

# ORDINANCE

## ESTABLISHING WATER/SEWER RATES, CONNECTION FEES, COST RECOVERY CHARGES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Marion, North Carolina as follows:

**Section 1.** That new water/sewer rates, connection (tap fees) fees, cost recovery charges and other miscellaneous charges are hereby established as follows:

	<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
<b>Water Rates:</b>	<b>\$2.13 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$12.06 Service Charge per month</b>	<b>\$5.34 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$30.13 Service Charge per month</b>
<b>Minimum Rate for 2,000 gallons or less</b>	<b>\$13.41</b>	<b>\$33.54</b>
<b>Master Meter Rate</b>	<b>\$2.13 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$9.62 Service Charge per month</b>	<b>\$5.34 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$24.05 Service Charge per month</b>
<b>Master Meter Minimum Rate for 2,000 gallons Or less (per unit served)</b>	<b>\$10.96</b>	<b>\$27.39</b>
	<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
<b>Sewer Rates:</b>	<b>\$2.13 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$12.06 Service Charge per month</b>	<b>\$5.34 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$30.13 Service Charge per month</b>

<b>Minimum Rate for 2,000 gallons or less</b>	<b>\$13.41</b>	<b>\$33.54</b>
<b>Master Meter Rate</b>	<b>\$2.13 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$9.62 Service Charge per month</b>	<b>\$5.34 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$24.05 Service Charge per month</b>
<b>Master Meter Minimum Rate for 2,000 gallons Or less (per unit served)</b>	<b>\$10.96</b>	<b>\$27.39</b>
	<b><u>INSIDE CITY</u></b>	<b><u>OUTSIDE CITY</u></b>
<b>Metered Sewer Rates for Private Wells</b>	<b>\$3.08 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$12.06 Service Charge per month</b>	<b>\$7.70 per 1,000 Gallons, plus \$30.13 Service Charge per month</b>

**Important Notices:**

**All sewer charges are based on water meter readings, unless a sewer metering device approved by the City has been installed.**

**When more than one unit is served by a Master Meter, such as a mobile home park, shopping center or apartment complex, the monthly service charge is \$10.96 for water and \$10.96 for sewer in the City, and \$27.39 for water and \$27.39 for sewer outside the City, whether said units are occupied or not.**

**A residence using a private well, with no water meter, shall pay a flat rate of \$33.54 per month per residential unit for sewer service, if located outside the City Limits. If the residence using a private well, with no water meter, is located inside the City Limits, a flat rate of \$13.41 per month per residential unit shall be charged for sewer service.**

**WATER SERVICE CONNECTION FEES (TAP FEES) AND COST RECOVERY CHARGES (CRC):**

<b>WATER METER SIZE</b>	<b>INSIDE CITY</b>		<b>OUTSIDE CITY</b>	
	<b>TAP FEE</b>	<b>CRC CHARGE</b>	<b>TAP FEE</b>	<b>CRC CHARGE</b>
<b>3/4"</b>	<b>\$ 540</b>	<b>\$ 540</b>	<b>\$ 1,350</b>	<b>\$ 1,350</b>
<b>1"</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>4,050</b>
<b>1 1/2"</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>8,100</b>
<b>2"</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>16,200</b>
<b>3"</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>12,960</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>32,400</b>
<b>4"</b>	<b>3,690</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>9,225</b>	<b>56,250</b>
<b>6"</b>	<b>5,940</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>14,850</b>	<b>135,000</b>
<b>8"</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>67,500</b>	<b>20,250</b>	<b>168,750</b>
<b>10"</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>225,000</b>
<b>12"</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>112,500</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>281,250</b>

**Tap Fees (Domestic Water Service):**

The Charge listed for a 3/4" domestic water service includes the cost of a back-flow preventor required by the City.

The charge to add a 3/4" back-flow preventor to an existing domestic service is as follows:

**INSIDE CITY**

**\$ 10.00**

**OUTSIDE CITY**

**\$ 20.00**

**CHARGES FOR CONNECTIONS FOR FIRE PROTECTION/SPRINKLER LINES IN RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

<b><u>SIZE SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>INSIDE CITY</u></b>	<b><u>OUTSIDE CITY</u></b>
<b>2" SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 1,100</b>	<b>\$ 2,750</b>
<b>3" SERVICE</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>4" SERVICE</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>6" SERVICE</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>11,000</b>
<b>8" SERVICE</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>10" SERVICE</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>20,500</b>
<b>12" SERVICE</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>29,000</b>

**CHARGES FOR CONNECTIONS FOR FIRE PROTECTION/SPRINKLER LINES IN RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS-continued:**

All connections to the city water system shall be equipped with a proper check-valve and/or back-flow preventor approved by the city public works director or city engineer prior to installation. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to have the approved check-valve or back-flow preventor installed. In addition, the owner of all properties connected to the city water system and using water for other than domestic services, shall submit a letter to the city water department on or before the first day of July each year certifying that the check-valve and/or back-flow preventor has been checked and is operating properly.

**SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION FEES (TAP FEES) AND COST RECOVERY CHARGES (CRC):**

WATER METER SIZE	INSIDE CITY		OUTSIDE CITY	
	<u>TAP FEE</u>	<u>CRC CHARGE</u>	<u>TAP FEE</u>	<u>CRC CHARGE</u>
<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	\$ 1,080	\$ 360	\$ 2,700	\$ 900
1"	1,170	1,080	2,925	2,700
1 1/2"	1,260	2,160	3,150	5,400
2"	1,350	3,600	3,375	9,000
3"	1,440	7,200	3,600	18,000
4"	1,530	10,800	3,825	27,000
6"	1,620	22,500	4,050	56,250
8"	1,710	36,090	4,275	90,225
10"	1,800	51,840	4,500	129,600
12"	1,890	69,840	4,725	174,600

	<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
RELOCATE WATER/ SEWER CONNECTION, (OWNERS REQUEST)	AT COST	COST PLUS 10%

INCREASE METER SIZE	DIFFERENCE IN TAP FEE AND COST RECOVERY CHARGES FOR WATER/SEWER	DIFFERENCE IN TAP FEE AND COST RECOVERY CHARGES FOR WATER/SEWER
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**DEPOSIT AND/OR PREPAYMENT FOR NEW ACCOUNTS:**

**RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS**

	<b><u>INSIDE CITY</u></b>	<b><u>OUTSIDE CITY</u></b>
<b>WATER DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>SEWER DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

In cases where an existing residential water and/or sewer customer has been a water and/or sewer customer of the city of Marion for a period of no less than five consecutive years, and has made no late payments in the previous twelve months, and moves to another location on the city's water and/or sewer system, the following procedure shall apply:

Any increase in the deposit required to be paid to bring the customer's deposit up to the current level listed above may be paid in three equal installments, to be added to the customer's first three water and/or sewer bills in the new location. If the customer fails to make any of the required payments, their service may be cut off pursuant to city policy.

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MASTER METER ACCOUNTS**

The water and/or sewer deposit for commercial, industrial, and master meter accounts shall be an amount equal to the average monthly charge for water and/or sewer service, but not less than the residential deposits. The initial deposits for commercial, industrial and master meter accounts shall be as follows:

**INSIDE CITY**

	<b><u>WATER</u></b>	<b><u>SEWER</u></b>	<b><u>WATER AND SEWER</u></b>
<b>FAST FOOD/PIZZA RESTAURANTS</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>OTHER RESTAURANTS (WITH SEATING)</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>GROCERY STORES</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>APARTMENT COMPLEXES (MASTER METER)</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>CAR WASHES</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

LAUNDRIES \$200.00 \$200.00 \$ 400.00  
COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MASTER METER ACCOUNTS-  
continued:

INSIDE CITY

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>WATER AND SEWER</u>
NURSING/FAMILY CARE HOMES	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$ 400.00
INDUSTRY (50 OR MORE EMPLOYEES)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
INDUSTRY (LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$ 400.00
OTHER MASTER METER ACCOUNTS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 200.00
GENERAL BUSINESS	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00

OUTSIDE CITY

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>WATER AND SEWER</u>
FAST FOOD/PIZZA RESTAURANTS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
OTHER RESTAURANTS (WITH SEATING)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
GROCERY STORES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
APARTMENT COMPLEXES (MASTER METER)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
CAR WASHES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
LAUNDRIES	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
NURSING/FAMILY CARE HOMES	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
INDUSTRY (50 OR MORE EMPLOYEES)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
INDUSTRY (LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
OTHER MASTER METER ACCOUNTS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
GENERAL BUSINESS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND MASTER METER ACCOUNTS-  
continued:**

The city manager shall determine the appropriate deposit for any commercial, industrial or master meter customer not listed in the preceding schedule. At the end of six months of service, the city will determine the average use by averaging the three highest months. The customer will be billed for any additional amount for the proper deposit. If the amount is not received in thirty days, the utility bill will be increased each month for twelve consecutive months until the proper deposit has been received. If the average monthly deposit is lower than the amount the city has received from the initial deposit, the city will credit the water account of the customer for the amount of the difference in the initial deposit and the average monthly bill.

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES**

	<b><u>INSIDE CITY</u></b>	<b><u>OUTSIDE CITY</u></b>
<b>FIRST LATE PENALTY</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>SECOND LATE PENALTY:</b>		
<b>1 - 3 OCCURANCES</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>4 OR MORE OCCURANCES</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>RECONNECT SERVICE AFTER DISCONNECTION</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>RECONNECT SERVICE SUMMER/SEASONAL RESIDENT</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	<b>\$ 37.50</b>
<b>TEMPORARY SERVICE (SEVEN OR LESS DAYS)</b>	<b>\$ 15.00 PLUS ACTUAL WATER USAGE</b>	<b>\$ 37.50 PLUS ACTUAL WATER USAGE</b>
<b>TRANSFER EXISTING ACCOUNT TO NEW ADDRESS</b>	<b>UPGRADE TO PROPER DEPOSIT (IF DEPOSIT IS ADEQUATE) CHARGE \$ 15.00 TRANSFER FEE</b>	
<b>METER TAMPERING:</b>		
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> OFFENSE</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> OFFENSE</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES-continued:**

	<b><u>INSIDE CITY</u></b>	<b><u>OUTSIDE CITY</u></b>
<b>RETURNED CHECK SERVICE CHARGE</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 OR 10% OF CHECK, WHICHEVER IS GREATER</b>	<b>\$ 25.00 OR 10% OF CHECK, WHICHEVER IS GREATER</b>
<b>BANK DRAFT CUSTOMER – CHARGE FOR CLOSED ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>CUSTOMERS REQUEST TO CHECK WATER METER FOR ACCURACY ¾” AND 1” METERS</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>LARGER METERS</b>	<b>AT COST</b>	<b>AT COST</b>
<b>DETERMINATION OF FLOW AND SERVICE CAPABILITIES</b>	<b>AT COST</b>	<b>AT COST</b>
<b>WATER TESTING: PRIVATE WELLS - BACTERIAL ONLY</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

**Section 2.** The Ordinance adopted on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 is rescinded upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** All other ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance, are rescinded upon the effective date of this ordinance.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2010.

**ADOPTED** this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.