

Section 575 – Public Utilities Department Fees

Section 575:00. Purpose and Policy. The purpose of this ordinance is to set and recover fees from users of the St. Cloud Public Utilities System, on an equitable basis to provide funds for the operation and maintenance, debt service, replacement and improvements to the St Cloud Public Utilities System.

Section 575:01. Accounts. All accounts shall be carried in the name of the owner who personally, or by his or her authorized agent, applied for such service. The owner shall be liable for water and sewer services supplied to the property, whether he or she is occupying the property or not, and any unpaid charges shall be a lien upon the property.

Section 575:05. Due Date. All bills shall be due and payable by due date stated on the bill.

Section 575:10. Billing. Customers of the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Utility may be billed annually or, on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis.

Section 575:15. Penalty for Late Payment. A penalty in the amount of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) or 7.5% of the balance, whichever is greater, shall be added to all Public Utilities accounts not paid in full by the due date. The penalty for late payment shall be added to the balance for which the account remains unpaid.

Section 575:20. Certification Fee. A Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) charge will be added to all accounts certified to the County Auditor’s office for collection. This fee is to be considered separate and distinct from any penalty or interest that may be charged by the County as a result of the certification.

Section 575:25. Water and Sewer Availability Charges. The WAC and SAC fees for all structures/properties to be connected to the municipal water and sanitary sewer systems will be determined by multiplying the base rate (as shown in Table 1) by the applicable Meter-and- Service Ratio (as shown in Table 2):

Table 1
Base Rate Schedule, Water and Sewer Availability Charges

YEAR		WAC		SAC
2022	\$	2,950	\$	2,950
2023	\$	3,100	\$	3,100

Table 2
Equivalent Meter-and-Service Ratio

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter-and-Service Ratio</u>
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¾ inch	1.0
1 inch	1.4
1 ½ inch	1.8
2 inch	2.9
3 inch	11.0
4 inch	14.0
6 inch	21.0
8 inch	29.0

Other sizes to be determined by the Public Utilities Director based on the flow capacity of the water meter(s) to be installed.

In situations where a premise will be connected to the municipal sanitary sewer system, but will not be connected to the municipal water system, the Public Utilities Director will determine the applicable SAC fee based on the anticipated sewer usage.

Section 575:30. General Municipal Wastewater Users Unit Cost.

Subd. 1. Unmetered Municipal Users. Unmetered Residential Accounts will be charged \$25.63 per month per dwelling unit where water is not measured by a City meter.

Subd. 2. General Municipal Users. Sewer volume will be set annually in March/April. Rate per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons)

	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$	3.40	3.90	4.40	4.90

Section 575.31. Minimum Sewer Charges; Billing Minimum, The minimum sewer charges as set forth in the table below shall supersede any lesser sewer changes for any given billing period.

Meter Size in Inches	Minimum Charge (per month)			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
5/8" & 3/4" meter	\$ 6.78	\$7.80	\$8.81	\$9.78
1" meter	\$ 7.47	\$8.59	\$9.71	\$10.78
1 1/2" meter	\$ 15.04	\$17.30	\$19.55	\$21.70
2" meter	\$18.32	\$21.07	\$23.81	\$26.43
3" meter	\$37.04	\$42.60	\$48.14	\$53.44
4" meter	\$83.03	\$95.48	\$107.89	\$119.76
6" meter	\$166.21	\$191.14	\$215.99	\$239.75

Section 575:35. Industrial Wastewater Users-Unit Costs.

Subd. 1. Industrial Volume Charges.

Monthly Volume (in cubic feet)	Rate per 100 Cubic Feet			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$	3.40	3.90	4.40	4.90

Subd. 2. Industrial Strength Charges.

Surcharges for industrial strength wastewater discharges by industrial users shall be charged at a rate determined administratively and reviewed annually. Rates will be developed based off of cost of service analysis. Industrial strength shall be considered as wastewater above domestic loading of; BOD greater than 218 mg/L and /or TSS greater than 240 mg/L.

See City Ordinance Section 360.51 for a description of strength charge system.

Section 575:40. Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Fees. The Industrial Discharge Permit fee, paid to the City, for total wastewater discharged into the St. Cloud Wastewater Treatment System (million gallons per year) for both initial and reissuance shall be paid when the permit is issued. Permit and Reissuance fees shall be set administratively and reviewed annually.

Section 575:45. Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Violation Fees. Permittees shall pay violation fees as follows by forty-five (45) days of the original report due date. Permit Violation fees shall be set Administratively and reviewed annually.

Section 575:50. Liquid Waste Hauler Permit. An annual permit fee is due at the time of issuance and reissuance of the industrial discharge agreement. Load charge fees are determined by the Director and are dependent on volume, frequency, organic loading and available treatment capacity.

Section 575:55. Stormwater Utility Rates and Charges.

Subd. 1. Fixed Charge and Unit Rate.

(a) Monthly Fixed Charge

YEAR		FIXED CHARGE
2022	\$	6.05
2023	\$	6.80

(b) Unit Charge = \$1.00

Section 575:60. Land Disturbance Permit Fees. All Land Disturbance Permit fees shall be submitted to the Building Safety Department upon permit approval.

Single Family Homes	\$25
Less than 1 acre	\$100
1-5 acres	\$200
Over 5 acres	\$300

Section 575.65. Stormwater Impact Fee. The fee is charged when the full water quality volume treatment requirement cannot be met on-site or off-site as required in the Land Development Code Article 19.12.

Subd. 1 Fixed Charge and Multiplier

(a) Fixed Charge= \$40.00

(b) Multiplier = 2.0

Section 575:70. General Water User Rate: That the following rates shall be and hereby are established for charges made to the consumers who shall purchase water from the City of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Unit = 100 Cubic Feet = 750 gallons		2022	2023
Units 1-4	\$	1.00	1.00
Units 5-8	\$	3.75	4.00
Units >8	\$	4.25	4.50

575:75. Fixed Charge. A fixed charge shall be billed bi-monthly.

2022	2023
\$16.50	\$17.00

Section 575:80. Water Permit Fees. Fees shall be charged for the establishment of new accounts, which fees include the cost of tapping the main water line, providing the water meter, and administrative expenses in setting up the account. The fee is based on current market materials costs, plus labor and equipment. Current materials costs will be provided upon permit issuance.

Section 575:85. Meter Rental Fees. The following will be charged for meter rental in addition to the water volume charge.

3/4-inch	\$25 plus water used, at current rate per unit
3-inch	\$50 plus water used, at current rate per unit

A hydrant meter not returned to the City will be charged for the replacement cost of the meter, estimated water use and a \$50.00 service charge.

Section 575:90. Water-Turn On/Off. An additional charge of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) shall be collected for turning on or off any water service between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. A charge of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be made for any service after hours and weekends. Delinquent accounts will only be turned on during the hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

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Note: Section 575 consolidates all previous public utility fees into this one ordinance, Ord. No. 2441, October 26, 2009 sections 571, 572, 573 and 574 were repealed.