

Town of Bellingham Trash Rates

Effective
7/1/2007

Rate Code	Property Type	Semi-Annual Rate
R-1	Single Family	\$ 170.00
R-2	Two Family	\$ 230.00
R-3	Three Family	\$ 280.00
R-4	Four Family	\$ 325.00
R-5	2 YD Dumpster	\$ 294.00
R-6	1 YD Dumpster	\$ 228.00
R-7	3 YD Dumpster	\$ 374.00
R-8	4 YD Dumpster	\$ 494.00
R-9	Lifeline	\$ 50.00
RC	Recycling Only	\$ 46.00
S-1	Senior 1 Family	\$ 88.00
S-2	Senior 2 Family	\$ 121.00
S-3	Senior 3 Family	\$ 158.00
S-4	Senior 4 Family	\$ 192.00
S-P	Special	\$ 865.00
T-1	Trash Only	\$ 113.00

Town of Bellingham
Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Revisions
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July 1, 2012

WATER

Meter Size	Semi Annual Service Charge	Semi Annual Water Bill	Consumption Charges
5/8 - 3/4	\$ 38.00	First 12,000 Gallons	\$ 3.55 per 1,000 Gallons
1	\$ 50.00	12,001 to 50,000 Gallons	\$ 3.95 per 1,000 Gallons
1 1/2	\$ 62.00	Greater than 50,000 Gallons	\$ 4.40 per 1,000 Gallons
2	\$ 100.00		
3	\$ 380.00		
4	\$ 485.00		
Capital Improvement Annual Charge - \$26.00 per customer			

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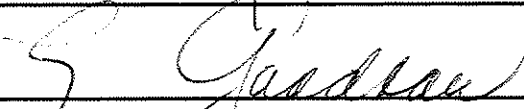
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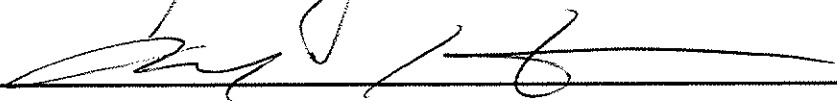
Meter Size	Semi Annual Service Charge	Semi Annual Water Bill	Consumption Charges
5/8 - 3/4	\$ 71.00	All Usage (thru Water Meter)	\$ 7.70 per 1,000 Gallons
1	\$ 90.00		
1 1/2	\$ 117.50		
2	\$ 187.50		
3	\$ 707.50		
4	\$ 900.00		

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Date: March 5, 2012

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**Town of Bellingham
Water**

Fire Service Related Fees and Charges

Fire Service Connection Fees

	Service Size	Fee
DPW & Fire Reco	Up to 1 1/4"	\$ 100
	>1 1/4" to 2"	\$ 1,000
	>2" to 4"	\$ 3,000
	>4" to 6"	\$ 6,000
	> 6"	\$ 10,000

Payment Due when applying for Building Fire Service Connection.


Fire Service Charges

Private Hydrants semi-annual charges	\$	160
Fire Sprinkler Services semi-annual charges	Pipe Size	Charges
	1 1/2" & 2"	\$ 80
	3"	\$ 120
	4"	\$ 200
	6"	\$ 400
	8"	\$ 700

Payment Due when billed to customer as part of semi-annual water bills.

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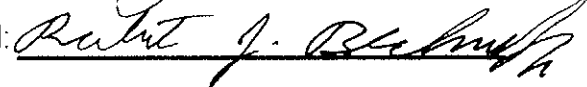
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Town of Bellingham Water

Inspection Fees

Less than 100 feet of pipe	\$	100.00
		Minimum non-refundable
Greater than 100 feet of pipe	\$	5.00
		Per foot of new pipe
		Revolving account refundable
Payment Due when applying for Building Water Service Connection.		

Connection & System Development Fees (Continued)

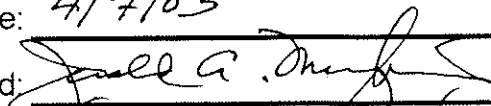
Domestic Water Main System Expansion Fee

