



## Covington Water District Rate Table III-Connection Charges and Related Fees 2026 Budget

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**15% Service Fee:** Is applied when the District is incurring the initial expense of securing outside services or product on behalf of the District customer subject to the minimum service charge.

**26% Administrative Charge:** Is applied to work performed by Covington Water District staff.

### **I. Connection Charge** (DAC Sec. 5.04)

The “connection charge” is the total of the following charges, as set forth in Rate Table III:

- A. Meter installation charge
- B. Future facilities charge
- C. Existing system charge consisting of two components:
  1. Existing general facilities charge
  2. Existing distribution charge
- D. Non-Residential Fire Hydrant Lock Charge
- E. District CC Backflow Inspection Charge (when required per DAC 4.12) - \$150

### **II. Meter Installation Charge**

- A. Definitions:
  1. Drop-in: Applies to a new meter installation where the service line from the water main to meter box has been previously installed, i.e. all components of the water service (service line, meter box, etc.) except the meter and the check ell.
  2. Dig-in: Applies to a new meter installation where the service line from the water main to meter box must be installed, i.e. all components of the water service (service line, meter box, etc.) including the meter and the check ell.
- B. Residential customer
  1. Drop-in:
    - a. 5/8” Meters \$500
    - b. 3/4” Meters \$550
    - c. 1” Meters \$600
    - d. Meters >1” Meters shall be charged at the actual cost, plus 26% for administration and overhead. In no event shall the charge be less than the minimum for a 5/8” drop-in.
  2. Dig-in:

The District shall charge its billable labor rate and material costs, plus 26% for administration and overhead. In no event shall the charge be less than the minimum for a 5/8” drop-in.



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### C. Non-residential customer

1. Drop-in: if the drop-in definition in section A is met and all connection charges have been paid in full:
  - a. 5/8" Meters \$500
  - b. 3/4" Meters \$550
  - c. 1" Meters \$600
2. For meters >1", the District shall charge its billable labor rate and material costs, plus 26% for administration and overhead. In no event shall the charge be less than the minimum for a 5/8" drop-in.
3. The meter may be charged and installed through the Developer Extension Agreement process noted in section VIII (L).

### D. Non-residential and Commercial Meter Sale

1. For meters that are installed by the Developer, the District shall charge the cost of the meter based on meter size, sales tax, plus 15% service fee.

### III. Future Facilities Charge

The "future facilities charge" is the amount an applicant must pay for a new service addition to the District's water system for the investment in future additions or improvements to the system. The charge is in proportion to the capacity the new service contributes to the system and is intended to pay for the growth in facilities necessitated by the new service connection. The specific future facilities charge is determined by meter size and customer class as noted below.

| Meter Size | ERU  | Charge   |
|------------|------|----------|
| 5/8"       | 1.0  | \$ 5,432 |
| 3/4"       | 1.5  | 6,808    |
| 1"         | 2.5  | 9,561    |
| 1.5"       | 5.0  | 16,443   |
| 2.0"       | 8.0  | 24,702   |
| 3.0"       | 16.0 | 46,725   |
| 4.0"       | 25.0 | 71,501   |
| 6.0"       | 50.0 | 140,323  |
| 8.0"       | 80.0 | 222,910  |

### IV. Existing System Charge

The "existing system charge" is the amount an applicant must pay to the District as the applicant's fair share of the District's "plant in service" beyond outstanding debt and depreciation. It includes both existing distribution and general facilities not paid for by other means such as the District's future facilities charge. The system charge consists of two components:



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### A. Existing Capital Facilities Charge

| Meter Size | ERU  | Charge   |
|------------|------|----------|
| 5/8"       | 1.0  | \$ 5,993 |
| 3/4"       | 1.5  | 7,918    |
| 1"         | 2.5  | 11,768   |
| 1.5"       | 5.0  | 21,392   |
| 2.0"       | 8.0  | 32,942   |
| 3.0"       | 16.0 | 63,741   |
| 4.0"       | 25.0 | 98,390   |
| 6.0"       | 50.0 | 194,636  |
| 8.0"       | 80.0 | 310,132  |

### B. Existing Distribution System Charge \$85/ft.

Each customer connecting to the District's system shall pay for each foot of property owned by the customer and fronting a District water main, or the amount set forth in any applicable developer reimbursement agreement, whichever is greater. Note: Single main terminating at the parcel's property line shall be assessed the parcel's full side.

