

Eliot Sewer Department User Rates & Fee Definitions

METER CHARGE-FIXED & CAPITAL RESERVE

The Meter Charge is a fixed annual rate, charged quarterly, and is applied to all units regardless of sewer usage amount. This fixed meter charge is designed to provide revenue stability and to help cover fixed expenditures of the sewer system, such as labor, debt service, and capital reserves. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of the meter charge is designated for capital reserves. The Capital Reserve Fund allows for the Town to have funds available in emergency situations, and to prepare for future sewer system improvements.

METER CHARGE-CONSUMPTION

The Consumption Charge is charged at a rate per 100 Cubic Feet (CF) of water used per customer, as metered by the Kittery Water District (where available). This cost is calculated by multiplying the consumption rate per 100 CF by the number of 100 CF used by each customer. The rate is set so that the sum of the fixed meter charge revenues, other revenues, and the consumption charge revenues will provide enough funds to cover the estimated sewer system budget.

Note: Each quarterly bill will separately show the meter charge amount and consumption charge due for each customer. The bill shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the invoice date, and shall be assessed interest at the current Town adopted interest rate for unpaid taxes for charges unpaid after 30 days.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE

The System Development Charge is a one-time fee applied to new or expanded users to the sewer system. This charge is designed so that new and expanded users pay to access capacity in the system, at an equal status to those already connected to the system who have already contributed to the sewer system assets. It is calculated by dividing the system asset value by the system capacity, and multiplied by the estimated capacity need of the new user. This System Development Charge will be based on meter size, assuming each new connection will contribute a certain amount of wastewater proportional to the meter size. This charge shall be payable at the time a permit for a new or expanded connection is issued. The SDC will not be assessed to users who are currently paying the access only fee.

FIXED CHARGES AND FEES

Fixed Charges and Fees include inspection fees, connection application fees, manual meter read fees, disconnect/reconnect fees, engineering/3rd party review fees, and Master Drain Layer's licensing/annual license renewal fees. These fees are charged only on an as needed basis for certain services, and are designed to closely cover the actual costs of time and effort necessary to complete the work. The Access Only Fee is a recurring charge on a quarterly basis for users who front the sewer, but do not connect.

Eliot Sewer Department
Current User Rates and Fee Summary
Adopted by the Eliot Select Board November 14, 2019

Fixed and Consumption Charges (January 2018)

METER SIZE	TOTAL QUARTERLY FIXED CHARGE*	PORTION OF FIXED TOTAL FOR RESERVES
5/8 in. meter	111.52	31.26
3/4 in. meter	111.52	31.26
1 in. meter	154.48	42.34
1 ½ in. meter	200.28	56.14
2 in. meter	322.06	90.28
3 in. meter	1,221.08	342.29
4 in. meter	1,554.50	435.75
6 in. meter	2,330.62	653.31
8 in. meter	5,458.98	1,530.24
Expansion Users (EDUs)	111.52	31.26

*Consumption charge = \$6.08 per 100 cubic foot in addition to quarterly fixed charges

System Development Charges

Meter Size	Equivalent EDUs	Estimated Use, gpd	SDC	
5/8" and 3/4"	1.00	120	\$1,000	each
1"	2.50	300	\$2,500	each
1-1/2"	5.00	600	\$5,000	each
2" and greater	varies	as approved by Town	\$8.33	per gpd

Note: Usage for 1" and 1 ½" meters based on Meter Equivalent Ratio per AWWA M1.

Fixed Charges and Fees

Fee	Amount	Remarks
Inspection Fee	\$125	Per Inspection
Connection Application Fee (Admin)	\$25	Cost for paperwork in administration. Applied to new users tying into system.
Manual Meter Read Disconnect/Reconnect Fees	\$30	Cost for administration and for disconnect/reconnect.
Engineering/3 rd Party Review Fees	Varies based on scope	Escrow
Access Only Fee (varies)	Quarterly Fixed Sewer Charge (see above)	
Master Drain Layer's License and Annual License Renewal	\$50	Bonds and Insurance also required