DPW Reco


Domestic Water Main System Expansion Fee	\$	1,000.00
Per SFR Equivalent gaining Access to a Domestic Water Main		
A SFR Equivalent is defined as a lot of any size that does or will contain a Single Family Residential home. Non-residential or multiple residential buildings shall be converted to SFR Equivalents by dividing predicted domestic water consumption (See Capacity Fee) by 300 gallons per day, rounding all fractions up to the next whole number. (i.e. 1,000 gallons per day divide by 300 equals 3.33 or 4 SFR Equivalents.)		
A Domestic Water Main is defined as any water pipe connected to the Town water supply system designed to transport water for domestic consumption or commercial use. The Domestic Water Main starts at the end of the Town's Water Supply System and ends at the isolation valve for an individual building.		
Access to a Domestic Water Main is defined as be able to connected to the Town Water Supply System without installing any additional Domestic Water Main.		
Payable: 20% when applying for water main extension and the Balance (80%) divide over SFR Equivalent and paid when applying for Building Water Service Connection.		
Fee to be charged for any expansion of a Domestic Water Supply System whether the pipe is installed on private property, or on public property, or property proposed to be made public.		
It is required that each parcel of land passed by a Domestic Water Main Expansion be provided with a water service stub regardless as to whether the parcel is owned by the party expanding the Domestic Water System. Large vacant parcels passed will be provided with multiple water service stubs based on zoned minimum frontage.		
Private parties who are not the party expanding the Domestic System but who gain Access to the Domestic Water Main are responsible for paying the Balance (80%) when applying for a Building Water Service Connections.		
Water pipes that also provide Fire Protection shall be classified as both and charge for both Domestic Water and Fire Service fees.		

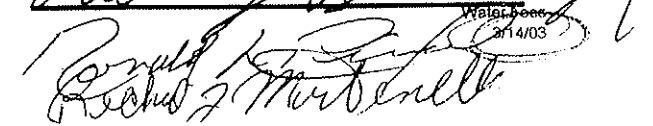
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Service Related Fees

Miscellaneous Service Charges

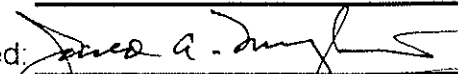
Transfer Fee		\$ 25.00
Demand Charges (Late Payment)		\$ 15.00
Summer Taker (no meter) per year fee		\$ 150.00
Meter Reading Fee		\$ 30.00
Non Metered Service Fee		\$ 200.00
Service Call (7:30 AM to 3:00 PM)		\$ 50.00
Service Call (Call Back Overtime)		\$ 150.00
Frozen Meter Charge/Penalty		\$ 150.00
Backflow Device Testing		\$ 75.00
Estimated Reading Penalties *	3 estimate	\$ 200.00
Estimated Reading Penalties *	4 estimate	\$ 400.00
Estimated Reading Penalties *	5 estimate	\$ 600.00
<p>* These penalties are rarely collected. They are part of a system that helps drive the installation of outside meter reading boxes that greatly reduces our meter reading costs. To have this abated a customer must only simply have an outside reading box installed at their building.</p>		
<p>Payment Due when invoiced to customer.</p>		


Connection & System Development Fees

Service Application Fee	\$ 50.00
Meter, Material, & Tapping Costs as Invoiced	Varies
Capacity Fees	
System Development Fee	Now 2.00 \$ DPW Reco 5.00 per gallon per day *
<p>* Gallons per day determined as follows: Seventy-five (75) percent of Title 5 Septic flow design volume for any building that is not covered in an ENF, EIR, or Bellingham Planning or Zoning Special Permit. One Hundred (100) percent of the estimated flow volume for any building that is included in an ENF, EIR, or Bellingham Planning or Zoning Special Permit.</p>	
<p>Payment Due when applying for Building Water Service Connection. No water service will be activated until Meter, Material, & Tapping invoice has been paid.</p>	

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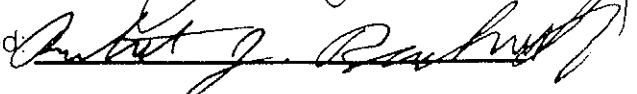
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FIRE SERVICE CHARGE EXPLANATION

November 16, 2004

The fire service fees for buildings with special water pipes connected the Town water distribution system to a buildings fire sprinkler system, has been part of the water fee and charges system since at least 1969. It is the American Water Works Association suggested practice for water departments to charge fire service fees. It is has been a standard worldwide practice since fees and charges were initiated to fund water departments' operational costs.

Today's charges are in accordance with the Water Service and Connection Fees most recently revised by the vote of the Bellingham Board of Selectmen after the June 18, 2001 Water rate and fee hearing.

Fire service fees as well as all water rates and fees are set to try to pay for the service that they provide. The fire service fee, which customers with fire sprinkler systems are charged, is a dollar value based on the size of the pipe feeding the sprinkler system suggested by the DPW and voted by the Board of Selectmen. It is consider a fair and reasonable allocation of the fire protection capabilities of the Town's water supply system.

There is a cost of providing fire protection. The cost is for providing and maintaining a pumping, distribution, and storage system with the capacity to deliver sufficient quantities of water to buildings for their fire sprinkler systems. If a water department only needed to provide water for non-fire protection use, storage tanks and pipe sizes in the system could be cut by more that 50%.

