

# City sets fees, rates for water

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## RESOLUTION #605C

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ESTABLISHING FEES AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICES, WATER LINE INSTALLATION, AND WATER LINE CONSTRUCTION FEES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF AMERICAN FALLS AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INCREASES OF 15% FOR FY2024, 11% FOR FY2025, and 10% FOR FY2026.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of American Falls has experienced increased expense and anticipates further expenses in the review of proposed services, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City incurs actual costs in providing services, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City incurs planning, engineering, legal, clerical, publishing and labor costs for the services provided by the City, and,

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 515 of the City of American Falls provides that the Mayor and Council may, by resolution, adopt and set fees,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following fee schedule is hereby adopted by the City of American Falls and will be in full force and effect following its passage and publication as of October 1, 2023:

### SECTION ONE: WATER FEE SCHEDULE

- A. RESIDENTIAL USE INSIDE CITY LIMITS – BASIC MONTHLY RATE
  - 1. Single-family dwellings: \$48.00.
  - 2. Duplexes, triplexes, apartments, long-term motels, and other multi-family dwelling structures: \$48.00 per unit.
  - 3. Trailer courts: \$48.00 per trailer.
  - 4. (\*Circuit-breaker rates only apply to residential connections.)
- B. RESIDENTIAL USE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS – BASIC MONTHLY RATE
  - 1. Single-family dwellings: \$96.00.
  - 2. Duplexes, triplexes, apartments, long-term motels, and other multi-family dwelling structures: \$96.00 per unit.
  - 3. Trailer courts: \$96.00 per trailer.
- C. COMMERCIAL USE AND OTHER USERS INSIDE CITY LIMITS – MONTHLY CHARGES BY CONNECTION DIAMETER.
  - 1. ¾ and 1” \$48.00
  - 2. 1.25” \$80.40
  - 3. 1.5” \$156.00
  - 4. 2” \$252.00
  - 5. 3” \$504.00
  - 6. 4” \$780.00
  - 7. 6” \$1,500.00
- D. COMMERCIAL USE AND OTHER USERS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS – MONTHLY CHARGES BY CONNECTION DIAMETER
  - 1. ¾ and 1” \$96.00
  - 2. 1.25” \$161.00
  - 3. 1.5” \$312.00
  - 4. 2” \$504.00
  - 5. 3” \$1,008.00
  - 6. 4” \$1,560.00
  - 7. 6” \$3,000.00
- E. LIVESTOCK WATER PURPOSES INSIDE CITY LIMITS – BASIC MONTHLY RATE
  - 1. Persons using city water for the sole purpose of water livestock in the city limits pay the monthly rate of \$96.00
- F. RETURNED CHECK FEE
  - 1. Account holders shall be charged \$20.00 for each returned check.
- G. RECONNECTION FEE
  - 1. Account holders shall be charged \$50.00 each time water service is turned on.
- H. AFTER HOURS SERVICE CALL FEE
  - 1. Account holders shall be charged \$50.00 for service calls requested after city normal business hours, during holidays, and on weekends.
- I. FIRE SUPPRESSION
  - 1. Account holders will not be charged for fire-suppression costs.

### SECTION TWO: INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION FEES

- A. WATER SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION FEE
  - 1. 1” Water Service  
\$2,000.00 plus time and materials
  - 2. 1.5” Water Service  
\$3,000.00 plus time and materials
  - 3. 2” Water Service  
\$4,000.00 plus time and materials
  - 4. All water services over  
2” will be based on the Equivalent  
User Chart plus time and materials.
- B. WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION FEE - \$15.00 per lineal foot of property being served plus time and materials.

**SECTION THREE: INTERPRETATIONS, ADJUSTMENTS AND VARIANCES** The City Council shall have the power to vary and/or waive the applicable fees established in this resolution, subject to the laws of the State of Idaho where the strict application of the fees established herein would result in undue hardship.

**SECTION THREE-B: RATE RELIEF QUALIFICATIONS** The City Council shall have the power to reduce the set rate for water and sewer charges based upon residents applying for and meeting the qualifications for the Power County Circuit Breaker rate. Applications for the Power County Circuit Breaker and information about income limits can be found at the Power County Courthouse located at 543 Bannock Ave., American Falls, Idaho 83211.

**ANNUAL INCREASES IN FEES:** To assist the City of American Falls in keeping up with increasing costs associated with the ongoing operation of the city’s infrastructure the Base Water, Sewer, and Garbage rate will increase by 15% for FY2024, 11% for FY2025, 10% for FY2026, and 5% for FY2027, effective October 1 for each fiscal year.

**THE CITY COUNCIL HAS AUTHORITY AND POWER TO REVIEW AND CHANGE RATES AT ANY TIME.** Nothing in this resolution shall preclude the City Council from reviewing and changing rates as needed.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 30th day of August, 2023.

MAYOR REBEKAH K. SORENSEN

ATTEST: City Clerk Terri Miller