

# CITY OF ELLAVILLE

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## WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES

**WHEREAS** the City of Ellaville has established a water and wastewater utility to provide for supply of potable water and to provide for sewage treatment and disposal in the community; and

**WHEREAS** an updated Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis was preformed for the City of Ellaville by Georgia Rural Water Association and was accepted by action of the City Council on 9 JULY 2012; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Ellaville has adopted a water and wastewater ordinance, which provides for establishment and revision of charges for water and wastewater services to be accomplished by resolution of the City of Ellaville.

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

## The City of Ellaville Water and Wastewater Rates

### Monthly Rates and charges.

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| Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Water                             |                             |                              |
| Base Charge of \$3.60 per REU* Inside the City                          |                             |                              |
| Base Charge of \$5.40 per REU* Outside the City                         |                             |                              |
| Debt Service of \$4.60 per REU* Inside and Outside the City             |                             |                              |
| Administration Charge of \$2.00 per Account Inside and Outside the City |                             |                              |
| Quantity  | \$/1000 gal Inside the City | \$/1000 gal Outside the City |
| 1 to 2,000 gallons  | 2.05                        | 3.08                         |
| 2,001 to 5,000 gallons  | 2.10                        | 3.15                         |
| 5,001 to 10,000 gallons   | 2.20                        | 3.30                         |
| 10,001 to 20,000 gallons  | 2.40                        | 3.60                         |
| 20,001 to 50,000 gallons  | 2.50                        | 3.75                         |
| Over 50,000 gallons   | 2.60                        | 3.90                         |

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| Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Wastewater                   |                             |                              |
| Base Charge of \$4.68 per REU* Inside the City                     |                             |                              |
| Base Charge of \$7.02 per REU* Outside the City                    |                             |                              |
| Debt Service Charge of \$4.67 per REU* Inside and Outside the City |                             |                              |
| Quantity   | \$/1000 gal Inside the City | \$/1000 gal Outside the City |
| 1 to 2,000 gallons   | 2.67                        | 4.00                         |
| 2,001 to 5,000 gallons   | 2.73                        | 4.10                         |
| 5,001 to 10,000 gallons  | 2.86                        | 4.29                         |
| 10,001 to 20,000 gallons   | 3.12                        | 4.68                         |
| 20,001 to 50,000 gallons   | 3.25                        | 4.88                         |
| Over 50,000 gallons  | 3.38                        | 5.07                         |

REU = Residential Equivalent Unit

**Debt Service:**

The bond amount for water and wastewater projects funded by Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA), USDA Rural Development and other revenue bonds including all engineering fees and set up fees can be shown as a separate line item on the water and wastewater bill or combined in the base charge.

**Administration Charge:**

An administration charge of two dollars (\$2.00) will be charged to each account for meter reading, the preparation of the water and wastewater bill and other administrative duties.

**Overhead Sprinkler Systems:**

The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems installed in any facilities inside the city limits other than single family residences shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per additional one thousand (1,000) square feet. The charge for any overhead sprinkler systems installed in any facilities outside the city limits other than single family residences shall be twenty two dollars fifty cents (\$22.50) per month for any area up to and including ten thousand (10,000) square feet and one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per additional one thousand (1,000) square feet.

**Tap-In Fees or Capital Recovery Fees:**

Water and wastewater tap-in fees or capital recovery 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 or capital recovery fees shall be charged as follows:

- Inside the city: Three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for each residential unit or residential equivalent unit.
- Outside the city: Five hundred twenty five dollars (\$525.00) for each residential unit or residential equivalent unit.

The water tap-in fee or capital recovery fee for connecting to water mains for irrigation purposes shall be as follows:

|      |     | <u>Inside</u>      | <u>Outside</u>     |
|------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
|      |     | <u>City Limits</u> | <u>City Limits</u> |
| 3/4" | Tap | \$ 350.00          | \$ 525.00          |
| 1"   | Tap | \$ 750.00          | \$ 1,125.00        |
| 1½"  | Tap | \$ 1,000.00        | \$ 1,500.00        |
| 2"   | Tap | \$ 2,000.00        | \$ 3,000.00        |

The water tap-in fee or capital recovery fee for connecting to water mains for fire protection purposes shall be as follows:

|     |     | Inside<br><u>City Limits</u> | Outside<br><u>City Limits</u> |
|-----|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2"  | Tap | \$ 1,000.00                  | \$ 1,500.00                   |
| 3"  | Tap | \$ 1,600.00                  | \$ 2,400.00                   |
| 4"  | Tap | \$ 2,000.00                  | \$ 3,000.00                   |
| 6"  | Tap | \$ 3,500.00                  | \$ 5,250.00                   |
| 8"  | Tap | \$ 4,500.00                  | \$ 6,750.00                   |
| 12" | Tap | \$ 6,000.00                  | \$ 9,000.00                   |

Sewer tap-in fees or capital recovery fees shall be charged as follows:

Inside the city: Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each residential unit or residential equivalent unit.

