

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – DISTRICT A WATER RULES

ADOPTED JANUARY 13, 1992

RESOLUTION NO. 92-14

AMENDED RESOLUTIONS:

NO. 96-247, 97-51, 97-196, 97-410, 98-285, 00-167, 00-221, 02-188, 02-273, 02-377, 04-311, 05-101, 05-240, 06-308, 06-601, 08-283 10-270, 11-304, 13-332

Annual Inflation Adjustments for RULE 3. SECTIONS 1.B.1, 1.B.2, 1.B.3, 1.C, 1.D, SECTIONS 2, 5, and 6. Revised 7/01/21.

RULE 3 - CONNECTION/PERMIT FEES

Section 1. A charge for connection shall be imposed upon each person obtaining a service for the reasons described in Rule1, Section 2, to any water main owned and operated by the Erie County Water District within the Erie County Sewer District. Payment shall be due within thirty (30) days of the invoice date or shall be subject to fee increases, if applicable. This connection charge shall include all application charges including: (a) processing fee; (b) installation fee; (c) equalization fee; (d) conveyance fee; and (e) other fees described in the remaining sections of Rule 3.

A. PROCESSING FEE

A processing fee shall be included in the connection charges for the cost to process the application and issue a permit as follows:

<u>TYPE OF APPLICATION</u>	<u>PROCESSING FEE</u>
~Single or Duplex Residential	\$20.00
~Multi-Family Residential	10.00/unit (not-to-exceed \$50.00)
~Commercial/Industrial/Institutional	\$50.00 or actual cost (which ever is greater)

B. INSTALLATION FEE

1. The installation fee for tap sizes 3/4" through 1" shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>TAP SIZE</u>	<u>SERVICE LINE SIZE</u>	<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>INSTALLATION FEE</u>
1"	1"	3/4"	\$ 1,636.05
1"	1"	1"	\$ 1,792.73

The installation fee included in these connection charges shall cover the cost to the County of making the tap, furnishing and installing the service line from the tap to the meter, installation of the meter setting, all necessary excavation, backfill and ground surface restoration, and if required, boring and installing casing pipe under improved roads and streets.

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RULE 3 - CONNECTION/PERMIT FEES (Continued)

Section 1. (Continued)

B. INSTALLATION FEE (Continued)

2. The installation fee for tap sizes 1 ½" through 2" shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>TAP SIZE</u>	<u>SERVICE LINE SIZE</u>	<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>INSTALLATION FEE</u>
1 ½"	1 ½"	1 ½"	\$3,117.85
2"	2"	2"	\$3,663.46

The installation fee included with these connection charges cover the cost to the County of all work performed and materials furnished as described in Section 1B (1) above, except for the construction of the structure housing the meter (meter pit). The complete meter pit, including the cover casting, shall be constructed by the applicant at his own expense in accordance with the standard specifications of the Department of Environmental Services.

3. The charge for tap sizes exceeding 2" shall cover only the cost for the County to make the tap (labor and equipment) only. The side tap charges shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TAP LINE SIZE</u>
4"	\$ 748.38
6"	\$ 841.90
8"	\$ 935.48
10"	\$1,309.65
12"	\$1,870.94
16"	\$3,741.90

The meter, required tapping valve, tapping sleeve, meter pit casting, and other remaining materials that are necessary for the installation of the complete service connection shall be performed by the applicant at their own expense in accordance with the standard specifications of the Erie County Department of Environmental Services.

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RULE 3 - CONNECTION/PERMIT FEES (Continued)

Section 1. (Continued)

B. INSTALLATION FEE (Continued)

4. The Developer of new subdivisions, installing new public water line(s), may have their general contractor install water services to all platted lots terminating with a water meter pit within the subdivision meeting Erie County Standards & Specifications at a reduced Installation Fee to be determined by the Sanitary Engineer.

C. EQUALIZATION FEE

An equalization fee included with the connection charges shall be charged for the installation of an 8" inch water main with hydrants, valves and appurtenances. The equalization fee shall be \$3,794.09 for single family homes and duplexes and for all others shall be calculated at a rate of \$42.16 per foot of average width of the improved property to be serviced, but not less than the fee for a single family home.

Non-single family residential corner lot equalization fees will be calculated by taking the frontage on each street and dividing it by two for the length to be applied to the equalization fee instead of using the lots average width. The equalization fee will not apply or be charged to an applicant where the cost of the existing water main was previously assessed to the parcel receiving the tap, paid for by a developer, paid for under an O.R.C. 307.73 Agreement or under a special tap fee agreement in which case the fee would be collected under the other fee section.

