

ATTACHMENT A

METER COSTS:

5/8"	\$184.00
1"	\$310.50
1 1/2 "	\$1109.75
2"	\$1397.25
Smart Point	\$235.75

METER HORNS:

5/8"	\$132.25
1"	\$232.30

INSPECTION FEE:

Water & wastewater	\$75.00
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CONNECTION & TAP FEES:

Connection to existing service	\$750.00
City installed tap	\$1400.00

The city will not make water taps larger than 1".

The city does not make sewer taps.

CITY OF BUCHANAN

POLICY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS GOVERNING WATER SERVICES.

RIGHT TO CONNECT AND CONNECTION CHARGES

- A. A person shall have the right to connect a building located within the Buchanan city limits to the Water Utility's water system upon payment of a connection charge in accordance with the schedule of rates set forth in attachment A.
- B. A building located outside the Buchanan city limits may not connect to the Water Utility's water system unless the owner of the affected real estate executes an Agreement with the City of Buchanan and Buchanan TWP, and the Agreement has been approved by both City and TWP governing officials.
- C. A customer or developer shall pay a connection charge for each connection made to the Water Utility's water system. The connection fee is required for each connection, regardless if the connection is made to a public water main or to a privately-owned water line. A connection charge may be waived in whole or in part only upon approval by the water utility Superintendent.
- D. Each new metered water service, except a residential metered sprinkling water service, must be connected directly to a public water main.
- E. Each building used for residential, commercial or industrial purposes connected to the Water Utility's water system must be connected directly to a public water main unless otherwise approved in writing by the water utility Superintendent pursuant to paragraph F.
- F. The water utility Superintendent may approve, in writing, water service to a second building on a single zoning lot to be connected through the primary building's water service if the two buildings have the same ownership and that one of the buildings is subordinate and serves the principal building on the zoning lot. The water utility Superintendent must condition the approval upon a requirement for the second building to connect its water service directly to the public water main if the zoning lot is divided so that the two buildings are not on the same zoning lot and the ownership of the two buildings does not remain the same. The water service for the two buildings shall be separately metered.

INSPECTION

- A. Each customer or developer, prior to making a connection to the Water Utility's water system shall pay an inspection fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75). If a reinspection is required due to the improper installation of the water main or water line, the customer or developer shall pay a reinspection fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75).

- B. If more than one (1) water main or water line are inspected on a single parcel of real estate at the same time, the Water Utility may elect to charge a single inspection fee.
- C. If at the time of the inspection, the water main or water line to be inspected is not sufficiently exposed to allow inspection, the customer or developer will uncover the water main or water line to allow for an adequate inspection. A reinspection fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) will be assessed to the customer or developer.
- D. The inspection shall be scheduled with the City of Buchanan Water Utility at least two (2) working days in advance.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Each unit in a building will be separately metered unless the water utility Superintendent gives the owner of the building express prior written approval to permit multiple units in the building to be serviced by a single meter. Such approval may not be given unless the owner of the real estate registers the water services in the owner's name and the owner pays all charges for the water services for that real estate.
- B. Each building connected to the Water Utility's water system shall have installed an outside curb stop or valve.
- C. Each unit in a multi-unit building that is separately metered must have an outside curb stop or valve for each water meter installed so that utility services to a unit can be independently shut off without disrupting utility services to other units in the building.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

This policy is duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, Michigan on the 28th day of August 2023.

Sean Denison, Mayor

Kalla Langston, City Clerk

CONNECTIONS TO A PUBLIC WATER MAIN.

- A. The Buchanan Water Department shall make all connections to a public water main in which the connection is one inch (1") or smaller in size unless the water utility Superintendent gives a customer or developer the express prior written authorization to make the connection. All connections to a public water main in which the connection is greater than one inch (1") in size shall be made by a private contractor at the expense of the customer or developer. All such connections shall be inspected and approved by the water utility Superintendent.
- B. A public water main must be in the right-of-way dedicated to the city by the owner of the real estate for such purposes. Any water line on private real estate shall be deemed a privately owned water line unless clear intent to the contrary is shown by prior written dedication of the water line to the City of Buchanan accepted by the City Commission.
- C. Each customer shall maintain the building water line from the curb stop or valve to any building on the customer's real estate in good working order at the customer's expense. If there is no curb stop or valve, the customer shall maintain the building water line from the edge of the city's right-of-way to any building on the customer's real estate at the customer's expense.

UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION.

A person connecting a location to the Water Utility's water system without the knowledge and consent of the Water Utility shall be charged a fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) unless the Water Utility can establish that a greater fee should be charged by applying the schedule of rates and charges.

SCHEDULE OF CONNECTION CHARGES.

The schedule below is applicable to all connections to a public water main in which the connection is made by the Buchanan Water Department. The connection charge includes the right to connect to the water system, the city's cost to furnish and install the water service pipe from the public water main to the lot line, and the installation of a curb stop or valve. The connection charge does not include the cost to furnish and install the building line from the building to the curb stop or valve, the cost of the meter or meter horn, or the inspection charge.