

**RESOLUTION 2023-07 – AMENDMENT**

**Amending Water and Sewer Rates**

The following was moved by Councilperson Hubbard, second by Councilperson Koppleberger 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, continue to meet State of Michigan water and sewer system regulations, remain economically competitive and charge the fairest rates to all users.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, effective with the first quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024 (usage being billed August 1, 2023 and after) 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:**

\$4.40 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$3.01 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

**Base-Ready to Serve Charge:**

Meter Size ¾” or 5/8” : \$ 12.33 per quarter  
Meter Size 1” : \$ 21.95 per quarter  
Meter Size 1.50” : \$ 49.32 per quarter  
Meter Size 2” : \$ 87.67 per quarter  
Meter Size 3” : \$ 197.28 per quarter  
Meter Size 4” : \$ 350.67 per quarter  
Meter Size 6” : \$ 789.12 per quarter  
Meter Size 8” : \$1,402.90 per quarter

**Customers Outside the City Limits:**

**Per Gallon Rate:**

\$8.80 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$6.02 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

**Base-Ready to Serve Charge:**

Meter Size ¾” or 5/8” : \$ 24.66 per quarter  
Meter Size 1” : \$ 43.90 per quarter  
Meter Size 1.50” : \$ 98.64 per quarter  
Meter Size 2” : \$ 175.34 per quarter  
Meter Size 3” : \$ 394.56 per quarter  
Meter Size 4” : \$ 701.34 per quarter  
Meter Size 6” : \$1,578.24 per quarter  
Meter Size 8” : \$2,805.80 per quarter

**Unmetered Sewer Charge:** Resident: \$91.65 Non-Resident: \$183.30

**Water Rates:**

**Customers within the City Limits:**

**Per Gallon Rate:**

\$6.89 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$3.79 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

**Base-Ready to Serve Charge:**

Meter Size ¾” or 5/8” : \$ 13.13 per quarter  
Meter Size 1” : \$ 23.37 per quarter  
Meter Size 1.50” : \$ 52.52 per quarter  
Meter Size 2” : \$ 93.35 per quarter  
Meter Size 3” : \$ 210.08 per quarter  
Meter Size 4” : \$ 373.42 per quarter  
Meter Size 6” : \$ 840.32 per quarter  
Meter Size 8” : \$1,493.93 per quarter

**Customers Outside the City Limits:**

**Per Gallon Rate:**

\$13.78 per 1,000 gallons for up to 500,000 gallons  
\$ 7.58 per 1,000 gallons for over 500,000 gallons

**Base-Ready to Serve Charge:**

Meter Size ¾” or 5/8” : \$ 26.26 per quarter  
Meter Size 1” : \$ 46.74 per quarter  
Meter Size 1.50” : \$ 105.04 per quarter  
Meter Size 2” : \$ 186.70 per quarter  
Meter Size 3” : \$ 420.16 per quarter  
Meter Size 4” : \$ 746.84 per quarter  
Meter Size 6” : \$1,680.64 per quarter  
Meter Size 8” : \$2,987.86 per quarter

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, effective July 1, 2023 other water and sewer sales and service charges to be amended are as listed:

**Bulk Water Rate\***: \$75.00 + \$13.78 per 1,000 gallons or (\$0.01378 per gallon) + \$30 Administration Fee

\*Cost for damage to meter equipment or hydrant will be charged replacement cost + \$30.00 Admin Fee

**Service Turn On Fee**: \$30.00

**Service Turn Off Fee**: \$30.00 + Customer Base Ready to Serve Charge will still apply for each billing period

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

**Service Call Charge**: \$60.00

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

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

**Meter Testing Fee**: \$60.00 (prepayment required, performed by water department)

**New Meter Fee**: Meter Replacement Cost (current market price) + 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**: \$1,750.00 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

**Water Service Tap Fee 1" Service Line with 1" meter**: \$1,900.00 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

**Water Service Tap Fee 2" Service Line with 2" meter**: \$2,500.00 (includes meter, transmitter and permit fee)

**Water Service Tap Fee 2" Service Line with 2" compound meter**: \$3,550.00 (includes meter, transmitter & permit fee)

**Water Service when no Tap is Needed**: \$ 500.00 (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

**Sewer Service Tap Fee – Local Street**: \$ 800.00 (includes Water/Sewer Utility Permit)

**Sewer Service Tap Fee – Major Street**: \$1,000.00 (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**: \$500.00 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: (6) Koppberger, Andrew, Endter, Hubbard, Jerome, Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (1) Gruesbeck**

Resolution is declared adopted this 16th day of May, 2023.

**Resolution is amended this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.**

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk