			

- (d) *Altered water service.* For altered water service an availability fees shall be charged as follows:

- (1) For altered service requiring an increase in either the number of water meters or the size of water meters, an availability fee equal to the difference in cost between

the availability fee based upon the meter(s) required for the altered use and the availability fee that would be charged for the greater of existing water meter(s) or the water meter or meters that have previously existed.

- (2) For altered services requiring a decrease in the either the number or size of water meter(s), there shall be no additional availability fee charged nor shall there be any refund or payment from the county to the user.
- (e) *Fire protection.* For water service to be used exclusively for fire protection or fire suppression, no water service availability fee shall be charged.

(Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-8, 6-13-95; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-14, 12-8-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Sec. 22-68. Water connection fees.

For new, altered, or irrigation services requiring the installation of a new water service, a water connection fee to recover the costs of making the connection to an existing water main, extending a water service line to the water meter setting, and installing the water meter setting less the water meter shall be paid to the county as follows:

- (a) For water services no deeper than ten (10) feet at any point along their length, not requiring road crossings, directional drilling and having service lines less than forty-five (45) feet in length between the main and the meter setting water, service connection fees shall be based upon meter size

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	CURRENT until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$1,290	1,790	\$2,290	\$2,790
$\frac{3}{4}$	1,540	2,040	2,540	3,040
1	1,900	2,400	2,900	3,400
1½	2,610	3,110	3,610	4,110
2	2,970	3,470	3,970	4,470
Greater than 2 inches and compound meters	125 percent of actual costs			

- (b) For new, altered or irrigation water services deeper than ten (10) feet, requiring road crossings, directional drilling or with service lines greater than forty-five (45) feet in

length between the main and the meter setting, water service connection fees shall be one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the actual costs of the installation.

- (c) For those new, altered, or irrigation services where the water service is installed completely by the user, the developer, or other person, and not by the county, and the installation is approved by the county, there shall be no water connection fee charged.
- (d) For new water services, discounted connection fees shall be available for eligible residential dwellings that existed or have received a certificate of occupancy on or before July 1, 2004, as set forth below:
 - (1) To be eligible for this discount both of the following two (2) conditions must be met:
 - i. The residential dwelling is not located within any subdivision in which water facilities for that subdivision were initially installed by the developer of that subdivision.
 - ii. The residential dwelling is situated on property that abuts or that has a water service easement access to any public water line owned by Spotsylvania County.
 - (2) The customer securing a new water connection for an eligible residential dwelling may choose from among the following available discounts:
 - i. Twenty (20) percent discount on the connection fee, where payment is made in installments over a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) months, or
 - ii. Thirty (30) percent discount on the connection fee paid in a lump sum payment at the time of application.
 - (3) The discount shall not exceed an amount equal to the applicable percentages given in subsection 22-68(d)(2) applied to the connection fees for the appropriate meter size given in the table under subsection 22-68(a).
 - (4) No discount shall be offered for irrigation services.

(Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-21, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 22-20 provided for an effective date of Sept. 1, 2004.

DIVISION 5. SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 22-126. Account transaction fee for establishing and re-establishing water service.

Consumers shall pay a non-refundable account transaction fee when establishing or re-establishing a water, irrigation or water and sewer account as set forth in the following table. This fee shall be charged on the first utility bill after service is initiated or re-established. Water service shall not commence unless all outstanding water and sewer bills pertaining to that customer have been paid in full. There shall be no charge for reinstating service where service was discontinued because of normal service operations for repairs or alterations to plumbing systems on private property.

Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
\$16.90	\$24.55	\$25.53	\$26.55

(Code 1980, § 17-22; Ords. of 6-14-83(2); 5-8-84(1); Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 22-29, adopted January 26, 2010, changed the title of section 22-126 from “Account transaction fee” to “Account transaction fee for establishing and re-establishing water service.” The historical notation has been preserved for reference purposes.

Sec. 22-128. Water rates.

The water service charges shall be as set forth in chart 22-128, below:

Chart 22-128

The following rates per one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be based on monthly consumption even if billing periods are quarterly or bimonthly:

Tier	Use in gallons	Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly Rates per 1000 gallons effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly Rates per 1000 gallons effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly Rates per 1000 gallons effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
All Residential $\frac{5}{8}$ meter = 1 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—7,500	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	7,501—12,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	12,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—$\frac{5}{8}$-inch meter = 1 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—7,500	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	7,501—10,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	10,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31

Commercial—¾-inch meter = 1.5 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—8,500	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	8,501—12,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	12,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—1-inch meter = 2.5 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—13,000	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	13,001—17,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	17,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—1½-inch meter = 5.0 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—15,000	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	15,001—18,500	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	18,501—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—2-inch meter = 8.1 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—20,000	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	20,001—23,500	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	23,501—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—3-inch meter = 15.9 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—27,000	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	27,001—50,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	50,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—4-inch meter = 25.0 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—33,500	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56

3	33,501—75,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	75,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Commercial—6- and 8-inch meters					
6-inch meter = 50 residential meter equivalent					
8-inch meter = 80 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$1.23	\$1.23	\$1.24	\$1.25
2	2,001—57,000	6.71	6.98	7.27	7.56
3	57,001—150,000	8.83	9.18	9.55	9.93
4	150,001—	10.94	11.38	11.83	12.31
Residential Irrigation Service—$\frac{5}{8}$-meter = 1 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$4.13	\$4.13	\$4.17	4.21
2	2,001—7,500	21.73	22.60	23.49	24.43
3	7,501—8,500	28.06	29.18	30.35	31.56
4	8,501—	34.83	36.22	37.66	39.17
Nonresidential Irrigation Service—$\frac{5}{8}$- or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$-inch meter = 1 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—2,000	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.27	\$2.30
2	2,001—7,500	9.75	10.14	10.55	10.97
3	7,501—8,500	11.12	11.56	12.02	12.50
4	8,501—	13.63	14.17	14.73	15.32
Nonresidential Irrigation Service—$\frac{3}{4}$-inch meter = 1.5 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—8,500	\$9.75	\$10.14	\$10.55	\$10.97
2	8,501—12,000	11.12	11.56	12.02	12.50
3	12,001—	13.63	14.17	14.73	15.32
Nonresidential Irrigation Service—1-inch meter = 2.5 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—13,500	\$9.75	\$10.14	\$10.55	\$10.97
2	13,501—17,000	11.12	11.56	12.02	12.50
3	17,001—	13.63	14.17	14.73	15.32

Nonresidential Irrigation Service—1½-inch meter = 5.0 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—15,000	\$9.75	\$10.14	\$10.55	\$10.97
2	15,001—18,500	11.12	11.56	12.02	12.50
3	18,501—	13.63	14.17	14.73	15.32
Nonresidential Irrigation Service—2-inch meter = 8.1 residential meter equivalent					
1	1—20,000	\$9.75	\$10.15	\$10.55	\$10.97
2	20,001—23,500	11.12	11.56	12.02	12.50
3	23,501—	13.63	14.17	14.73	15.32

For any water service with a compound meter, the rates given herein shall be applied to each register on the meter.

(Code 1980, § 17-31; Ords. of 6-23-81; 6-24-86(4); Ord. No. 22-2, 10-9-90; Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-6, 1-10-95; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-10, 6-10-97; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-15, 8-14-01; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-33, 2-12-13; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

State law reference(s)—Va. Code, §§ 15.2-2119, 15.2-2121 and 15.2-2122.

Sec. 22-129. Debt service charge.

Each water service user shall be assessed a debt service charge per month per residential equivalent unit based on the meter size as indicated in the table in section 22-128. The fee per residential meter equivalent unit is set forth in the following table. This charge shall be shown on the water service bill.

Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees per residential meter equivalent unit effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees per residential meter equivalent unit effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
\$6.59	\$8.26	\$10.18	\$13.50

(Ord. No. 22-2, 10-9-90; Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-6, 1-10-95; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-10, 6-10-97; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-33, 2-12-13; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17, ; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22) Sec. 22-132. Billing.

Water bills shall be rendered monthly. Each bill for water only, sewer only, irrigation, or water and sewer service will include an administrative fee as set forth in the following table.

Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees per residential meter equivalent unit effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees per residential meter equivalent unit effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
\$6.53	\$6.53	\$6.53	\$6.53

Bills for multiple connections shall include the administrative fee for each connection as set forth in the above table.

(Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-33, 2-12-13; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

DIVISION 6. BULK WATER AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICE¹

Sec. 22-159. Fees and charges for bulk sales.

(a) For metered purchase the fees and charges shall be as follows:

- (1) An administrative fee of payable upon service initiation, shall be charged for each county-owned meter used by the metered purchase bulk water user as set forth in the following table:

Current until June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022; All others Effective July 1, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023; All others Effective July 1, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024; All others Effective July 1, 2024
\$56.25	\$58.50	\$60.84	\$63.27

- (2) Unless waived by the county administrator, a deposit shall be charged for each water meter issued to metered purchase bulk water users. The deposit shall be returned to the metered purchase bulk water user upon return of an undamaged water meter upon termination of the service. The deposits shall be as follows:

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 22-13, adopted Oct. 13, 1998, repealed the former Div. 6, §§ 22-156—22-162, and enacted a new Div. 6 as set out herein. The former Div. 6 pertained to bulk water sales and derived from Code 1980, §§ 17-35, 17-35.1—17-35.5; an ordinance adopted June 2, 1981; Ord. No. 22-2, adopted Oct. 9, 1990; Ord. No. 22-5, adopted Feb. 8, 1994; Ord. No. 22-6, adopted Jan. 10, 1995; Ord. No. 22-9, adopted June 25, 1996; and Ord. No. 22-10, adopted June 10, 1997.

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	Deposit
$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$600
$\frac{3}{4}$	660
1	760
1½	1,200
2	1,540
3	1,700

- (3) Each metered purchase bulk water user shall be billed monthly administrative fee plus a fee per one thousand (1,000) gallons purchased as set forth in the following table:

Current until June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022; All others Effective July 1, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023; All others Effective July 1, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024; All others Effective July 1, 2024
Monthly Administrative Fee \$13.00 Monthly charge per 1,000 gals. \$13.00	\$18.0018.00	\$18.7218.72	\$19.4619.46

- (b) Except as provided for in subsection (c), below, the fees and charges for purchases of bulk water by permit shall be as set forth in the following table. The minimum purchase shall be one thousand (1,000) gallons.

Current until June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022; All others Effective July 1, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023; All others Effective July 1, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024; All others Effective July 1, 2024
Bulk water by permit fixed fee \$39.40 Charge per 1,000 gallons \$13.00	\$40.9818.00	\$42.6218.72	\$44.3219.46

- (c) For non-profit organizations, the fees and charges for purchases of bulk water by permit shall be plus fee per one thousand (1,000) gallons purchased as set forth in the following table. The minimum purchase shall be one thousand (1,000) gallons.

Current until June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022; All others Effective July 1, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023; All others Effective July 1, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024; All others Effective July 1, 2024
Fixed Fee: \$13.00 Charge per 1,000 gals \$13.00	\$18.00 18.00	\$18.72 18.72	\$19.46 19.46

(Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-15, 8-14-01; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Sec. 22-160. Construction water service.

Temporary water service may be provided for either building construction or for other construction project sites as follows:

- (a) *Building construction.* For water required in construction or renovation of a building or structure to which county water service beyond the construction phase is to be provided, the owner of the property upon which the building construction is taking place may make application for construction water service by filing an application and paying an application fee per metered connection, as set forth in the following table, plus one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the county's costs of the connection to the system. The manner and location of the connection shall be determined by the county. The period of service shall be limited to the time period for which the building permit is valid. No occupancy permit shall be issued for a building with construction water service. The manner and location of the connection shall be determined by the county.

Application Fee:

Current until June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022; All others Effective July 1, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023; All others Effective July 1, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024; All others Effective July 1, 2024
\$230	\$250	\$260	\$270

- (b) *Highway and utilities construction projects.* For water needed in construction of projects such as roads, bridges, parking lots, pipelines, etc, for which county water service beyond the construction phase is not to be provided, the contractor may make application for construction water service by filing an application and paying an

application fee plus one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the county's costs of the connections to the system in as set forth in the following table. The manner and location of the connections shall be determined by the county. The period of service shall be limited to the time period that construction, testing, cleanup or restoration is actually occurring. Such construction water service shall not be used for any long-term use.

Application Fee:

Current until June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022; All others Effective July 1, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023; All others Effective July 1, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024; All others Effective July 1, 2024
\$230	\$250	\$260	\$270

(Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Sec. 22-161. Deposits for construction meters.

