

**933.13 WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY RATES CHARGES.**

(a) All users making use and/or accessing the water system shall be billed for usage of the city's water system and for the provision and potable treatment of said water.

(b) For the purpose of providing revenue to help finance and to more equitably distribute the cost of the construction of improvements or additions to the water system, it is necessary to provide for the establishment, exaction, and regulation of a water system capacity charge with such charge to be in addition to any and all other fees which may be imposed with respect to the water system.

(c) Revenues received from the collection of such water system capacity charges, as it is herein authorized, shall be credited to a special fund from which Council may take appropriations for the payment of the cost and expense to operate and maintain the water system, replace system equipment, retire system debt, and make capital improvements to the system as determined necessary.

(d) No person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public water main, or appurtenances thereof, without first obtaining a written permit to do so from the city.

(e) That the Administrator shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to exact a water system capacity charge whenever application is made for the issuance of a water permit to provide water service to any lot or plot of ground utilizing the public water system. Said lot or plot of ground must be located within the city's corporate limits, as established by the records of the Franklin County Auditor's office, prior to the purchase of the water tap or 30 days after the passage of the annexation ordinance for the property. Parcels requesting more than one water tap must have an approved plat recorded with the Franklin County Auditor's office prior to the purchase of the water tap(s). All water taps must be purchased on or after the date of application for a building permit (if necessary). Water system capacity charges cannot be transferred.

~~The following rates shall be charged for each service connection made to any property and shall be paid at the time a permit is issued for the service connection. No person shall make a service connection or any part thereof, unless he has been issued a permit therefor by the Administrator. In the event a tap is subsequently enlarged, the difference between the charges for the two sizes shall be paid.~~

~~For that portion of the City served by the Groveport water system:~~

(f) For that portion of the city served by the City of Groveport water system, the fees to be charged for permits to connect to the system shall be based upon the domestic supply water tap size as follows:

<b>Diameter of Water Tap (inches)</b>	<b>Water <u>System</u> Capacity Charge (Effective April 1, 2026)</b>
3/4"	\$2,170.00
1"	<del>\$</del> 3,900.00
1-1/2"	<del>\$</del> 8,568.00
2"	<del>\$</del> 15,400.00
3"	<del>\$</del> 34,500.00
4"	<del>\$</del> 47,775.00

6"	\$108,529.00
8"	\$191,100.00
10"	\$297,670.00
12"	\$428,749.00
16"	\$477,749.00

For that portion of the City served by the Columbus water system, the regular rate charged by the City of Columbus plus the following surcharge:(g) For that portion of the city served by the City of Columbus water system, the fees to be charged for permits to connect to the system shall be based upon the domestic supply water tap size as follows:

<b>Diameter of Water Tap (inches)</b>	<b>Water System Capacity Charge (Effective April 1, 2026)</b>
3/4"	\$1,486.00
1"	\$2,331.00
1-1/2"	\$4,955.00
2"	\$7,927.00
3"	\$15,750.00
4"	\$25,126.00
6"	\$50,080.00
8"	\$80,249.00
10"	\$112,285.00
12"	\$217,285.00
16"	\$233,351.00

When there are separate taps for domestic and fire protection, the City collects the full tapping application fee for the domestic tap and five percent (5%) of the regular tapping fee for the fire line.

(h) Water system capacity charges shall be calculated based on the actual size of the water tap in nominal diameter.

(i) In the event a water tap is subsequently enlarged, the difference between the water system capacity charges for the two water tap sizes and the difference between the sewerage system capacity charges for the two water tap sizes shall both be paid prior to obtaining a written permit.

(j) The capacity charges herein are in addition to any charges established, exacted, or regulated by any other governmental agency. The City of Columbus establishes separate water system capacity charge(s), and other fees, which shall be collected by the City of Columbus directly.

(k) For all water taps used to supply fire protection only, the charge shall be twenty percent (20%) of the water system capacity charge specified herein.

(l) The Administrator or Designee, with consent of Council, may waive all or part of the City of Groveport water system capacity charges herein in such cases where unusual circumstances, imminent hardship, or economic development warrant it.