

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-030

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON,
WASHINGTON REGARDING WATER AND SEWER
CONNECTION CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington, Washington has the authority to enact laws to promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington continues to examine equitable rates for water and sewer service to fairly and equitably allocate costs of providing service among existing and new customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington has recently completed an analysis of the existing water and sewer connection fees and has determined that the connection fees need to be adjusted to equitably allocate costs of providing service among existing and new customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington has recently completed updates to the Water and Sewer Comprehensive Plans that include a financial analysis for each utility to ensure the plan recommendations can be funded with the adjusted connection fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Arlington as follows:

Section 1. Arlington Municipal Code section 13.12.230 shall be and hereby is modified to read as follows:

13.12.230 - Connection charges for customers outside city limits

In addition to the foregoing rates and charges, the city shall charge at the time of connection for each service located outside City Limits that connects to the water or sewer system the charges set forth in Sections 13.12.240 and 13.12.250. Additional regulations regarding utility connections outside city limits are contained in AMC Chapter 13.20.

Section 2. Arlington Municipal Code section 13.12.240 shall be and hereby is modified to read as follows:

13.12.240 - Water connection and meter charges

- (a) **Connection Charge.** A connection charge is a charge for a share of the city's potable water system that a service connection must pay as a condition of being allowed to connect to the city's potable water system. The proportionate share is based on the fixture counts of water consuming devices at a service location as determined at the time of connection, or when improvements or additions increase the fixture counts of water consuming devices. The assessment of fixture counts shall be established by the Building Official, or their designee, based on water consuming device fixture counts established by the International Plumbing Code, version consistent with version in use by the City of Arlington Building Department.

The water meter size shall be based on the maximum allowable fixture counts set forth in the below table:

Meter Size	Fixture Count	Connection Charge
$\frac{5}{8}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ "	0 – 37	\$ 6,868
1"	37.5 – 89	\$ 17,244
1½"	89.5 – 286	\$ 34,488
2"	286.5 – 532	\$ 55,181
3"	532.5 – 1,300	\$ 110,362
4"	1,300.5 – 3,600	\$ 172,441
6"	3,600.5 – 8,200	\$ 344,883
Over 6"	<i>To be established at time of service request</i>	

- (b) **Meter Installation Charge.** In addition to the connection charges specified in Subsection 13.12.240(a) of this section, the city shall charge for each building or service connected to the water system within the city, a meter installation charge, as set forth in the below table:

Meter Size	Installation Charge
5/8 or ¾ inch	\$720.00
1 inch	\$1,080.00
1½ inch	\$1,580.00
2 inch	\$2,230.00
3 inch	\$4,250.00
4 inch	\$6,770.00
6 inch	Cost established at the time of installation

- (c) **Performance of Work.** The city may perform all or part of the installation of the service at the sole cost of the person receiving the water service. In such case, the applicant shall deposit with the finance director the estimated amount of the cost of installation prior to the work being done.
- (d) **Time of Payment of Charges—Excess and Deficiencies.** All charges imposed under this section, including connection charges, meter fees, material, labor and overhead costs, shall be paid in advance. If any advance payment based on an estimate is excessive, the city shall refund the excess on completion; and if the estimated amount paid is insufficient, the city shall bill such excess to the person owing the same and such excess shall be forthwith paid to the city.
- (e) **Additional Charges.** An additional charge will be made in all cases for repair of such street paving, curbs and gutters, and sidewalks as may be damaged by the installation of the water service, based upon actual cost to the city of materials, equipment, labor and overhead. Upon application, the city will estimate the amount of the additional charge, and the

applicant shall deposit with the finance director the estimated amount prior to the work being done.

Section 3. Arlington Municipal Code section 13.12.250 shall be and hereby is modified to read as follows:

13.12.250 - Sewer connection charges

Except as otherwise provided herein, the city shall charge a sewer connection charge for each sanitary sewer service connecting to the City's sewer system. Sewer connection fees shall be based on the size of the water meter service as established in section 13.12.240, as determined at the time of connection, or when improvements or additions increase the fixture counts of water consuming devices. These fees shall be paid for each building or service to be connected to the sewage system, whether it connects directly to the sewer line or is combined with two or more services and connected to the sewer line at a single point. Sewer connection fees are as set forth in the below table:

Water Meter Size	Sewer Connection Fee
5/8 or ¾ inch	\$ 4,840
1 inch	\$ 12,099
1½ inch	\$ 24,199
2 inch	\$ 38,720
Greater than 2"	Calculated based on Drainage Fixture Units and 300 gallons per day = 1 ERU, apply \$4,840 per ERU

- (a) Connection charges for industrial users as defined in Section 13.08..060 shall be computed as set forth in Section 13.12.260.
- (b) Side sewer installation. All side sewers shall be installed in accordance with Section 13.08.210.
- (c) In all cases there shall also be paid a side sewer inspection fee in the amount of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00). Side sewer inspection shall include connection to the sewer main line and inspection of monitoring manholes.
- (d) Field inspection fees for inspection requested other than side sewer permits shall be charged at the rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per hour with one-hour minimum charge.
- (e) All charges imposed under this chapter shall be paid in advance. If any advance payment based on an estimate is insufficient, then the city shall bill such excess to the person owing the same.
- (h) Industrial. Industrial applications require submittal of a written description of the industrial process, with a floor plan of the plumbing system that defines expected production levels

and water consumption. Equivalent residential unit determination will be computed from the forecasted average daily consumption (not discounted for weekends or holidays).

Section 4. Arlington Municipal Code section 13.12.260 shall be and hereby is modified to read as follows:

13.12.260 - Sewer connection charges—Industrial

For those users which discharge industrial waste as defined in AMC 13.08.060(11) , the Public Works Director or his or her designee shall establish a connection fee based on the criteria set forth in this section. To the extent possible, the Public Works Director or designee shall utilize historical data in establishing the connection fee.

- (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (1) "Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of BOD" means twelve and one-half pounds of biochemical oxygen demand per month.
 - (2) "Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of flow" means one thousand cubic feet per month of flow.
 - (3) "Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) of TSS" means twelve and one-half pounds of total suspended solids per month.
- (b) Industrial applications require submittal of a written description of the industrial process, with a floor plan of the plumbing system that defines expected production levels and water consumption.
- (c) Equivalent residential unit determination will be computed from the forecasted average daily consumption (not discounted for weekends or holidays).

Section 5. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 6. Effective Date. The title of this ordinance, which summarizes the contents of this ordinance, shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. The ordinance shall take effect **January 1, 2016**, or five (5) days after publication, whichever occurs last.

PASSED BY the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2015.

CITY OF ARLINGTON

Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

Attest:

Kristin Banfield, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Steven J. Peiffle, City Attorney