

ORDINANCE 2021-004

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CURRENT WATER AND SEWER BILLING RATES AND CHARGES FOR SUCH SERVICES; ESTABLISHING TAP-IN FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER, CHARGES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, AND DEPOSITS, LATE FEES, AND OTHER SERVICE DEPOSITS; DEFINING RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNITS; AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS IN BILLINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Patterson desires to update the current water and sewer billing rates and charges associated with the provision of water and sewer services in the City;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Patterson hereby ordains that:

SECTION I. Repealer. Any prior resolutions or ordinances relating to water and sewer billing rates and charges associated with the provision of water and sewer services in the City are hereby repealed, but only to the extent that such resolutions or ordinances are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. Adoption of New Ordinance. The Council hereby adopts the following ordinance and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Patterson shall be updated to include these provisions. This ordinance shall be renumbered if necessary to fit within the existing Code of Ordinances.

The City of Patterson Water and Wastewater Rates

Monthly Rates and Charges

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Water		
Base Charge of \$16.50 per REU* Inside the City		
Base Charge of \$20.50 per REU* Outside the City		
Administration Charge of \$2.00 per Account Inside & Outside the City		
Quantity (in gallons)	\$/1,000 gal Inside the City	\$/1,000 gal Outside the City
1 to 3,000	2.00	3.00
3,001 to 5,000	2.25	3.38
5,001 to 10,000	2.50	3.75
10,001 to 20,000	2.75	4.13
20,001 to 50,000	3.00	4.50
Over 50,000	3.50	5.25

***REU – Residential Equivalent Unit**

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Wastewater		
Base Charge of \$20.06 per REU* Inside the City		
Base Charge of \$24.80 per REU* Outside the City		
Quantity (in gallons)	\$/1,000 gal Inside the City	\$/1,000 gal Outside the City
1 to 3,000	2.72	4.07
3,001 to 5,000	3.06	4.58
5,001 to 10,000	3.40	5.09
10,001 to 20,000	3.73	5.60
20,001 to 50,000	4.07	6.11
Over 50,000	4.75	7.13

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Debt Service:

The bond amount for water and wastewater projects funded by USDA Rural Development and other revenue bonds including all engineering fees and set up fees can be shown as a separate line item on the water and wastewater bill or included in the base charge.

Overhead Sprinkler Systems:

The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems installed in any facilities inside the city limits other than single family residences shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and fifty cents (\$0.50) per additional one thousand (1,000) square feet. The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems installed in any facilities outside the city limits other than single family residences shall be seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and seventy five cents (\$0.75) per additional one thousand (1,000) square feet.

Tap-In Fees

Water and wastewater tap-in fees shall be charged on the basis of residential units or residential equivalent units according to the tap-in fees listed hereinafter. Any fractional units resulting from the calculation of residential equivalent units shall be treated as a whole unit. In addition to the tap-in fees, installation fees shall be charged in accordance with schedules listed hereinafter. Installation fees shall cover only connection to existing mains that are adjacent to location to be served; the actual costs of any extensions necessary shall be charged in addition

to tap-in and installation fees. All fees and charges shall be paid by the customer or customers at whose request the connection is made.

Water tap-in fees shall be charged as follows:

Inside the City: Six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for each residential unit or residential equivalent unit

Outside the City: Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each residential unit or residential equivalent unit

The water tap-in fee for connecting to water mains for fire protection purposes shall be as follows:

		<u>Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Outside City Limits</u>
2"	Tap	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00
3"	Tap	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
4"	Tap	\$1,400.00	\$2,100.00
6"	Tap	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
8"	Tap	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00
12"	Tap	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00

Sewer tap-in fees shall be charged as follows:

Inside the City: One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each 4" residential unit or residential equivalent unit

Outside the City: One thousand, three hundred fifty dollars (\$1,350.00) for each residential equivalent or residential equivalent unit

Sewer installation fees for making connections to the city sewerage system and installing service lines shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Tap Size</u>	<u>Installation by City</u>	<u>Plumber</u>
4"	\$1,000.00	\$150.00
6"	\$1,300.00	\$150.00
8"	\$2,500.00	\$150.00

Installation fees for installations requiring additional facilities including, but not limited to, manholes or flow metering installations shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the city for all actual costs incurred in making the installation.

