



Town of Durham

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In accordance with the Durham Town Code, Chapters 106 Sewer Ordinance and Chapter 158 Water Ordinance, the Durham Water/Wastewater/Stormwater (W/WW/SW) Committee voted at their January 19, 2012 meeting and later revised on their December 8, 2016 meeting to unanimously approve and adopt updated water and sewer connection fees, as described below:

A. New Service Connections

1. **New Service Connections.** An Access Fee for use of an existing service or connecting a new service to the Public Sewer Systems shall be determined for all classes of Users on a per bedroom basis for Residential Account Holders and per equivalent Residential unit basis for Commercial Account Holders as established by the Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Committee. This fee may be amended as needed by the Administrator based on recommendations by the Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Committee.
2. **Changes in Use.** Any change in use, including increase in occupancy or expansion of Commercial or Residential facility, shall be subject to a fee, as determined by the Water/Wastewater/Stormwater Committee and consistent with new service connections.

Exception: Fees as determined by the W/WW/SW Committee, will be charged at a per bedroom rate for single family residences and duplexes (See Section B, Fee Schedule). The minimum fee for new water and sewer connections or increases of use for Mixed Use and Multi-Residential (3 or more units) is \$200.

B. Fee Schedule

1. **Water Connection Fee (See Section D, Examples)**
 - a. Single Family Residences and Duplexes - \$200/Bedroom plus \$150 meter
 - b. Mixed Use and Multi-Unit Residential (3 or more units)
\$0.0077 per estimated gallon of water used per year. This calculation shall be based on design flow of 50 GPD/Bedroom and 15 GPD/100 SF for commercial/office space.
2. **Sewer Connection Fee (See Section D, Examples)**
 - a. Single Family Residences and Duplexes - \$400/bedroom
 - b. Mixed Use and Multi-Unit Residential (3 or more units)
\$0.015 per estimated gallon of water used per year. This calculation shall be based on design flow of 50 GPD/Bedroom and 15 GPD/100 SF for commercial/office space.

- C. Water and Sewer Connection Fees are not subject to a rebate and shall be placed in Water or Sewer Capital Expenditures account to maintain, improve, and expand the water and sewer systems. Design flow rates are based on NH Water Usage Standards as contained in Table 1008-1 in Chapter Env-Wq 1000 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules found here

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rules/documents/env-wq1000.pdf>.

All fees shall be paid prior to construction of physical connection and appurtenances, water meter installation, initial meter reading, and any subsequent water use.

D. Examples of Water and Sewer Connection Fees

1. Single Family Home (3 Bedroom)

- a. Water Connection Fee - $\$200/\text{Bedroom} \times 3 \text{ Bedrooms} + \$150 \text{ meter} = \$750$
b. Sewer Connection Fee - $\$400/\text{Bedroom} \times 3 \text{ Bedrooms} = \1200

Total Connection Fee = \$1950

2. Mixed Use and Multi-Unit Residential (100 Bedrooms and 5,000 SF office space)

- a. Water Connection Fee – $(50\text{GPD} \times 100 \text{ Bedrooms} \times 365 \text{ days/year}) + (15\text{GPD} \times (5,000\text{SF}/100) \times 365 \text{ days/year}) = 2,098,750 \text{ GPY} \times \$0.0077 = \$16,160.38$

- b. Sewer Connection Fee – $(50\text{GPD} \times 100 \text{ Bedrooms} \times 365 \text{ days/year}) + (15\text{GPD} \times (5,000\text{SF}/100) \times 365 \text{ days/year}) = 2,098,750 \text{ GPY} \times \$0.015 = \$31,481.25$

Total Connection Fee = \$47,641.63

Adopted: January 19, 2012
Revised: December 8, 2016



Todd Selig, Town Administrator