

# RESOLUTION 2022-06

## Amending Water and Sewer Rates

The following was moved by Councilperson Andrew, second by Councilperson Jerome to adopt:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ithaca may adjust the water and sewer rates by resolution pursuant to Ordinance Number 50; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ithaca staff, with the assistance of Municipal Analytics and Waterworth utility software, conducted Water and Sewer Rate Analyses in order to evaluate and develop rates and charges that best meet the City's goals and objectives and are fair and equitable to users of the systems; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adjust the rates to sustain the systems on a long-term basis, provide financial stability, equity, regulate water quality, remain economically competitive and charge the fairest rates to all users.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, effective with the first quarter of fiscal year 2023 (usage being billed on the October 25, 2022 billing statements) the water and sewer rates shall be amended to be:

*Customers shall pay a Base-Ready To Serve charge plus the Per Gallon Rate of:*

### Sewer Rates:

#### Customers within the City Limits:

##### Per Gallon Rate:

\$3.52 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$2.41 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

##### Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8":	\$ 9.86 per quarter
Meter Size 1":	\$ 17.55 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50":	\$ 39.44 per quarter
Meter Size 2":	\$ 70.10 per quarter
Meter Size 3":	\$ 157.76 per quarter
Meter Size 4":	\$ 280.42 per quarter
Meter Size 6":	\$ 631.04 per quarter
Meter Size 8":	\$1,121.87 per quarter

#### Customers Outside the City Limits:

##### Per Gallon Rate:

\$7.04 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$4.82 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

##### Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8":	\$ 19.72 per quarter
Meter Size 1":	\$ 35.10 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50":	\$ 78.88 per quarter
Meter Size 2":	\$ 140.21 per quarter
Meter Size 3":	\$ 315.52 per quarter
Meter Size 4":	\$ 560.84 per quarter
Meter Size 6":	\$1,262.08 per quarter
Meter Size 8":	\$2,243.74 per quarter

**Unmetered Sewer Charge:** Resident: \$73.30 Non-Resident: \$146.60

### Water Rates:

#### Customers within the City Limits:

##### Per Gallon Rate:

\$5.51 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$3.03 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

##### Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8":	\$ 10.50 per quarter
Meter Size 1":	\$ 18.69 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50":	\$ 42.00 per quarter
Meter Size 2":	\$ 74.66 per quarter
Meter Size 3":	\$ 168.00 per quarter
Meter Size 4":	\$ 298.62 per quarter
Meter Size 6":	\$ 672.00 per quarter
Meter Size 8":	\$1,194.69 per quarter

#### Customers Outside the City Limits:

##### Per Gallon Rate:

\$11.02 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$ 6.06 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

##### Base-Ready to Serve Charge:

Meter Size ¾" or 5/8":	\$ 21.00 per quarter
Meter Size 1":	\$ 37.38 per quarter
Meter Size 1.50":	\$ 84.00 per quarter
Meter Size 2":	\$ 149.31 per quarter
Meter Size 3":	\$ 336.00 per quarter
Meter Size 4":	\$ 597.24 per quarter
Meter Size 6":	\$1,344.00 per quarter
Meter Size 8":	\$2,389.38 per quarter

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, effective July 1, 2022, other water and sewer sales and service charges to be amended are as listed:

**Bulk Water Rate:** \$75.00 + \$11.02 per 1,000 gallons or (\$0.01102 per gallon) + \$30 Administration Fee

**Service Turn On Fee:** \$25.00

**Service Turn Off Fee:** \$25.00 + Customer Base Fee will still apply for each quarter

**Delinquent/Discontinuance Fee:** \$25.00 applied to unpaid accounts in service discontinuance process

**Service Call Charge:** \$50.00

**After Hours Service Call (including Turn On or Turn Off) Fees:** \$175.00\*

\* (based on water/sewer department normal business hours)

**Meter Testing Fee:** \$50.00 (prepayment required, performed by water department)

**New Meter Fee:** \$ Actual Meter Cost + Labor if set by City (frozen meter, customer request for replacement, damage due to customer or any person interference, etc.)

**Water Service Tap Fee 1" Service Line with 5/8" meter:** \$1,175 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

**Water Service Tap Fee 1" Service Line with 1" meter:** \$1,325 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

**Water Service Tap Fee 2" Service Line with 2" meter:** \$2,250 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

**Water Service when no Tap is Needed:** \$275 plus \$75 Water/Sewer Utility Permit

**Sewer Service Tap Fee 1" Service Line:** \$ 675 (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

**Sewer Service Tap Fee 2" Service Line:** \$1150 (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

**Water/Sewer Utility Permit:** \$75.00

**Excavation/Utility Permit:** \$75.00 (all excavation projects including service line repairs)

**Irrigation Meter:** Second Meter 1" line: \$425 one-time cost (includes 1" meter and transmitter) plus \$25 annually

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the rates will continue to be analyzed and adjusted annually through a water and sewer rate study/analysis, and applied to the usage starting July 1st and forward.

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (5) Jerome, Koppberger, Andrew, Baublitz and Schafer**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (2) Gruesbeck and Hubbard**

Resolution is declared adopted this 17th day of May, 2022.

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk