

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3525

**A Resolution Setting Rates For Water Utility Charges, Fees, Deposits and Penalties,
Repealing Resolutions No. 3516 and 3520**

Findings

- A. The City of Newport operates a water utility that diverts, stores, treats, and delivers water to customers within the city and to its customers outside the city.
- B. Newport Municipal Code Chapter 5.10 governs the operation and use of the city's water utility. NMC Section 5.10.200 specifically authorizes the City Council to set charges, fees, deposits and penalties for water utility users.
- C. The City of Newport and the Seal Rock Water District entered into an agreement in November 2007, transferring service territory from the Seal Rock Water District to the City of Newport. The area transferred from Seal Rock to Newport by that agreement is referred to in this resolution as the "Former Seal Rock Area." All other areas served by the city are referred to as the "City Service Area."
- D. On July 6, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 3516, a resolution relating to setting rates for water utility charges, fees, deposits and penalties.
- E. On July 20, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution 3520, a resolution amending Section 3, Miscellaneous Charges, of resolution 3516.
- F. It is the desire of the Council to ensure that properties connected to the city's water system remain connected and responsible for paying the appropriate water and sewer fees until such time as the dwelling no longer exists.
- G. It is the desire of the Council to combine Resolutions 3516 and 3520, and include language indicating that properties connected to the city's water system remain connected and responsible for paying the appropriate water and sewer fees until such time as the dwelling no longer exists.

Based on these findings, the City of Newport resolves as follows:

Section 1. Repeal Resolutions 3516 and 3520. Resolutions 3516 and 3520 are repealed in their entirety and replaced with the following.

Section 2. Water Utility Charges, Fees, Deposits and Penalties. Water Utility Charges, Fees, Deposits and Penalties are established as set forth in Attachment A.

Section 3. Effective Date of Rates, Fees, Charges and Penalties.

The effective date of this resolution is October 1, 2010. As applied to monthly bills, the change shall be based on the date of billing, not the date of service.

Adopted by a 5 - 1 vote of the Newport City Council on September 20, 2010.

Signed on September 22, 2010.



William D. Bain
Mayor

ATTEST:



Margaret M. Hawker
City Recorder

Attachment A

Water Utility Charges, Fees, Deposits and Penalties
FY 2010-11

Section 1. Connection Fee And Street Opening Fee

- A. The fee for a new connection to the water system is based on the size of service. The fees for new connections are:

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Connection Fee</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$1,536.00
1 inch	\$1,703.00
Larger than 1 inch	Actual cost plus 10%

- B. The fee for work, including new connections, that requires the cutting and restoration of asphalt streets is \$1,665.00

Section 2. Deposit

The amount of deposit required under NMC 5.10.020 is \$142.00.

Section 3. Miscellaneous Charges

- A. The charge for establishing a normal utility account or additional utility account is \$17.00 in addition to any applicable connection fee established under Section 1 of this resolution.
- B. The disconnect/reconnection fee for convenience or cause (delinquent payment or other cause) is \$39.00.
- C. The charge for a violation of NMC Chapter 5.10.140 is \$86.00, plus the cost of any repair by the City.
- D. Pursuant to NMC 5.10.160E (3), the delinquent fee for past due accounts is \$5.00. The delinquent fee shall be assessed at the time a non-payment notice is issued.

Section 4. Rates for Water Service

A. The minimum monthly charge shall be based on the size of the meters. For compound meters on private fire services, the minimum charge shall be for the smaller of the two meters. The standby charge for wet or dry automatic sprinkling systems without hose or other connections shall be the minimum bill charges to all water customers.

B. Once a property is connected to the water system, the property is considered to have metered City water service until such time as the dwelling receiving service no longer exists, even if water service to the property is shut-off. The property shall continually incur at least the appropriate minimum monthly charge set forth below. The Public Works Director may waive the minimum monthly charge in the event of extenuating circumstances exist. A property owner may appeal to the City Manager or a denial by the Public Works Director of a waiver of this policy.

C. The charges in this Section C apply within the City of Newport.

Meter Size	Usage included with minimum charge	Minimum Charge	Cost per 1,000 Gallons in excess of included amount
5/8" x 3/4"	1,000 gallons	\$ 13.90	\$2.50
1 inch	3,000 gallons	\$ 19.10	
1 1/4" x 1 1/2"	6,000 gallons	\$ 28.05	
2 inch	14,000 gallons	\$ 48.05	
3 inch	23,000 gallons	\$ 71.80	
4 inch and over	41,000 gallons	\$119.30	

D. The charges in this Section D apply outside the City of Newport.

Meter Size	Usage included with minimum charge	Minimum Charge	Cost per 1,000 Gallons in excess of included amount
5/8" x 3/4"	1,000 gallons	\$ 26.50	\$4.80
1 inch	3,000 gallons	\$ 36.05	
1 1/4" x 1 1/2"	6,000 gallons	\$ 50.20	
2 inch	14,000 gallons	\$ 88.45	
3 inch	23,000 gallons	\$130.65	
4 inch and over	41,000 gallons	\$216.25	

E. Rates for this Section E apply to Water Service Within the Former Seal Rock Area and within the City of Newport.

Meter Size	Minimum Charge (includes 1,000 gallons of usage)	Cost per 1,000 Gallons in excess on included amount
RESIDENTIAL:		\$2.55
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 25.00	
COMMERCIAL:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 43.90	

1 inch	\$ 84.00	
1 1/4" x 1 1/2"	\$108.05	
2 inch	\$168.10	
3 inch	\$286.20	
4 inch and over	\$346.35	

F. The rates in this Section F4 apply to service within the Former Seal Rock Area to property and outside the City of Newport.

Meter Size	Minimum Charge (includes 1,000 gallons of usage)	Cost per 1,000 Gallons in excess on included amount
RESIDENTIAL:		\$5.45
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 25.00	
COMMERCIAL:		
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 43.90	
1 inch	\$ 84.00	
1 1/4" x 1 1/2"	\$108.05	
2 inch	\$168.10	
3 inch	\$286.20	
4 inch and over	\$346.35	

G. Temporary Service through Fire Hydrant

Fire Hydrant Installation	\$248.85
Monthly charge (no usage included)	\$125.20
Usage per 1,000 gallons – INSIDE City	\$ 4.30
Usage per 1,000 gallons – OUTSIDE City	\$ 4.60

H. Water purchased and privately transported

The amount charged for water purchased and transported by the purchaser directly from the Water Treatment Plant is \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons.

Section 5. Establishment of an SOS Fund

In addition to the amount charged for water service, the City may request voluntary additional payment (for example one or two dollars), that if received will be placed into a separate account for customers experiencing financial difficulties paying their monthly water and sewer bills. The manner of collection and distribution will be established by the finance department.

Section 6. Effective Date of Rates, Fees, Charges and Penalties

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