D. CONVEYANCE FEE

A conveyance fee will be charged for the cost of over sizing water mains, installation of water booster pump stations, installation of water towers, replacement of old water main pipe with new larger pipes, and other appurtenances not included in assessments, O.R.C. 307.73 Agreements and the cost of water filtration plant expansions and improvements. The conveyance fee shall be \$840.48 for single family homes and for all others shall be calculated at a rate of \$4.20/gpd of estimated average day water consumption. The estimated average day water consumption for the purposes of calculating the appropriate fees shall be estimated by the Sanitary Engineer from past historical data from a similar customer or from the Environmental Protection Agencies' published typical water consumption tables for a similar user. The conveyance fee shall be in no case less than the same fee for a single-family home.

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RULE 3 - CONNECTION/PERMIT FEES (Continued)

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E. OTHER FEES

Other fees may apply to the tap fees such as special tap fees under an O.R.C. 307.73 Agreement prorated fees, O.R.C. 929.03 deferred assessments, O.R.C. 6117 deferred assessments, special developer tap fees, etc.

Section 2. INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

All connection fees shall be adjusted on July 1st each year based on the change in the previous years inflation as published in "Engineering News Record" magazine "Construction Cost Index", with exception of the processing fee.

Inflation Multiplier for 7/01/17 = $\frac{2020 \text{ ENR Construction Cost Index}}{2019 \text{ ENR Construction Cost Index}} = \frac{11,466}{11,281} = 1.016$

Section 3. SPECIAL TAP-IN CHARGES

From time-to-time, the County Commissioners may establish special tap-in charges for the privilege of connection to the District Water Supply System. Such tap-in charges shall be in addition to the service connection charges established in Section 1 above. Such tap-in charges shall not be imposed upon persons obtaining a permit for a service connection to property which is then liable for special assessments for the construction of the water main to which the connection is to be made. Payment of such special tap-in charges shall be made in cash at the time a connection permit is issued.

RULE 3 - CONNECTION/PERMIT FEES (Continued)

Section 4. INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Connection/Permit Fees, which total in excess of \$1,500.00, may be paid in installments over a five (5) year period. At least a 20% down payment is required prior to the permit being issued. The interest rate on the unpaid balance shall be determined monthly, based on the Star Ohio Interest Rate, plus 2% given to the County Treasurer on its investments, from the previous month. Once installment payments are established, they will not be adjusted over the term of the Installment Agreement. An Installment Agreement with successors and assigns between the property owner and Erie County Board of Commissioners mutually agreeing to the Installment Payment Schedule is required. A customer may retire the installment before the maturity date by paying the entire unpaid principle balance. The Sanitary Engineer shall indicate to this Board, by Resolution, the identity of each parcel of property served by the water connection that is being paid by installments, the total of charges to be paid in installments, the amount of each installment, and the total number of installments to be paid.

Section 5. PERMIT TERM

The permit for a service connection shall be valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. Failure on the part of the applicant to have the installation of the desired service prior to the end of the twelve (12) month period shall render the permit subject to additional fees. In the event the permit holder requests a refund on the permit, the processing fee and a 10% administrative fee shall be surrendered.

Section 6. FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION

A customer should make a written request to the County to install a fire hydrant. If there is adequate flow and pressure and proper water main pipe material (6" diameter or larger) as determined by the Erie County Sanitary Engineer, the County will install the hydrant at a cost of \$6,105.97. This fee can be added to the customer's connection fee or be paid under a separate invoice. The hydrant fee shall be adjusted every July 1st per Rule 3, Section 2.

RULE 3 - CONNECTION/PERMIT FEES (Continued)

Section 7. ACCOMMODATION CONNECTIONS

Connections with private services will be considered when a public water line is not available adjacent to the property to be served, but is located within a reasonable distance from said property subject to the Sanitary Engineer's approval. Property owner shall enter into an agreement to provide a water and sanitary sewer easement across their frontage adjacent to the public road or private road right-of-way and agree to pay all applicable connection/permit fees including a processing fee, installation fee, equalization fee, conveyance fee, deferred assessment, ORC 307.73 fee or other applicable special fees and the cost of recording easements.

Section 8. O.R.C. 307.73 AGREEMENTS

Erie County **may** agree to an ORC 307.73 Agreement to allow a developer install a water line, dedicate it to the County as a public owned and maintained line and the County will collect and return connection fees from non-participating property owners as allowed under the law under the following terms:

1. Agreement Terms: not-to-exceed 10 years
2. Pro-rated front footage fees shall not exceed the County's current equalization fee rate as described in Water Rule 3, Section 1.C at the date of the agreement.
3. No successor and/or assignment of the agreement will be allowed for the developer.
4. Developer will pay for all costs involved in acquiring easements including the cost of recording said easements.

Section 9. SALE OF PROPERTY WITH PENDING WATER PERMIT

When a home or business is sold with a water permit already in place and the service/tap yet to be installed, the permit shall remain with the property address. No refund of the tap permit will be disbursed to the previous property owner or seller.