

Notice of Consideration of Proposed Capacity Fee Increases for Potable Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water and the Introduction of an Irrigation Water Capacity Fee

In accordance with Florida Statute 180.136, this insert will serve as your official notification of the Utilities Commission meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016 and Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the DeBerry Room at 200 Canal St. New Smyrna Beach, to consider the proposed capacity fee increase for Potable Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water and Irrigation Water services. These rate increases represent a:

- 7.2% Increase for Potable Water Capacity Fee
- 3.2% Increase for Wastewater Capacity Fee
- 9.3% Increase for Reclaimed Water Fee
- The introduction of the Irrigation Water Capacity Fee

If approved, the new capacity fees would go into effect on April 1, 2017.

Capacity Fees are a one-time charge, and are collected before building permits are issued. The proposed fee increase will only be applied to all new and upsized meter requests and does not apply to meter replacement. This fee does not impact your monthly usage charges.

The Utilities Commission has maintained lower capacity fees in Potable Water, Wastewater, and Reclaimed water in our area.

A capacity fee study was conducted and presented to the Commission in September 2016. The study has recommended the increase in capacity fees and a change in policy in determining equivalent residential units (ERU). The change in policy removes our current category based system and institutes a meter (“size” and “number of”) based system.

Capacity Fees				
	Potable Water (5/8" meter)	Wastewater (5/8" meter)	Reclaimed Water (3/4" inch)	Irrigation Water (5/8" meter)
Previous	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 970.00	N/A
Proposed	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 2,680.00

NOTES ON CAPACITY FEE CHARGES

1. An Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) represents a nominal usage of 200 gallons per day, as determined by utilizing historical customer account records and water sales for the Utilities Commission’s system.
2. The aforementioned capacity fee charges constitute potable water, irrigation water, wastewater and reclaimed water capacity fee charges only and such charges shall be paid before any connection will be made, and only upon determination by the Utilities Commission that existing water facilities are available to which the connection is made.
3. Payment of the aforementioned capacity fee charges must be made to the Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, in advance of issuance of building permits within our service area.
4. The aforementioned charges as detailed above apply to all applications for service approved subsequent to the effective date of Resolution No. 02-16 and because capacity fee charges cannot be held in abeyance indefinitely, the application for water, wastewater, irrigation water and reclaimed water service shall be restricted to be in effect ninety (90) days or as long as the original building permit is valid, whichever is longer. In the event the service connection has not been made prior to the aforementioned restriction, water, wastewater, irrigation water and reclaimed water capacity fee charges will be subject to revision to the successor fee schedule.

FINANCING - CAPACITY FEES, METER SETTING FEES, TAP-IN FEES AND CUT-IN FEES

Upon certification by the Commission’s Engineering Department that the service connection has not been made for the specific application for service and the applicant has withdrawn the application for service (in writing), the water, irrigation water, wastewater and reclaimed water capacity fee charges that have been paid will be subject to refund without interest.

Such water, irrigation water, wastewater and reclaimed water capacity charges are in addition to meter setting installation charges, line extension contributions, or other charges and fees as may be appropriate for services rendered.

Financing of payment of water, irrigation water, wastewater and reclaimed water capacity fees, meter setting charges, tap-in fees and cut-in charges will be available pursuant to the terms and conditions listed below:

1. Financing would be available to all individual residential customer applicants.
2. A 12-month or 24-month financing period will be utilized.
3. An annual interest rate of 2% above prime shall be used.
4. The customer must execute an agreement which states the utilities applicable (water, irrigation water, wastewater and/or reclaimed water) will be terminated if the customer is in default of payments. All payments previously made are non-refundable.
5. All payments must be accelerated and due in full prior to transfer of ownership of the property.
6. A non-refundable administrative fee of \$50.00 must be paid at the time of application in order to reimburse the Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach, for services required to administer the records and financing process.

The potable water capacity fee charge is established based on meter size and number of meters requested. The Capacity Fee Charge per meter size for potable water is as listed on the TABLE below:

Proposed POTABLE WATER

<u>Meter Size (inch)</u>	<u>Capacity Fee (\$)</u>
5/8"	\$1,340.00
1"	\$3,350.00
1-1/2" (1.5")	\$6,700.00
2"	\$10,720.00
3"	\$20,100.00
4"	\$33,500.00
6"	\$67,000.00
8"	\$107,200.00
10"	\$154,100.00
12"	\$288,100.00

Notes:

1. For commercial projects:
 - a. The meter size must match the size of supply plumbing to the building.
 - b. The applicant must provide signed and sealed plumbing plans prior to acceptance of capacity fees for review by Commission's Engineering Department.
2. The Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach only offers the meter sizes listed above.
3. The fees listed above are for each meter.
4. The fees will not be applied to existing meters.
5. Fees will only apply to each new meter whether residential, commercial, industrial, common area, expansion, upsizing, etc.
6. A credit will be given for the existing meter when that meter is replaced with a larger meter.
7. The capacity fee does not include other fees.