Provided however, that:

1. In no event shall the above charge be for less than 100 feet of property.
2. Where there is only one single family residence on the entire property, and none of the property is platted or short platted and no application is pending to plat or short plat, the maximum charge shall be for 200 feet of the property.
3. If the District determines under its standards that more than one side of property is to be fronted by a new water main, the property owner must enter into a developer extension agreement and construct the main at their cost.
4. If the property is subject to a reimbursement agreement (latecomers), the per-foot charge will be determined by the agreement.

### C. Exceptions - existing distribution system charge

The following exceptions apply to the above existing distribution system charge, but not the existing general facilities or future facilities charge:

1. In the case where a parcel of property has contributed proportionally to the cost of extending the water main that fronts the property, no further charge will be made at the time facility connection charges are collected (i.e. where parcel was included in assessments for extension by ULID, developer extension (DE), prepaid temporary service agreement paid in full).



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### **V. Accessory Dwelling Unit**

Residential Future Facilities Charge and Existing Capital Facilities Charge as identified on section III and IV will be charged for each structure. All structures on one tax parcel are allowed to be served by a single meter. If a separate meter is requested, the Meter Installation Dig-in fee identified above would apply. Recording fees may apply.

### **VI. Detached Structures (Not an Accessory Dwelling Unit) (See definitions in DAC 4.08.130)**

A. No increase in the current meter size required unless inadequate for fire flow

Connection charges will not be assessed on the detached structure.

B. Existing meter to be increased in size

When the existing meter is inadequately sized to provide flow to both the existing house and the detached structure, connection charges will be based on the price difference between the existing meter and the new meter size (future facilities and existing capital facilities residential charges). The District shall also charge its billable labor rate and material costs, plus 26% for administration and overhead for the meter change. The customer will be responsible for any charges related to service line size increases between the main and the meter on a time and materials basis.

### **VII. Non-Residential Fire Hydrant Lock Charge**

\$600 per lock

Per CWD Standards (2012), Fire Hydrant Locking Mechanisms will be applied to all new non-residential hydrants installed in the District. Locks are specific to the District and to the particular hydrant. The District will obtain and install the locks. The fire hydrant lock charge will be assessed for each fire hydrant located within the development and is payable in conjunction with the applicable connection charges. Staff time used to install the locks will be charged to Developer Extension Agreement.

### **VIII. Developer Extension Agreement (DAC Sec. 4.04)**

The developer is required to maintain a minimum credit balance of \$5,000 at all times on the developer's receivable account to cover all expenses incurred by the District. Monthly statements are sent to the developers. The developer's receivable account will be charged the current standard hourly rate for all District staff time incurred on such project, plus a 26% administrative charge. Any out-of-pocket costs incurred by the District on the developer's behalf will be charged a 15% service fee per transaction. The following is a calculation of fees and deposits to assist in establishing an initial credit balance for a project.

A. Administrative set up fee - \$1,250

B. Annexation

1. \$8,320 deposit for non-residential parcels or parcels that require a Developer Extension Agreement.
2. \$835 flat fee for petition for parcels that do not require a Developer Extension Agreement.



