

ORDINANCE NO. 20-196

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE (STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE), TITLE THREE (UTILITIES), CHAPTER 939 (WATER REGULATIONS AND RATES), SECTION 939.01 (SERVICE INSTALLATION; CONNECTIONS TO WATER MAINS OR DISTRIBUTION PIPES), SECTION 939.03 (SETTING TAP CHARGES), SECTION 939.04 (SETTING CONNECTION CHARGES), SECTION 939.05 (PRIVATE SERVICE LINES IN SAME TRENCH WITH PRIVATE SEWERS), 939.06 (NEW SERVICE LINES EQUIPPED WITH WATER METER), 939.17 (NONRECEIPT OF BILL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY IN THE MANNER AND WAY SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREINBELOW; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the City's 1996 fees for water taps and 1980 fees for sewer connection charges are outdated and unfairly weighted against larger connections and these proposed amendments to Chapter 939 will increase fees for smaller service lines and reduced fees for larger lines that will only effect private land developers and re-developers; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to allow the new fees and rates to take effect January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

**NEW LANGUAGE APPEARS IN BOLD PRINT
LANGUAGE TO BE STRICKEN APPEARS WITH A STRIKE THROUGH IT
LANGUAGE TO REMAIN UNCHANGED APPEARS IN REGULAR PRINT**

Section 1. Part Nine (Streets, Utilities, And Public Services Code), Title Three (Utilities), Chapter 939 (Water Regulations and Rates), Section 933.01 (Service Installation; Connections to Water Mains or Distribution Pipes), Section 939.03 (Setting Tap Charges), Section 933.04 (Setting Connection Charges), Section 939.05 (Private Service Lines in Same Trench With Private Sewers), 939.06 (New Service Lines Equipped With Water Meter), 939.17 (Nonreceipt of Bill) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sandusky are hereby amended as follows:

939.01 SERVICE INSTALLATION; CONNECTIONS TO WATER MAINS OR

DISTRIBUTION PIPES.

All applications for installation of services for water must be made at the Customer Accounting office in ~~the Sandusky City Hall Building~~. No person except an authorized employee of the **Department of Public Works**, Divisions of ~~Filtration and Water~~ Distribution will be permitted to make any connection to the water mains or distribution pipes of the Divisions of ~~Filtration and Water~~ Distribution.

~~(1980 Code 51.01)~~

939.03 SETTING TAP CHARGES.

(a) All physical taps into City-owned main lines will be made by ~~City Water Staff~~ authorized employees of the Department of Public Works, Division of Water Distribution. Tap charges include labor, equipment maintenance, saddle and valve, except for taps equal to or greater than 3". In these cases, materials (saddles and valves) are the responsibility of the property owner.

(~~a~~b) Water service pipes between the main and the stopcock at the curb and from the stopcock at the curb and to the meter shall be laid at not less than 4 feet below the surface of the street and the material used for the service pipes must be Type K Copper or other material approved by the City Engineer.

(1) At the time that a service pipe is constructed or installed, except to replace one that is no longer serviceable, a tap charge shall be made to the owner of the property to be served according to the following **Fee Schedule "B", which is also included in duplicate in Section 933.15 (Computation of Connection Charges):**