The irrigation water capacity fee charge is established based on meter size and number of meters requested. The Capacity Fee Charge per meter size for irrigation water is as listed on the TABLE below:

Proposed IRRIGATION WATER

<u>Meter Size (inch)</u>	<u>Capacity Fee (\$)</u>
5/8"	\$2,680.00
1"	\$6,700.00
1-1/2" (1.5")	\$13,400.00
2"	\$21,440.00
3"	\$40,200.00
4"	\$67,000.00
6"	\$134,000.00
8"	\$214,400.00
10"	\$308,200.00
12"	\$576,200.00

Notes:

1. Irrigation meters are used primarily for irrigation purposes and are generally the second meter for an account.
2. An independent irrigation meter is possible without a potable water meter.
3. Irrigation meters are also used to serve common areas in both residential and commercial developments (each development is either a residential or commercial development).
4. There are no sanitary connections associated with an irrigation meter.
5. UCNSB only offers the meter sizes listed above.
6. The fees listed above are for each meter.
7. The fees will not be applied to existing meters.
8. Fees will only apply to each new meter whether residential, commercial, industrial, common area, expansion, upsizing, etc.
9. A credit will be given for the existing meter when that meter is replaced with a larger meter.
10. The capacity fee does not include other fees.

The wastewater capacity fee charge is established based on meter size and number of meters requested. The Capacity Fee Charge per meter size for wastewater is as listed on the TABLE below:

Proposed WASTEWATER

<u>Potable Water Meter Size (inch)</u>	<u>Capacity Fee (\$)</u>
5/8"	\$1,290.00
1"	\$3,225.00
1-1/2" (1.5")	\$6,450.00
2"	\$10,320.00
3"	\$19,350.00
4"	\$32,250.00
6"	\$64,500.00
8"	\$103,200.00
10"	\$148,350.00
12"	\$277,350.00

Notes:

1. Regardless of the potable water meter size and corresponding wastewater capacity fee, the smallest residential wastewater connection (lateral) shall be four (4) inches.
2. Regardless of the potable water meter size and the corresponding wastewater capacity fee, the smallest commercial wastewater connection (lateral) shall be six (6) inches.
3. The wastewater capacity fee shall be based on the potable water meter size service for the proposed unit. (Unit refers to single residential home, separate commercial services, including lease and purchase space, etc.)
4. UCNSB only offers the meter sizes listed above.
5. The fees listed above are for each wastewater connection.
6. The fees will not be applied to existing wastewater connections.
7. Fees will only apply to each new wastewater connection, whether residential, commercial, industrial, common area, expansion, or upsizing.
8. A credit will be given for the existing meter when that meter is replaced with a larger meter.
9. The capacity fee does not include other fees.

The reclaimed water capacity fee charge is established based on meter size and number of meters requested. The Capacity Fee Charge per meter size for reclaimed water is as listed on the TABLE below:

Proposed RECLAIMED WATER

<u>Meter Size (inch)</u>	<u>Capacity Fee (\$)</u>
3/4"	\$1,060.00
1"	\$1,767.00
1-1/2" (1.5")	\$3,533.00
2"	\$5,653.00
3"	\$10,600.00
4"	\$17,667.00
6"	\$35,333.00
8"	\$56,533.00
10"	\$81,267.00
12"	\$151,933.00

Notes:

1. The reclaimed water capacity fee shall be based on the reclaimed water meter size serving the proposed unit. (Unit refers to single residential home, separate commercial services, including lease and purchase space.)
2. The Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach only offers the meter sizes listed above.
3. The fees listed are for each reclaimed meter requested or proposed.
4. The fees will not be applied to existing reclaimed water meters.
5. Fees will only apply to each new reclaimed water connection, whether residential, commercial, industrial, common area, expansion, upsizing, etc.
6. A credit will be given for the existing meter when that meter is replaced with a larger meter.
7. The capacity fee does not include other fees.