



## TOWN OF APEX

### Requested Fee Schedule Changes (effective 2/11/2025)

#### Temporary Sign Fees

Recent UDO amendment to the sign ordinance created need to amend the fee so that "Sign, Temporary" is split into two categories:

- "Sign, Temporary Commercial" \$50
- "Sign, Temporary Non-commercial" No Charge

This change is for any non-commercial or political sign (churches, non-profits, etc.).

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** Recommended approval

#### Flat Rate Sewer Charge

- No previous methodology for calculation of flat rate sewer. Updated fee uses NC DEQ approved residential flow rates for a single family dwelling (300 gallons per day (GPD) per dwelling unit). This usage is used to calculate an estimated monthly bill using adopted base and volumetric rates
- Staff recommended increase from \$40/ month to \$85.18/ month

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** Implement rate increase over 2-year period beginning with increase to **\$65.00/month**

#### Columbarium

Previous cost recovery was based on the number of units, while the total project cost increased, the available number of units did as well keeping cost recovery in line with current rates

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** Increase single and double urn fees both by \$300 (Single \$1,700 / Double \$2,300). With no available cemetery plots for sale, the cemetery has limited revenue sources for maintenance and repair. Increased fees will assist in building the Cemetery Fund back up to invest in the care of the property and be more inline with private columbarium costs. The increase results in approximately \$585,000 in additional revenue over the sale of all niches.

#### Water Meter Fees

Cost for materials and equipment continue to increase. Staff recommends updating the fee schedule for larger meter sizes to "at cost + 10%" to ensure the Town is recovering associated costs. Fees for damaged or

DEVELOPMENT SUBMITTAL FEES	
Fees collected by the Planning Department	
Sign, Master Plan	\$200
Sign, Permanent	\$75 + \$10/add'l sign
Sign, Temporary Commercial	\$50
Sign, Temporary Non-commercial	No charge
Site Inspections (Non-residential lot) <sub>2</sub>	\$500

Sewer Rates	
Sewer Base Charge	
Sewer Volumetric Rates (per 1,000 gallons)	
Commercial & Residential	
Colvin Park/White Oak *	
*Per the Alternative Sewer Agreement, "the Apex special published rate shall be an Apex charge of \$2 per thousand gallons."	
Wholesale Sewer Base Charge	\$11.63
Flat Rate Sewer	\$65.00 <del>\$40.00</del> /month

300 GPD (109,500 annual / 9,125 monthly)	Inside Rate
Base Charge	11.63
Volumetric Rate	8.06
Gallons per Month	9,125
<b>Monthly Bill</b>	<b>85.18</b>

replacement would only be applied to active building permits that require a replacement meter, ERT holder or pedestal due to contractor damage.

#### Finance Committee Recommendation:

- Update meter fees for 1 inch & higher to reflect "At cost + 10%"
- Update Damaged ERT Holder Replacement Fee to "ERT Damage / Replacement" \$134 + Labor (this is the transmitter attached to the meter to allow for remote readings)

## EV Charging Rates

EV Chargers present a huge financial risk for the Town without properly designed rates to recover the NCEMPA CP demand costs and distribution system costs. Five scenarios were reviewed with various impacts from full cost recovery to no charge. Staff recommended a minimum of \$0.20 per kWh with limited or throttled charging speed during peak hours for town owned chargers and Large General Service Coincident Peak rates for commercial charging stations. The Town's current LGS CP rate is ideal for cost recovery of high demand, low load factor electric loads. This rate includes CP demand charge, NCP excess demand charge and energy charge.

Scenario	Monthly Value to Recoup (CP)	Necessary Rate (CP)	Monthly Value to Recoup (no CP)	Necessary Rate (no CP)
Full Cost Recovery	\$741.11	\$0.43 per kWh	\$313.71	\$0.18 per kWh
50% Cost Recovery	\$370.56	\$0.22 per kWh	\$156.85	\$0.09 per kWh
Operation, Maintenance, & Wholesale Only	\$530.14	\$0.31 per kWh	\$102.75	\$0.06 per kWh
Wholesale Costs Only	\$470.94	\$0.27 per kWh	\$43.55	\$0.03 per kWh

#### Finance Committee Recommendation:

*Town Owned Public Charging Energy Rate:* set an initial kWh rate of \$0.20 and throttle charging during peak hours. This would reduce charging speed to comparable Level 1 charger (~3.5 kW).

#### Commercial Public Chargers:

- Level 2 Public chargers – Mandatory LGS CP rate
- Level 3 DCFC – Mandatory LGS CP rate

Rate Description		FY 25
Medium General Service TOU	Customer Charge (\$/bill)	90.00
	TOU Energy Charge (\$ kWh)	0.0831
	TOU On PeakDemand Charge (\$ kW)	13.78
Large General Service TOU	Customer Charge (\$/bill)	180.00
	TOU Energy Charge (\$ kWh)	0.0683
	TOU On PeakDemand Charge (\$ kW)	14.34
Large General Service Coincident	Customer Charge (\$/bill)	360.00
	Energy Charge (\$/kWh)	0.0536
	CP Demand Charge (\$ kW)	23.63
	Excess Demand Charge (\$ kW)	4.71