The basic grounds for applying fire service charges to individual buildings is the fact that a building with a sprinkler system has an improved level of fire protection. Similarly, properties with fire hydrants installed on private land are charged semi-annual fire protection charges per hydrant. Without fire protection insurance rates could be significantly higher.

Fire sprinkler systems are typically placed in buildings to comply with State or Local codes or at the request of the building owner. The Fire Department is responsible for approving the size of system based on building size and use.

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MEMO

Date: April 29, 2003

To: Water & Sewer Connection Applicants

From: Donald F. DiMartino, DPW Director 

RE: **Changes in Fees**
Water Main Installation and Building Water & Sewer Services

Effective on April 7, 2003, the Selectmen modified water and sewer connection and construction fees to bring in revenue in line with costs, effectively charge new projects their fair share, and bring fees in line with regional charges.

Sewer Application Fee: Was \$100 per building is now \$500 per single family residential equivalent unit (SFR)*.

Water Application Fee: Unchanged it remains \$50.

Water Capacity Fee: Was \$2.00 per gallon per day is now \$5.00 per gallon per day. (The gallon per day calculation is unchanged: 75% of Title 5 daily flow or 100% of ENF/EIR daily flow.)

Water Inspection Fee: Unchanged it remains \$100 non-refundable for less than 100 feet of water service and \$5.00 revolving with unspent refundable for installations longer than 100 feet. *(Any water pipe in a subdivision that has its own inspection account per Planning Regulations would not be charged this inspection fee for water main inspection but will be for the service connections between the main and the buildings.)*

Domestic Water Main System Expansion Fee (NEW FEE): \$1,000 per SFR. All individuals expanding the water system by branching off an existing pipe in the town water system must pay this fee. Payment is due as follows: 20% due at the time of submission of a Domestic Water Main System Expansion Application *(the new Application Form that has been created is available at the DPW Office.)*; 80% balance due at the time of submission of Building Water Service Connection Application. This fee is charged whether the new water pipe is installed on public land, to be public land *(subdivisions)*, or private land as the Town's water system extends to the meter.

Fire Service Connection Fees: The fee for services of 1¼" or smaller has been reduced to \$100. All others remain unchanged. (Up to 1¼" @ \$100 / 1¼" to 2" @ \$1,000 / >2" to 4" @ \$3,000 / >4" to 6" @ \$6,000 / >6" @ \$10,000)

* Single Family Residential (SFR) - a lot of any size that does or will contain a Single Family Residential home. Non-residential or multiple residential buildings shall be converted to SFR Equivalents by dividing predicted domestic water consumption (See Water Capacity Fee) by 300 gallons per day, rounding all fractions up to the next whole number. (I.e. 1,000 gallons per day divide by 300 equals 3.33 or 4 SFR Equivalents.)

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FIRE HYDRANT FEE EXPLANATION

October 13, 2006

The hydrant charge is applied to hydrants connected to the Town water distribution system but installed on private property. This fee has been part of the water fee and charge system since at least 1969. It is the American Water Works Association suggested practice for water departments to charge hydrant fees. It has been a standard worldwide practice since fees and charges were initiated to fund water departments' operational costs.

Today's hydrant fees are in accordance with the Water Service and Connection Fees most recently revised by the vote of the Bellingham Board of Selectmen after the April 7, 2003 Water rate and fee hearing.

Hydrant fees as well as all water rates and fees are set to try to pay for the service that they provide. The hydrant fee, which customers with hydrants on their private property (*condos, businesses, shopping plaza, etc.*) are charged, is a dollar value suggested by the DPW and voted by the Board of Selectmen. It is considered a fair and reasonable allocation of the fire protection capabilities of the Town's water supply system.

The majority of the costs of providing fire protection is not related to the maintenance of actual hydrants but is associated with providing and maintaining a distribution and storage system with the capacity to deliver sufficient quantities of water to fight fires. If a water department only needed to provide water for domestic use, storage tanks and pipe sizes in the system could be cut by more than 50%.

The basic grounds for applying hydrant charges to private property owners is the fact that a hydrant on private land provides an improved level of fire protection for that property. Similarly, buildings with fire sprinkler connections are charged semi-annual fire protection charges based on the size of the pipe feeding the sprinkler system. Without fire protection or private hydrants close to key areas, insurance rates could be significantly higher.

Hydrants on private property are typically placed in specific locations at the request of the Fire Department during Planning Board plan review and permitting. The Fire Department selects locations that will provide special or increased fire protection to large buildings, buildings far from the street, or communal parking areas.

Only the DPW and Fire Department are authorized to operate any hydrant. The DPW also has the responsibility of maintaining all hydrants and the water system. This maintenance includes periodic testing of hydrants during water main flushing. We also try to paint hydrants but the purely aesthetic effort of hydrant painting is well down on the DPW priority list.