Unless waived by the county administrator, a deposit shall be charged for each water meter issued for construction service. The deposit shall be returned to the construction service user upon return of an undamaged water meter upon termination of the service. The deposits shall be as follows:

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	Deposit
$\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$600
$\frac{3}{4}$	660
1	720
1½	1,200
2	1,540
3	1,700

(Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Sec. 22-162. Rate for construction service.

The monthly billing rate for construction service accounts shall be as set forth in the following table.

Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
Monthly Fee \$11.25 Cost per 1,000 gallons \$11.25	\$15.00 15.00	\$16.00 16.00	\$17.00 17.00

(Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-15, 8-14-01; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

§ 2. That Chapter 22, Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Articles IV, Division 3, Connection and Availability Fees, Secs. 22-307 and 22-208; Division 4, Service Charges, Secs. 22-336, 22-337, 22-337.1, and 22-340 and Division 5, Discharge of Septic Tank Sewage into County Treatment Plant, Sec. 22-364 be and are hereby **amended and re-ordained** as follows:

ARTICLE IV. SEWER SERVICE

DIVISION 3. CONNECTION AND AVAILABILITY FEES

Sec. 22-307. Sewer availability fees.

A sewer availability fee based on the water meter sizing for each water service for each new or altered sewer service shall be paid to the county as follows:

(a) *Residential sewer service.*

- (1) For single family detached dwelling units, residential attached dwellings and multi-family dwellings with four (4) or less residential units per building, and mobile homes the sewer service availability fee shall be based upon water meter sizing as follows:

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$4,920	\$5,290	\$5,396	\$5,504
$\frac{3}{4}$	5,730	7,130	7,273	7,418
1	7,680	14,401	14,689	14,983
1½	13,010	29,276	29,862	30,459
2	14,960	40,266	41,071	41,893

- (2) For each new residential multi-family dwelling containing five (5) or more residential units per building or for each new mixed use residential dwelling containing a combination of commercial and five (5) or more residential units which is not an institutional assisted living facility, the sewer service availability fee shall be based upon on the higher of (1) the meter size and the table given in subsection (b) below, or (2) the sewer service availability fee equal to fifty (50) percent of the sewer service availability fee charged for a $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$ meter paid for each individual residential unit and commercial unit.
- (3) For institutional assisted living facilities, the sewer service availability fee shall be as set forth in the following table:

Current until June 30, 2022	June 30, 2022; Effective July 1, 2022	June 30, 2023; Effective July 1, 2023	June 30, 2024; Effective July 1, 2024
The greater of \$910 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-307(b)	The greater of \$980 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-307(b)	The greater of \$1,000 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-307(b)	The greater of \$1,020 per bedroom or the amount based on the water meter size as given in the table with § 22-307(b)

- (b) *Nonresidential domestic and process wastewater.* For nonresidential domestic and process wastewater use, a sewer service availability fee shall be charged for each water meter sizing for new nonresidential users based upon nominal water meter sizing on each service line which provides the service as follows:

Nominal Meter Size (inches)	Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
$\frac{5}{8}$ or $\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{3}{4}$	\$4,920	\$5,290	\$5,396	\$5,504
$\frac{3}{4}$	5,730	7,130	7,273	7,418
1	7,680	14,401	14,689	14,983
1½	13,010	29,276	29,862	30,459
2	14,960	40,266	41,071	41,893
3	22,990	76,353	77,880	79,437
4	30,190	120,634	123,047	125,508
6	51,830	232,974	237,633	242,386
8	73,530	330,514	337,125	343,867