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City of Sandusky						
Engineering Permit - Fee Schedule B.						
CONNECTION CHARGES						
Water Meter Size	Equivalent Size	Water Connection	Size Tap	Tap Fee	Total Water Fees	Sewer Connection Total Fees
5/8"	1	\$1,044.10	3/4"	\$765.52	\$1,809.62	\$255.00 \$2,064.62
5/8"	1	\$1,044.10	1"	\$838.71	\$1,882.81	\$255.00 \$2,137.81
3/4"	2	\$1,143.83	3/4"	\$765.52	\$1,909.35	\$357.00 \$2,266.35
3/4"	2	\$1,143.83	1"	\$838.71	\$1,982.53	\$357.00 \$2,339.53
1"	3	\$1,345.36	1"	\$838.71	\$2,184.06	\$561.00 \$2,745.06
1"	3	\$1,345.36	1 1/2"	\$1,957.15	\$3,302.51	\$561.00 \$3,863.51
1 1/2"	4	\$6,648.40	1 1/2"	\$1,957.15	\$8,605.55	\$1,020.00 \$9,625.55
2"	5	\$7,439.37	2"	\$2,144.49	\$9,583.86	\$1,020.00 \$10,603.86
3"	6	\$3,472.08	3"	\$503.27	\$3,975.35	\$1,020.00 \$4,995.35
4"	7	\$3,571.77	4"	\$625.67	\$4,197.44	\$1,020.00 \$5,217.44
6"	8	\$6,762.28	6"	\$625.67	\$7,387.95	\$1,530.00 \$8,917.95
8"	9	\$11,628.11	8"	\$834.77	\$12,462.88	\$1,530.00 \$13,992.88
10"	10	\$15,014.40	10"	\$834.77	\$15,849.17	\$1,530.00 \$17,379.17
12"	11	\$16,422.00	12"	\$834.77	\$17,256.77	\$2,040.00 \$19,296.77
Water Only Meters						
Water Meter Size	Equivalent Size	Meter Fee	Double Yoke	W4 Hood & Tile	Total*	
5/8"	1	\$168.35	\$367.42	\$322.68	\$858.45	
3/4"	2	\$189.14	\$397.71	\$372.71	\$959.55	
1"	3	\$247.98	\$574.69	\$372.71	\$1,195.38	
1 1/2"	4	\$1,622.12			\$1,622.12	
Notice: All connections will require Plumbing Permits and Excavation permits. Plumbing permit cost varies and may be obtained by a Registered contractor or Homeowners occupying their own structure. Excavation permit costs are \$85.00 per trench and may be obtained by a Licensed Excavator only.						
FLOW RATES						
Meter size	GPM	Sewer Deduct Meter (Sprinkler/Pool Filling)				
5/8"	25	Residential - Cost of the Meter				
3/4"	35	Plumbing Permit \$64.00 + 1%BBS Fee= \$64.64				
1"	55	Commercial- Cost of the Meter				
1 1/2"	compound 100	Plumbing Permit \$100 + 3%BBS Fee= \$103.00				
1 1/2"	compound 200					
2"	160					
2"	compound 200					
3"	compound 500					
4"	compound 1000					
6"	compound 2000					
3"	turbo 650					
4"	turbo 1250					
6"	turbo 2500					
8"	turbo 3500					
10"	turbo 5500					
16"	turbo 10000					
		Account #'s				
		Water Tap	612-0000-45271			
		Water Meter	612-0000-45270			
		Sewer Conne	613-0000-45070			

Setting Tap Charges shall be increased by three percent (3%) each subsequent calendar year starting on January 1 2022. Thereafter, this annual Setting Tap Charge increase shall take effect on the first of January each successive year. The City Engineer shall update the rates charged annually to reflect this increase. A current version of the rates charged will be on file in the office of the City Engineer.

Tap Size (inches)	Capacity Equivalent to 5/8 Inch Tap Size	Tap Charge
5/8	1.0	\$ 650.00
3/4	1.5	—670.00
1	2.5	—750.00
1-1/2	5	1,100.00
2	8	1,400.00
3	15	1,600.00
4	25	1,700.00
6	50	3,000.00

8	80	4,100.00
10	120	5,200.00
12	215	6,200.00

(2) If the tap charge is not specified, the charge shall be determined by the City Engineer and shall be actual cost to the City, labor, materials and supervision, together with the cost of the meter and other equipment necessary to make a service connection even though not then installed. If the service pipe is installed for the convenience of or at the request of the property owner because a larger service is required, then the tap charge shall be reduced by the value of recovered materials and equipment.

