

## ORDINANCE 2023-05

### AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES AND SERVICE FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton charges certain fees and rates for usage pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Warrenton (hereinafter referred to as the "Town Code") as authorized by Section 15.2-2119 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, that the following water and sewer rates and fees are hereby effective beginning July 1, 2023:

#### WATER AND SEWER USAGE RATES:

##### **Base Charge (for usage < 2,000 gallons):**

Meter Size	In Town Rates		
	Water	Sewer	Total
5/8	\$ 8.04	\$ 15.32	\$ 23.36
3/4	\$ 12.06	\$ 22.98	\$ 35.04
1	\$ 20.10	\$ 38.30	\$ 58.40
1 1/2	\$ 40.20	\$ 76.60	\$ 116.80
2	\$ 64.32	\$ 122.56	\$ 186.88
3	\$ 140.70	\$ 268.10	\$ 408.80
4	\$ 253.26	\$ 482.58	\$ 735.84
6	\$ 522.60	\$ 995.80	\$ 1,518.40
8	\$ 643.20	\$ 1,225.60	\$ 1,868.80

Out of Town Rates		
Water	Sewer	Total
\$ 12.06	\$ 22.98	\$ 35.04
\$ 18.09	\$ 34.47	\$ 52.56
\$ 30.15	\$ 57.45	\$ 87.60
\$ 60.30	\$ 114.90	\$ 175.20
\$ 96.48	\$ 183.84	\$ 280.32
\$ 211.05	\$ 402.15	\$ 613.20
\$ 379.89	\$ 723.87	\$ 1,103.76
\$ 783.90	\$ 1,493.70	\$ 2,277.60
\$ 964.80	\$ 1,838.40	\$ 2,803.20

**Commodity Rate, per 1,000 gallons**

Usage	Water	Sewer	Total
>2,000	\$ 8.91	\$ 12.29	\$ 21.20

Water	Sewer	Total
\$ 13.37	\$ 18.44	\$ 31.81

Minimum monthly charges shall not be prorated.

**SEWER ONLY RATES:**

The owner of any residential property connected to the Town sewer system which property has a private water supply shall pay a monthly charge of \$42.14 inside of Town and \$63.21 outside of Town for sewer service. Commercial users shall pay \$205.20 for sewer service outside of Town.

<u>WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT FEES:</u>	
New Service/Transfer of Service	\$25
Security Deposit	\$150 (residential & commercial)
Late Fee	\$5
Reconnection Fee	\$40

### New Service Fee

A new service fee of \$25.00 shall be paid to transfer water and/or sewer service from one customer to another or to transfer a customer from one location to another.

### Security Deposits

The minimum utility deposit for residential and commercial customers, other than owner occupied properties, shall be \$150.00.

Any property whose water and or sewer account has become delinquent twice during any twelve-month period, and service has been disconnected for non-payment, shall be required to pay an additional deposit equal to the average monthly bill, or the minimum utility deposit amount of \$150.00, whichever is greater.

All funds paid for utility deposits shall be maintained in a separate account and no interest shall be payable on those utility deposits. Utility deposits shall be held and applied toward the final bill whenever a customer moves out of the Town or discontinues a utility account. Any remaining balance shall be refunded to the customer.

Any balance remaining from a deposit, after payment of the final bill, which the Town is unable to refund because no forwarding address has been supplied to the Town, shall be remitted to the Treasurer of Virginia in accordance with Unclaimed Property Regulations.

### Late Fees

Any utility account that is not paid when due shall be charged a late fee in the amount of \$5.00.

### Reconnection Fees

Any water service for which a bill has been rendered for water and/or sewer service and which is not paid after due notice shall be discontinued. Before service shall be reinstated, a reconnection fee of \$40.00 shall be paid.

If a customer requests suspension of water service, a reconnection fee of \$40.00 shall be paid prior to reinstating water service.

#### Liability of Homeowner/Homeowner Authorization

Where property is occupied by more than one family or occupied other than by the owner, such owner shall be directly liable for service charges and fees. Tenants wishing to establish a utility account in their name must provide the Town with a Homeowner Authorization Form or a copy of a current signed lease agreement.