Charges for any installation not covered in standard pricing shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Basis</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Staging	Per installation	\$300.00
Labor	Per hour	\$ 75.00
Backhoe	Per hour	\$200.00
Small Backhoe	Per hour	\$100.00
Trencher	Per hour	\$ 50.00
Dewatering Pump	Per hour	\$ 35.00
Air Compressor	Per hour	\$ 35.00
Tap Water Main	Per inch of Tap diameter	\$ 75.00
Miscellaneous	Actual Cost	-----

All hourly charges shall include travel time to and from the job location. Work performed outside regular business hours at the request of customers shall be charged at 150% of the rates in the schedule. Miscellaneous charges shall include actual charges for equipment rented to perform the work. The above schedule shall also be used to calculate charges when the City staff or equipment is used on private facilities. The staging charge shall be used for construction by may be waived for other types of work at the discretion of the director.

Water Tap-in Extension Fees:

Installation fees shall cover only connection to existing mains that are adjacent to location to be served, the actual costs of any extensions necessary shall be charged in addition to tap-in and installation fees. All fees and charges shall be paid by the customer or customers at whose request the connection is made.

Water installation fees for making taps into the city water mains or water lines and installing water meters or providing water meters for plumbers to install shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Installation by City</u>	<u>Plumber</u>
5/8" – 3/4"	\$ 600.00	\$ 350.00
1"	\$ 900.00	\$ 450.00
1 1/2"	\$2,200.00	\$1,100.00
2"	\$2,700.00	\$1,300.00

Installation fees for meters larger than two inches shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the city for all actual costs incurred in making the installation.

The director may authorize licensed master plumbers to install connections to water or wastewater facilities upon written application. Water meters shall be supplied to authorized licensed master plumbers at cost; all other related accessories for water or sewer connections may be supplied to authorized licensed master plumbers. The director shall require payment of

installation fees as listed herein or reimbursement of actual costs for any installations not specifically covered. All work done by other than city personnel shall be done only under the supervision of licensed master plumbers authorized to perform such work. The director shall require that all installation is performed in accordance with specifications and/or standards conforming to sound engineering practices; in the event that such installation is not made in accordance with specifications and/or standards, the director may require the installation to be corrected or removed and reinstalled as necessary.

Charges for Miscellaneous Services:

If any action taken by unauthorized persons inside a meter box causes damages to a curb stop or a cover or lock connected to a curb stop, the resident or customer responsible for the premises shall be charged a fee of \$50.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges.

Deposits, Late Fees and Service Charges:

Deposits shall be \$150.00 with a minimum deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per unit for water and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per unit for sewer. In the event a customer's account is delinquent in payment of one (1) or more bills, the deposit for that customer's account or accounts may be required to be increased for all services. Such increased deposits may be required to be paid in full before reconnection of service.

In the event a utility bill has not been paid by the past due date printed on the bill (the 10th* of each month by 4:00 pm), the account shall be subject to an additional late fee of 10% of the balance owed. Late fees shall be incurred whether or not the service is disconnected.

In the event a utility bill has not been paid by the grace period (the 15th* of each month by 4:00 PM), additional fees shall be added based on the following schedule:

Cut-off (1 st time)	\$ 25.00
Cut-off (2 nd time)	\$ 50.00
Cut-off (3 rd time)	\$ 50.00 plus and additional \$150.00 deposit
Locking Meter	\$ 35.00
Removal of Meter	\$ 60.00
Removal of Straight Line	\$ 80.00
Removal of unauthorized	
Relocated meter	\$125.00
Cutting Off Water at Main	\$300.00

Payment of these fees shall not exempt any user from any civil or criminal action resulting from violations of this chapter.

In addition to the fees and deposits otherwise provided hereinabove, each applicant for service shall pay in advance an account establishment charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for either new service or transfer of service from one location to another.

