

**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
WASTEWATER DIVISION
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Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

ERU – EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT

Sec. 27-415. Equivalent Residential Unit Imposed.

There is hereby imposed a capacity reservation charge, based on the equitable portion of the cost of financing the extension of the city's sewer and water systems, on the equivalent single-family residential unit connection (ERU) responsible for allocation of system financing. The obligation for payment of such fee shall occur at the time the water permit, sewer permit, or building permit is issued. The capacity reservation charge shall be as follows:

Sewer – As of (August 8, 2007) the rate for new construction is \$3,000.00 per ERU

Water – As of (August 8, 2007) the rate for new construction is \$1,125.00 per ERU

(1) For each equivalent single-family residential unit:

Water service capacity reservation charge (SEE ARTICLE V. DIV III: WATER)

Sewer service capacity reservation charge (SEE ARTICLE V, DIV IV: SEWER)

(2) For each nonresidential, commercial, and industrial account: These accounts will pay a capacity reservation charge as is further set forth on a schedule of capacity reservation fees for nonresidential, commercial, and industrial uses as is adopted by resolution of the City Council from time to time and set forth in Section 27-479. Such capacity reservation charge shall not be less than the amount charged for a single-family residential unit for each commercial or industrial use, unit or establishment. Any use not specifically referred to in the schedule shall be charged a capacity reservation charge based on assumed water consumption as determined by the City. Matters of interpretation and definition shall be determined by the City Manager or his designee.

For the purposes of determining capacity reservation charge fees, it shall be assumed that an equivalent residential connection (ERU) for water and sewer shall be 250 gallons per day. The assumed ERU gallonage has been based on statistical data establishing an average residential use, and it is recognized that the uses for some types of residential units may be greater or smaller than the average assumed for this calculation. The calculations based on flows for commercial, industrial, and public facilities shall be converted to ERU's and the capacity reservation charge determined accordingly.

(3) Any changes in the use of property which result in more intensive usage for nonresidential or commercial users subsequent to the payment of an initial capacity reservation charge shall be subject to an additional capacity reservation charge computed in accordance with the then existing criteria. If a building permit is issued for an existing nonresidential, commercial, or industrial connection which will increase water or sewer demand, or if a building changes from residential to nonresidential occupancy, the capacity reservation charge for the old and new parts of the facility shall be computed as set forth in this section. The new capacity reservation charge shall be determined, and any additional capacity

reservation charge due shall be paid prior to the commencement of such usage.

(4) Any person desiring to receive a commitment from the City for capacity in the City wastewater treatment plant for development owned by such person in the City, may receive a commitment from the City as to the availability of such capacity upon the approval of such capacity allocation by the City Council and the payment of a reservation charge in the amount of the sewer service capacity reservation charge. Upon such approval of the City, and the payment of such reservation charge as required, the applicant shall receive a priority status relative to other persons requesting such capacity and shall be entitled to connections to the City wastewater treatment plant in the order of such priority. If the City is unable to honor the capacity reservation for any reason whatsoever, the applicant shall be entitled to a refund, upon demand, of all payments made under this section for the capacity reservation charge. In no event shall the failure of the City to honor the capacity reservation subject the City to any claim for damages, and the sole remedy of the applicant shall be limited to the return of the capacity reservation charge. The payment of such capacity reservation charge under this section shall constitute agreement with all the terms hereof.

Sec. 27-416. Schedule of Capacity Reservation Charges for Nonresidential, Commercial, and Industrial Accounts.

(a) A schedule of water and sewer service capacity reservation charges for nonresidential, commercial, and industrial uses as required by Section 27-479 is hereby adopted. Such schedule of water and sewer service capacity reservation charge shall remain in effect until modified by further resolution of the City Council. The minimum consumption for any use or establishment shall be one ERU.

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