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- C. Engineering
  - 1. Design – provided by developer
  - 2. Plan review fee deposit - \$5,200.
- D. Inspection
  - 1. \$2,080 deposit for residential extensions under 1,000 L.F.
  - 2. \$8,320 deposit for residential extensions over 1,000 L.F.
  - 3. \$5,200 deposit for non-residential/multi-family extensions under 1,000 L.F.
  - 4. \$10,400 deposit for non-residential/multi-family extensions 1,000 L.F. and over
- E. Maintenance Bond Release Inspection - \$835 fee (each inspection)
- F. Mapping Fee
  - 1. \$520 fee for single lots and short plat less than 5 lots
  - 2. \$835 fee for 5 - 50 lots
  - 3. \$1,040 fee for 51 - 100 lots
  - 4. \$1,250 fee for 101 lots and over
  - 5. \$520 fee for non-residential up to 2 acres
  - 6. \$780 fee for non-residential over 2 acres
  - 7. Hydraulic Model billed to active DE, and see Rate Table II-Section III-P
- G. Permits, purity samples, recording & courier fees - \$260 deposit
- H. SEPA – provided by developer
- I. Survey and staking – provided by developer
- J. Other developer extension related work not identified above – deposit based upon estimated cost of work
- K. Reimbursement agreement (latecomer's agreement) –\$520 set up fee per agreement.
- L. Meter sales-paid for at the current cost of the meter, plus tax, plus a 15% service fee. This is paid for at the time of the meter application (non-residential.)
- M. Main Cleaning – Flat Fee \$365
- N. Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Minimum Deposit to begin, \$835, actual costs will be billed to developer account.
- O. Appeal Fee - \$1,000

### **IX. General Facilities**

Include booster stations, reservoirs, pressure-reducing stations, valve arrangements and similar facilities necessary for providing service to more than a single customer. These facilities may be within a designated development on a private tract or within public right-of-way. They may also be situated off-site or outside of the designated development. The District shall own the property underlying these facilities if the property is not already designated public right-of-way.

- A. DOH engineering report / plan approval deposit based on estimated costs
- B. Engineering expenses:
  - 1. Construction deposit based on estimated costs
  - 2. Contract administration deposit based on estimated costs
- C. Offsite general facilities – deposit based on estimated costs



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### **X. Certificates of Water Availability (DAC Sec. 4.08)**

- A. Single Family Residential (SFR)
  - 1. WAL administrative fee - \$155
  - 2. Renewal of WAL - \$55
- B. Other (Commercial, Plats, Mixed Use, Multi-family)
  - 1. WAL administrative fee - \$1,560
  - 2. Renewal of WAL (may require new hydraulic model in addition) - \$260
  - 3. Tenant Improvement/Change in use (no new buildings/structures) - \$260
  - 4. Renewal - \$75
- C. Fire Flow Availability Request – Refer to Rate Table II, Section III, L. District Equipment and Personnel.

### **XI. Satellite System Management (DAC Sec. 4.28)**

- A. Satellite System Set-up Administrative Fee
  - 1. \$1,500, plus;
    - a. Any additional costs incurred in processing through the Department of Health (DOH)
    - b. If the application is rejected, the applicant may request a reimbursement of up to 75% of the application fee, pending the District's actual cost to process the application.

### **XII. Cross Connection Control (DAC Sec. 4.12)**

- A. Annual Testing Non-Compliance Fines (per device)
  - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> month, non-compliance - \$150
  - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> month, non-compliance - \$300
  - 3. The non-compliance fine consists of:
    - a. Above charges, plus:
      - i. 26% administrative charge and
      - ii. Customers remaining out of compliance for longer than 2 months will be subject to termination of water service and subject to the Meter lock fee noted in Rate Table II, section I.
- B. Abatement and Enforcement – Health Hazard Immediate Disconnect
  - 1. Water service physical disconnection will be charged at time and material, plus 26% administrative fee.
  - 2. Water service re-connection after health hazard has been mitigated will be charged at time and material, plus 26% administrative fee.



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**XIII. Fire Sprinkler System Meters:**

- A. Installation Fee must be paid at the time the meter application is completed:
  - 1. A 5/8" meter that meets the definition of a drop-in in section II will be charged the drop-in fee noted in Section II.
  - 2. For all other meters that do not meet the definition of a 5/8" meter drop in, the District shall charge its billable labor rate and material costs, plus 26% for administration and overhead. In no event shall the charge be less than the minimum for a 5/8" drop-in.
- B. A meter installation application needs to be completed by the owner for billing requirements regardless of who installs the meter.
- C. A fire sprinkler system is also subject to a bi-monthly flat rate charge – see Rate Table I.