Outside the city: Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each residential unit or residential equivalent unit.

**Installation Fees:**

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

Water installation fees for making taps into the city water mains or water lines and installing water meters or providing water meters for plumbers to install shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the city for all actual costs incurred in making such installations.

Sewer installation fees for making connections to the city sewerage system and installing service lines shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the city for all actual costs incurred in making such connections.

An inspection fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each water connection and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each sewer connection shall be charged when a licensed master plumber makes such connections.

Installation fees for installations requiring additional facilities including but not limited to manholes or flow metering installations shall be charged on the basis of reimbursement to the city 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         | Per installation         | \$ 300.00 |
| Labor           | Per hour                 | \$ 100.00 |
| Backhoe         | Per hour                 | \$ 225.00 |
| Small Backhoe   | Per hour                 | \$ 125.00 |
| Trencher        | Per hour                 | \$ 75.00  |
| Dewatering Pump | Per hour                 | \$ 45.00  |
| Air compressor  | Per hour                 | \$ 45.00  |
| Tap Water Main  | Per inch of Tap diameter | \$ 100.00 |
| 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 City 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 Director.

**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 \$50.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges.

**Deposits, Late Fees and Service Charges:**

Deposits shall be two and one-half (2½) times the monthly bill for all services, as estimated by the director using whatever data may be available, with a minimum deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per unit for water and seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per unit for sewer. Deposits may be waived if evidence is produced that the customer has a good record of payment or that the customer would reasonably be expected to pay all bills promptly. In the event a deposit is waived or is less than two and one-half (2½) times the monthly bill for all services for whatever reason, and that the customer is delinquent in payment of one (1) or more bills, the deposit for that customer's account or accounts may be required to be increased to two and one-half (2½) times the monthly bill for all services. Such increased deposits may be required to be paid in full before reconnection of service.

In the event a utility bill has not been paid by the past due date printed on the bill, the account may be subject to an additional late fee of 15% 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 city utility bill or other action resulting in unauthorized use of city services, service shall not be restored until the unpaid bill and service fees provided by this section are satisfied. Before service is restored, a reconnect fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) shall be charged.

Reconnection of services outside regular business hours at the request of customer shall be charged at 150 % of the rates in the above schedule.

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

| <u>Type of Facility</u>                            | <u>Water Usage In 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                           | 300 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                       |
| 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                       |

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| 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,<br>and Cafeteria                           | 16 per person      |
| 4) Day, Restrooms,<br>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       |
| Service Stations serving any locations:                       |                    |
| Car Wash  | 500 per stall      |
| Shopping Center<br>(not including food service<br>or laundry) | 10 per 100 sq. ft  |
| Stadium   | 2 per seat         |
| Theater   | 5 per seat         |
| Travel Trailer Park:  |                    |
| 1) With Independent Water &<br>Sewer Connection               | 100 per site       |
| 2) W/o Independent Water &<br>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 judgement of the Director, the City 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.

For any water meter used for purposes of irrigation only, the following table shall be used to determine Residential Equivalent Units for purposes of establishing fixed charges on monthly bills.

|      |     | <u>REUs</u> |
|------|-----|-------------|
| 3/4" | Tap | 1           |
| 1"   | Tap | 2           |
| 1½"  | Tap | 4           |
| 2"   | Tap | 8           |

**Adjustments in Billing:**

The Director shall be authorized to make equitable adjustments in billings for wastewater services only in cases where leaks in pipes and plumbing facilities result in increased billings without fault on the part of the customer. Such adjustments shall be made based on an average of prior billings only after repairs have been made as certified by a licensed plumber, and shall be limited to three months' billings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the foregoing rate and fee schedules shall become effective immediately upon approval of this Resolution by the City Council and shall be reflected in the billings to customers beginning with the bills sent out in JAN 2013 for DECEMBER 2012 usage.

ANY w/ 20 or More REU WILL FAZED  
IN OVER PREVIOUS 3 MOS.

UNANAMOUS City Council  