(3) Even though a water service connection is not then to be made, the tap charge is to be made when the service pipe is applied for, or upon construction when the City Engineer orders a service pipe constructed, provided written notice of 30 days is given to the owner of the property to be served and the owner fails to have the service pipe constructed. Notice shall be given in the manner provided for service of summons in civil cases.

(4) A delinquent tap charge shall be made a lien upon the property served or to be served and if not paid by the owner within 60 days of billing it may be certified to the Erie County Auditor who shall place the same on the tax duplicate of the County with interest and penalties allowed by law and to be collected as other taxes are collected.

~~(Ord. 96-186. Passed 10-15-96.)~~

939.04 SETTING CONNECTION CHARGES.

(a) The setting connection charge covers the cost of the required meter set, strainer and meter pit/vault. Once the meter size is equal to or greater than 3", this charge covers the meter set only.

(ab) When a water service connection is applied for, except as set forth below, a connection charge shall be made to the applicant according to the following amounts set for in Section 939.03, Fee Schedule "B": A current version of the rates charged will be on file in the Office of the City Engineer.

Meter Size (inches)	Equivalent 5/8 Inch Meter Size	Connection Charge
5/8	1.0	\$ 316.00
3/4	1.5	—474.00
1	2.5	—790.00
1-1/2	5	1,580.00
2	8	2,528.00
3	15	4,740.00
4	25	7,900.00
6	50	15,800.00

8	80	25,280.00
10	120	37,930.00
12	215	67,940.00

(bc) When the water service replaces one of a greater size, the charge shall be for actual cost of labor and equipment; but when a replacement service is a larger size, the connection charge for the replacement service shall be as for a new service but reduced by the amount of the connection charge of a new service of the same size as the service replaced.

~~(c) When a customer installs a deduct meter, the City shall collect a fee of forty five dollars (\$45.00) for the inspection of the installation of the deduct meter.
(1980 Code 51.03.1)~~

939.05 PRIVATE SERVICE LINES IN SAME TRENCH WITH PRIVATE SEWERS.

Private service lines may be placed in the same trench with private sewers upon obtaining permission from the ~~Superintendent~~ **Chief Foreman** of the Water Distribution. Where permission is granted, the water line must be put on a shelf at least 12 inches wide out into the side of the trench, and the trenches shall not be backfilled until the work has been inspected and approved by an authorized employee of the Divisions of ~~Filtration and~~ **Water** Distribution.
(1980 Code 51.04)

939.06 NEW SERVICE LINES EQUIPPED WITH WATER METER.

All new service lines must be equipped with a water meter furnished by the Divisions of ~~Filtration and~~ **Water** Distribution and so located as to be satisfactory to all requirements of the ~~Superintendent~~ **Chief Foreman** of Water Distribution. All water passing through the meter must be paid for at those meter rates adopted from time to time by the authorized officials of the City. **Dedicated Fire Suppression Lines are an exception to this section, as they are not required to be metered.**
(1980 Code 51.05)

939.17 NONRECEIPT OF BILL.

The Division of Customer Accounting will undertake to deliver bills and notices by depositing same in the post office only as a matter of convenience, ~~to the owner or consumer~~; and failure to receive bills shall not relieve any person from his obligation in the payment of the bills. (1980 Code 51.19)

Section 2. Part Nine (Streets, Utilities, And Public Services Code), Title Three (Utilities), Chapter 939 (Water Regulations and Rates), Sections 939.08, 939.09, 939.12, 939.15, 939.22, 939.23, 939.24, 939.27, 939.28, 939.31, 939.32, 939.33, 939.35, 939.36, 939.37, 939.40, 939.41 are hereby amended as follows:

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All references in these sections, included the title in Section 939.32, as to “Divisions of Filtration and Distribution” should be amended to read “Divisions of ~~Filtration and~~ **Water** Distribution”.

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: _____
MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: December 28, 2020