Greater than 8 inches	Determined by county administrator
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- (c) *Altered services.* For altered sewer services availability fees shall be charged as follows:
- (1) For altered services requiring an increase in either the number of water meters or the size of water meters, an availability fee equal to the difference in cost between the availability fee based upon the meters required for the altered use and the availability fee that would be charged for the greater of existing water meter(s) or the water meter or meters that have previously existed.
 - (2) For altered services requiring a decrease in either the number or size of water meters, there shall be no additional availability fee charged nor shall there be any refund or payment from the county to the user.
- (d) *Consumptive uses.* For any nonresidential user whose quantity of wastewater is substantially less than the amount of water delivered from the county's water supply as result of consumptive use, the sewer service availability fee shall be adjusted to reflect that portion of the water supplied that is not returned to the county's sewerage works.
- (1) For purposes of this section, consumptive use shall be the water use that is not returned to the public sewer as a result of the water being all or part of the user's product, evaporative losses, other consumptive process use, or discharge or disposal of the non-returned water by means other than discharge into the county's sewerage works. Explicitly excluded from consumptive use is water used for irrigation as defined in subsection 22-66(b).
 - (2) The sewer service availability fee for a user with substantial consumptive use shall be based upon the meter sizing of the service providing the consumptive use multiplied by the proportion of the water consumption that is to be returned to the county's sewerage works as it relates to the total water supplied by the water service.

(Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-14, 12-8-98; Ord. No. 22-15, 8-14-01; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Sec. 22-308. Sewer connection fees.

For new or altered service requiring the installation of a new sewer lateral the county shall charge a sewer connection fee to recover the costs of making the connection to an existing sewer, extending a sewer service line to the easement line or property line of the premises to be served, and installing a clean-out at the easement line or property line of the premises to be served.

- (a) For sewer services with inverts not more than ten (10) feet deep at all points along their length, not requiring new manholes, road crossings, directional drilling, and with laterals less than forty-five (45) feet in length between the sewer and easement line or property line of the premises to be served, and less than the connection fees shall be based on the lateral size as set forth in the following table:

Nominal Lateral Size (inches)	Current Until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
4	\$2,220	\$2,545	\$2,870	\$3,195
6	2,545	2,650	2,975	3,300
Greater than 6 inches	125 percent of actual costs			

- (b) For new, or altered sewer services that either are deeper than ten (10) feet, require new manholes or road crossings, directional drilling, or have laterals greater than forty-five (45) feet in length between the main and the cleanout, sewer service connection fees shall be one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the actual costs of the installation.
- (c) For those new or altered services where the sewer service is installed completely by the user, the developer, or other person, and not by the county, and the installation is approved by the county, there shall be no sewer connection fee charged.
- (d) For new sewer services, discounted connection fees shall be available for eligible residential dwellings that existed or have received a certificate of occupancy on or before July 1, 2004, as set forth below:
 - (1) To be eligible for this discount both of the following two (2) conditions must be met:
 - (i) The residential dwelling is not located within any subdivision in which sewer facilities for that subdivision were initially installed by the developer of that subdivision.
 - (ii) The residential dwelling is situated on property that abuts or that has a sewer service easement access to any public sewer line owned by Spotsylvania County.
 - (2) The customer securing a new sewer connection for an eligible residential dwelling may choose from among the following available discounts:
 - (i) Twenty (20) percent discount on the connection fee, where payment is made in installments over a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) months, or
 - (ii) Thirty (30) percent discount on the connection fee, paid in a lump sum payment at the time of application.
- (e) The discount shall not exceed an amount equal to the applicable percentages given in subsection 22-308(d)(2) applied to the connection fees for the appropriate lateral size given in the table under subsection 22-308(a).

(Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-21, 11-9-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-24, 2-14-06; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

DIVISION 4. SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 22-336. Account transaction fee.

Consumers shall pay a non-refundable account transaction fee when establishing or re-establishing a water, irrigation or water and sewer account as set forth in the following table:

Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
16.90	24.55	25.53	26.55

(Code 1980, § 17-82; Ords. of 6-14-83(2); 5-8-84(1); Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-13, 10-13-98; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

State law reference(s)—Va. Code, §§ 15.2-2119, 15.2-2121 and 15.2-2122.

Sec. 22-337. Sewer rates.

For connections not served by county water, the minimum monthly charge shall be as set forth in the following table. If the sewer discharge includes water from a source other than or in addition to a metered county source, the county administrator may set a minimum monthly charge based on the calculated flows of equivalent residential connections or by using such other information determined by him to accurately demonstrate the monthly sewage flow into the system.

Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly rates effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly rates effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly rates effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
\$25.55	\$26.57	\$27.63	\$28.74

For connections served by county water or other metered public water system, the sewer service charges shall be as set forth in chart 22-337, below:

Chart 22-337

The following rates per one thousand (1,000) gallons shall be based on monthly-metered water consumption even if billing periods are quarterly or bimonthly:

For Sewer Connections served by County water	Use in Gallons	Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly rates per 1,000 gallons effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly rates per 1,000 gallons effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly rates per 1,000 gallons effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
All Residential $\frac{5}{8}$-meter = 1 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—7,500	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	7,501—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial $\frac{5}{8}$-inch meter = 1 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—7,500	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	7,501—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial $\frac{3}{4}$-inch meter = 1.5 residential meter equivalent					
		\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—8,500	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	8,501—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial 1-inch meter = 2.5 residential meter equivalent					
		\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—13,000	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	13,001—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial 1½-inch meter = 5.0 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—15,000	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	15,001—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial 2-inch meter = 8.1 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40

	2,001—20,000	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	20,001—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial 3-inch meter = 15.9 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—27,000	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	27,001—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial 4-inch meter = 25.0 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—33,500	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	33,501—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91
Commercial 6- and 8-inch					
6-inch meter = 50 residential meter equivalent					
8-inch meter = 80 residential meter equivalent					
	1—2,000	\$2.35	\$2.35	\$2.37	\$2.40
	2,001—57,000	5.72	5.95	6.18	6.42
	57,001—	6.14	6.39	6.64	6.91

(Code 1980, § 17-92; Ords. of 6-2-81; 6-24-86(4); Ord. No. 22-2, 10-9-90; Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-6, 1-10-95; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-10, 6-10-97; Ord. No. 22-15, 8-14-01; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-33, 2-12-13; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

State law reference(s)—Va. Code §§ 15.2-2119, 15.2-2121 and 15.2-2122.

Sec. 22-337.1. Debt service charge.

Each sewer service user shall be assessed a debt service charge per month per residential meter equivalent unit based on the meter size as indicated in Chart 22-337 in section 22-337. The fee per residential meter equivalent unit is set forth in the following table. This charge shall be shown on the sewer service bill.

Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees per residential meter equivalent unit effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees per residential meter equivalent unit effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
\$6.59	\$8.26	\$10.18	\$13.50

(Ord. No. 22-2, 10-9-90; Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-6, 1-10-95; Ord. No. 22-9, 6-25-96; Ord. No. 22-10, 6-10-97; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-33, 2-12-13; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Sec. 22-340. Sewer service billing.

Sewer bills shall be rendered monthly. Each bill for sewer only, water only, irrigation, or water and sewer service will include an administrative fee as set forth in the following table. Bills for multiple connections shall include the administrative fee for each connection as set forth in the following table:

Current until first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2022	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2023	Monthly fees effective with the first bill after June 30, 2024
\$6.53	\$6.53	\$6.53	\$6.53

(Code 1980, § 17-83; Ord. No. 22-2, 10-9-90; Ord. No. 22-5, 2-8-94; Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-29, 1-26-10; Ord. No. 22-36, § 1, 2-14-17; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 22-20 provided this section will be effective with the first bill rendered after Sept. 30, 2004.

State law reference(s)—Va. Code §§ 15.2-2119, 15.2-2121 and 15.2-2122.

DIVISION 5. DISCHARGE OF SEPTIC TANK SEWAGE INTO COUNT

TREATMENT PLANT

Sec. 22-364. Permit—Fee.

An official permit to discharge domestic sewage from one (1) private septic tank or sewage system in the county into the county's Massaponax Sewage Treatment Plant may be obtained by any eligible user in such number as may be desired at the county treasurer's office upon payment of a fee as set forth in the following table for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof plus fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons of domestic septage to be delivered to the Massaponax plant for each permit. Eligible users whose residence or place of business was located in the county on December 31, 1983, but whose residence or place of business is now located in the City of Fredericksburg shall pay thirty dollars (\$30.00) for the first one thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof plus thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each

additional one thousand (1,000) gallons of domestic septage to be delivered to the Massaponax plant for each permit.

Current until June 30, 2022	Effective July 1, 2022	Effective July 1, 2023	Effective July 1, 2024
\$16.90	\$18.00	\$18.72	\$19.46

(Code 1980, § 17-96; Ord. of 5-8-84(1); Ord. No. 22-20, 8-10-04; Ord. No. 22-23, 12-13-05; Ord. No. 22-37, 5-10-22)

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.