

Resolution 08-018

WATER RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS the Clay County Board of Commissioners has established a water utility to provide for supply of potable water to the community; and

WHEREAS an updated Water Rate Analysis was performed for the Clay County Board of Commissioners by Georgia Rural Water Association and was accepted by action of the Clay County Board of Commissioners on January 8, 2008

WHEREAS the Clay County Board of Commissioners has adopted a water ordinance, which provides for establishment and revision of charges for water services to be accomplished by resolution of the Clay County Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the scheduled rates for water services shall be as follows:

Clay County Water Rates

Monthly Rates - Residential

Minimum (First 2,000 gallons or less/month)	\$13.00 Minimum/month
Next 3,000 gallons per	\$ 3.75 per 1,000
Next 3,000 gallons per	\$ 3.25 per 1,000
Next 3,000 gallons per	\$ 2.75 per 1,000

Monthly Rates - Commercial	
First 35,000 gallons or less/month	\$65.00 minimum/month
All over 35,000 gallons per month	\$ 1.75 per 1,000 gal.

Overhead Sprinkler Systems:

The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems installed in any facilities in the county other than single family residences shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and two dollars (\$2.00) 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:

Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or 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:

Within County Limits

2"	Tap	\$ 1,000.00 or cost
3"	Tap	\$ 1,500.00 or cost
4"	Tap	\$ 3,000.00 or cost
6"	Tap	\$ 4,500.00 or cost
8"	Tap	\$ 6,500.00 or cost
12"	Tap	\$ 8,000.00 or cost

The Administrator 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 Administrator 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 county personnel shall be done only under the supervision of licensed master plumbers authorized to perform such work. The Administrator 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 Administrator may require the installation to be corrected or removed and reinstalled as necessary.

Installation 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 county 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:

Meter Size	Installation by County
5/8"-3/4"	\$ 750 or cost
1"	\$ 1,000 or cost
1 1/2"	\$ 2,500 or cost
2"	\$ 3,500 or cost

Installation fees for meters larger than two inch shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the county 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:

Type	Basis	Rate
Staging / Mobilization	Per installation	\$ 250.00 or cost
Labor, Skilled	Per hour	\$ 35.00 or cost
Labor, Unskilled	Per hour	\$ 18.00 or cost
Backhoe / Excavator	Per hour or cost of rental	\$ 250.00 or cost
Small Backhoe	Per hour	\$ 75.00 or cost
Trencher	Per hour or cost of rental	\$ 50.00 or cost
Dewatering Pump	Per hour or cost of rental	\$ 35.00 or cost
Air compressor	Per hour or cost of rental	\$ 25.00 or cost
Water sample testing	Per sample	\$ 75.00 or cost
Tap Water Main	Per inch of Tap diameter	\$ 100.00 or cost
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 County staff or equipment is used on private facilities. The staging charge shall be used for construction but may be waived for other types of work at the discretion of the Administrator.

Billing:

Meter readings are done the 25th through the 30th of each month. All billings are in arrears. Billing is mailed on the 1st of each month for the previous month. Cut offs are done the 15th of each month.

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 \$75.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges. Damages to a meter and/or electronic devices shall be charged a fee of \$600.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges.

Deposits, Late Fees and Service Charges:

Deposits shall be two and one-half (2 1/2) times the average monthly bill for all services, as estimated by the Administrator using whatever data may be available, with a minimum deposit of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per service account.

In the event a utility bill has not been paid by the past due date printed on the bill, the account shall be subject to an additional late fee of 10% of the balance owed and not less than five dollars (\$5.00). Late fees may be incurred whether or not the service is disconnected.

In the event that service has been cut off for nonpayment of any County utility bill or other action resulting in unauthorized use of county services, service shall not be restored until the unpaid bill and service fees provided by this section are satisfied. Before service is restored, the following service fees shall be paid by the user cumulatively for each action taken to prevent unauthorized use of county services:

a) Delinquent cut-off	\$35.00
b) Locking meter	\$45.00
c) Removal of meter	\$100.00
d) Removal of straight line	\$200.00
e) Removal of unauthorized relocated meter	\$250.00
f) Cutting off water at main	\$500.00

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 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 Administrator in accordance with sound engineering practices using information available from Georgia EPD, USEPA, or standard reference materials commonly used for estimating flows.

<u>Water Usage In</u> <u>Type of Facility</u>	<u>Gallons Per Day</u>
Assembly Hall	3 per seat
Barber Shop/Beauty Parlor	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,	
Recreation Facilities Only	25 per member
Day Care Center, no meals	15 per person
Dental Office 100 per chair	
Department Store	25 per employee
Factory without showers	25 per employee
Factory with showers 35 per employee	
Food Service Establishments (toilets & kitchen) **	
1) Restaurants,	
up to 12 hours/day to 18 hours/day	35 per seat
2) Restaurants, that use paper products only	15 per seat
3) Restaurants, above 18 hours /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 and Oil Only	150 per pump Service Stations serving
other locations:	
1) Full Service	300 + 100 per pump
2) Fuel and Oil Only	100 per pump
3) Service Stations serving any locations:	
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 components' 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 judgment of the Administrator, the County 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 of costs of transporting and treating the wastewater.

Adjustments in Billing:

No adjustment will be made for any leaks on water services to residents that occur on the customer's side of the meter.

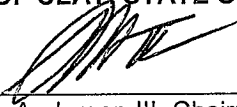
The table of fees may be modified, revoked, or supplemented by Board approval by majority vote for the modification, revocation, or supplementation. Future fee changes, modifications may be reflected in the Clay County Fee Schedule as per Resolution 07-010.

BE IT RESOLVED all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict hereof being hereby expressly repealed and amended hereby.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing rate and fee schedules shall become effective immediately upon approval of this Resolution by the Clay County Commission and shall be reflected in the billings to customers beginning with the bills sent out upon commencement of the operating water system.

SO RESOLVED THIS 20th day of May, 2008


COUNTY OF CLAY, STATE OF GEORGIA

BY:  Yea Nay
Gerald Von Anderson III, Chairman

By: Willie McCoy Yea Nay
Willie McCoy, Vice Chairman

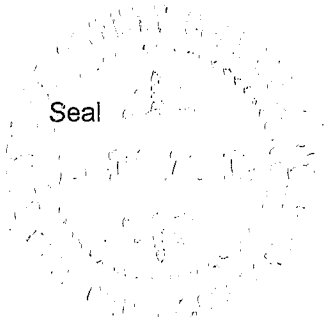
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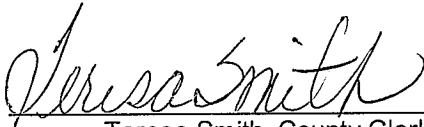
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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Clay County, keeper of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Clay County in public meeting assembled on May 20, 2008 the original of which resolution has been entered in the official records of said political subdivision under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody and control.




Teresa Smith, County Clerk