Residential Equivalent Units

A residential equivalent unit is that portion of a user’s facility that has an impact on the water and wastewater system equivalent to a single family residence. The determination of a facility’s residential equivalent units shall be based on estimated water consumption as shown in guidelines below or on square footage. Peak water consumption of three hundred (300) gallons per day or a floor space of three thousand (3,000) square feet, shall be the equivalent of one (1) residential unit. The method which results in the greater number of equivalent residential units shall be applied. The standards in the table below shall be used in the determination of water consumption. If the table does not provide information for a particular application, the estimated water consumption shall be as calculated by the director in accordance with sound engineering practices using information available from Georgia EPD, USEPA, or standard reference materials commonly used for estimating flows.

<u>Type of Facility</u>	<u>Water Usage (in gallons/day)</u>
Assembly Hall	3 per seat
Barber Shop/Beauty Shop	125 per chair
Boarding House**	100 per room
Bowling Alley	50 per lane
Church	
w/o Day Care or Kindergarten	5 per seat
Correctional Institution	125 per bed
Country Club	
Recreational Facilities Only	25 per member
Day Care Center, no meals	15 per person
Dental Office	100 per chair
Department Store	25 per employee
Factory	
w/o showers	25 per employee
with showers	35 per employee
Food Service Establishments (toilets & kitchen)**	
1) Restaurants (up to 12 hrs/day to 18 hrs/day)	35 per seat
2) Restaurants	
That use paper products only	15 per seat
3) Restaurants	
Above 18 hrs/day	50 per seat
4) Bar and Cocktail Lounge	30 per seat

5) Drive-in Restaurant	35 per car space
6) Carry-out Only	35 per 100 sq ft
Plus	15 per employee
Hospital	
1) Inpatient	300 per bed
2) Outpatient	300 per bed
Hotel, no kitchen	100 per room
Kindergarten, no meals	15 per person
Laundry, Commercial	1000 per machine
Laundry, Coin	150 per machine
Lodges	50 per bed
Mobile Home Park	300 per site
Motel, no kitchen	100 per room
Nursing Home	100 per bed
Office	25 per employee
Physician's Office	200 per exam room
Prison	300 per inmate
Schools	
1) Boarding	100 per person
2) Day, Restrooms Only	12 per person
3) Day, Restrooms and Cafeteria	16 per person
4) Day, Restrooms, Gyms & Cafeteria	20 per person
Service Stations serving Interstate	
1) Full Service	425 + 150 per pump
2) Fuel & Oil Only	150 per pump
Service Stations serving other locations	
1) Full Service	300 + 100 per pump
2) Fuel & Oil Only	100 per pump
Service Stations serving any locations	
1) Car Wash	500 per stall
Shopping Center	
(not including food service or laundry)	10 per 100 sq ft
Stadium	2 per seat
Theater	5 per seat
Travel Trailer Park	
1) With independent water & sewer connection	100 per site
2) w/o independent water & sewer connection	35 per site
Warehouse	10 per 100 sq ft
**Add 300 gallons per machine to amount indicated if laundry or dish washing machines are installed.	

In the event a facility is made up of more than one smaller component facility, the determination of residential equivalent units shall be calculated as the sum of all component's residential equivalent units.

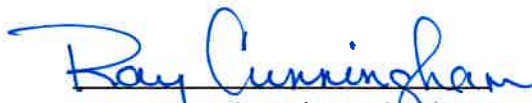
Notwithstanding, in a case involving a site utilizing its own private water supply and distribution system to multiple locations resulting in the production of domestic type wastewater only, such as employee restrooms and showers, such that reading and maintenance of meters would create excessive costs and hardship in the judgement of the director, the City may bill on flow estimates calculated on the basis of an average flow per employee times the average number of employees at such facility for the recovery costs of transporting and treating the wastewater.

Adjustments in Billing

The director shall be authorized to make equitable adjustments in billings for wastewater services only in cases where leaks in pipes and plumbing facilities result in increased billings without fault on the part of the customer. Such adjustments shall be made based on an average of prior billings only after repairs have been made as certified by a licensed plumber, and shall be limited to three month's billings.

SECTION III: Adopted this 10th day of June, 2021, by the affirmative vote of the councilmembers present at an official meeting of the Council of the City of Patterson.

ATTEST:


Ray Cunningham (City Clerk)

CITY OF PATTERSON

R.D. Thomas, Jr. (Mayor)

Date of 1st Reading 5-13-2021
Date of 2nd Reading 6-10-2021


Jake Echols, Mayor Pro-Tem


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