



Fees for New Water Services

Water System Development Charges and Sewer Connections Fees

For all new or additional residential units or water services, or an increase in meter size, there is a System Development Charge (SDC) which is in addition to the charges for installation of water service and private fire services.

Accessory dwelling unit (ADU) charges apply to inside-city ADUs as defined and regulated by Part 2 of Chapter 24.16 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code and to outside-city second units as permitted by the County that meet city definition of an ADU *. Multi-family dwelling unit charges apply to each multiple unit, condominium, apartment, multiple home, mobile home space, or similar residential development with a separate irrigation meter or little or no irrigation. If additional residential units are added to an active service, current water system development charges are due at the time units are completed for occupancy.

For uses other than multi-family residential uses, SDCs will be levied for additional services, or uses which require a larger meter, based on the proportionate increase in capacity.

Services Per Meter Size and Type:	Water System Development Charge – Effective 04/2021	Sewer Connection Fee (Inside City only)
5/8" x 3/4" Disk	\$11,159	\$3,894
3/4" Disk	\$16,738	\$5,841
1" Disk	\$27,896	\$9,735
1 1/2" Disk/Turbo	\$55,792	\$19,471
2" Disk/Turbo	\$89,267	\$31,154
3" Turbo	\$195,271	\$68,148
4" Turbo	\$351,487	\$122,667
6" Turbo	\$725,290	\$253,123
8" Turbo	\$1,562,163	**
10" Turbo	\$2,343,245	**

* Conforming to Senate Bill 1069, Water System Development Charges and Sewer Connection Fees for Accessory Dwelling Units are waived if the single family residence and accessory structure share the existing water service and do not require that a larger water service be installed as a result of the plumbing fixture count.

** In proportion to meter capacity as determined by the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works may establish an "equivalent" meter size if a well is utilized or if a substantial portion of the water consumption will not be discharged to the sewer or other special conditions when the water meter size is clearly not a reasonable determination of sewage.

City Installed Water Services

- a. Installation of water services, private fire services and public fire hydrants will only be performed by City staff when engineering conditions warrant, otherwise the applicant shall obtain a permit from the City, pay an inspection fee and select an approved contractor. If City staff does install a water service, the customer will be billed for time, overhead, and materials.
- b. Miscellaneous Work Performed by City Staff: When miscellaneous work (such as relocation of a service) is required to be done by City staff, the customer will be charged a fee for the work covering time, overhead, and materials, based upon an engineer's estimate prepared by Water Engineering. This fee, and other applicable fees, must be paid before the work is authorized.

Charges to furnish and install water meters by City forces

Meter Size	Labor Cost	Plus Materials	Total Cost
5/8"	\$133	\$196	\$321
3/4"	\$133	\$213	\$338
1"	\$133	\$233	\$358
1½"	\$530	\$363	\$863
2"	\$530	\$468	\$968
3"	\$795	\$1,488	\$2,238
4"	\$795	\$1,798	\$2,548
6"	\$795	\$3,046	\$3,796
Over 6" meter	Time and Materials		



Plan Review / Inspection / Permit Fees

Construction and Development Plan Review Fees

Category/Service Size	Base Rate	Additional Rate***
Residential per unit including fire services	\$125	N/A
Non-Residential or Residential on Master Meter Size:	5/8" x 3/4"	\$125 each hour over 1
	1"	\$125 each hour over 2
	1 1/2"	\$125 each hour over 3
	2"	\$125 each hour over 5
	3"	\$125 each hour over 7
	4"	\$125 each hour over 9
	6"	\$125 each hour over 10
Commercial Fire Service 4" /+	\$125	\$125 per hour over 1
Fire Hydrant	\$250	\$125 per hour over 2
Well Permit per parcel	\$125	\$125 per hour over 1
Production Well Permit per parcel	\$375	\$375 each hour over 3
Backflow Prevention Device per project	\$250	\$125 each hour over 1
4"/+ Fire Service Backflow Retrofit	No fee	Waived to encourage installation
Water Main Extension	\$687	\$125 each hour over 5.5
Water Main Replacement	\$1,375	\$125 each hour over 11
Facility, i.e. Pressure Regulating Station, Booster Pump Station, Tanks, etc	\$500 each	\$125 each hour over 4

Landscape / Irrigation Plan Review Fees

Landscape Area	Base Rate	Additional Rate***
Up to 5,000 sq ft	\$250	\$125 each hour over 2
5,000 - 20,000 sq ft	\$500	\$125 each hour over 4
Over 20,000 sq ft	\$1001	\$125 each hour over 8

Inspection / Permit Fees

Category	Base Rate	Additional Rate***
Water Service Installation	\$375 per tap	\$125 each hour over 3
Fire Hydrant	\$375 each	\$125 each hour over 3
Backflow Device	\$250 each	\$125 each hour over 2
Backflow Device Retrofit	No fee	Waived to encourage installation
Water Service/Fire Hydrant Adjustment without Street Opening	\$125 each	\$125 each hour over 1
Monitoring Well Permit	\$125 per well	\$125 each hour over 1
Production Well Permit	\$250 per well	\$125 each hour over 2
Public Works Dept. Street Opening Permit (Inside City of Santa Cruz)	\$423 per project	Traffic Control Plan as Required

Water Main Extension / Replacement Inspection and Others Fees:

Number of Lineal Feet (LF), min 100	\$125 up to 100 LF, Additional = \$1.00/LF
Service/Hydrant/Water Main Taps	\$250 each
Water Main Tie-Ins	\$1,801 each plus \$125 each hour over 11
Hydrants	\$125 each
Thrust Blocks	\$125 each
Disinfection & Pressure Testing	\$2,314 each plus \$125 each hour over 12
Add. Facilities i.e. Pressure Regulating Station etc.	\$375 each plus \$125 for each hour over 3
Water Main Extension Mapping Fee	\$500 per project plus \$125 each hour over 4

***Additional Charges are assessed in 1/4 hour increments.



Miscellaneous Service Fees

The following are the most common Water Engineering related fees; a full list of Water Department Miscellaneous Fees is available upon request.

Bulk Water Station Use

Users must comply with requirements of the Bulk Water Permit issued by SCWD.

Service description	Fee
Deposit	\$173 minimum deposit, based on estimated use
Annual permit processing	\$125 per truck
Reported usage, per ccf (monthly)	Current commercial inside rate (all commodity rates), \$50 minimum
Failure to report use (monthly)	\$100

Hydrant Meter Use (*limited availability*)

Service description	Fee
Deposit****	\$3,415
Application for service	\$63
Water Ready to Service (monthly)	Current 3" meter inside rate
Water usage, per ccf (monthly)	Current commercial inside rate (all commodity rates)
Daily use fee	\$5

**** Deposit amount is the cost for full replacement. If the meter requires repairs upon return, the deposit amount to be returned will be reduced by the cost of parts and labor to repair.

Other Charges

Service description	Base fee
Bucket Test Fee	\$125 /meter ****
Labor to set or re-set a lock	\$125/hour (plus parts if lock is broken or a locking bracket is needed)
Unauthorized connection assessment and response	\$375 (Plus parts as needed. Add \$71/hour each hour over 3
Cancellation/Rescheduling without 1 business-day notice of appointments for contractor related assistance	\$250 (Per missed appointment)

*****Requests for services received after 3:00pm will be subject to the after-hours rate of \$187.50/hour with a 2 hour minimum.

Temporary Construction Service

All standard applicable fees and charges apply. This includes, but may not be limited to, fees and charges for installation, inspection, application for service, water usage, and System Development Charge. Upon completion of the construction project, the System Development Charge will be refunded or credited to the resulting project. After 180 days, temporary status may be re-evaluated and account converted to permanent status.