

Issue Analysis Form



Date: March 16, 2023

Item: Authority to Advertise Pubic Hearing to Consider Adoption of Ordinances to Amend The Code of The County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, to revise Water and Sewer User Charges

Lead Department(s): Engineering & Utilities

Contact Person(s): Frank Haltom, Director

Description and Current Status

Amendments to Chapter 82 of the County Ordinance are recommended to modify the water and wastewater user charges and rate block schedules. The recommendation includes a 5% increase in the water user charges and a 5% increase in sewer user charges. This recommendation is to ensure fair and equitable rates to all ratepayers that are adequate to cover the projected costs of the utility and maintain responsible reserves for unexpected and future costs.

The proposed rate increases would be effective July 1, 2023.

Amendments to Chapter 82 of the County Code of Ordinances are required to revise water and wastewater user charges. Prior to amendments of the code, a public hearing must be held. Therefore, staffs requests authorization to hold a public hearing on April 11, 2023 to amend and reenact The Code of Prince George County, Virginia, 2005, as amended, by amending sections 82-262 and 82-537 to revise water and wastewater user charges and rate block schedules.

Sample Motion: I move that the Board authorize the advertisement to hold a public hearing on April 11, 2022 to consider amendments of the Code of Prince George County, Virginia, 2005, as amended, by amending sections 82-262 and 82-537 to revise water and wastewater user charges and rate block schedules.

Government Path

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| Does this require BZA action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does This require Planning Commission Action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require Board of Supervisors action? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require a public hearing? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If so, before what date? | April 11, 2023 | |

Fiscal Impact Statement

An increase of 5% for water and 5% for wastewater is recommended to increase utility revenues by approximately \$232,130.

County Impact

The average residential utility bill receiving public water and sewer service is anticipated to increase approximately \$9.09 per bill (\$54.52 annually), based on the average usage of 10,000 gallons per billing period (5,000 gallons per month for a two-month billing period).

Notes

None.

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, this 16th day of March, 2023:

Present:

Donald Hunter, Chairman
T. J. Webb, Vice Chairman
Floyd M. Brown, Jr.
Alan R. Carmichael
Marlene J. Waymack

Vote:

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried unanimously, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION: AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA BY AMENDING SECTIONS 82-262 AND 82-537 TO REVISE WATER AND WASTEWATER USER CHARGES AND RATE BLOCK SCHEDULES.

WHEREAS, County Code Sections 82-262 defines the use charges rendered to residential and nonresidential users for water production and the use of the water distribution system; and County Code Section 82-537 defines the use charges rendered to residential and nonresidential users for wastewater disposal and the use of the wastewater collection system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 16th day of March, 2023, does hereby authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on April 11, 2023 for ordinance amendments to The Code of the County of Prince George, Section 82-262 Water User Charge Schedule, and Section 82-537 Wastewater User Charge Schedule.

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Jeffrey D. Stoke
County Administrator

ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA", 2005, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING § 82-262 AND 82-537 TO REVISE WATER AND WASTEWATER USER CHARGES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

(1) *That The Code of The County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, is amended by amending § 82-262 and 82-537 as follows:*

Article II. Water Service

DIVISION 8. FEES AND CHARGES

Sec. 82-262. - Water user charge schedule.

Bills for water production and the use of the water distribution system shall be rendered to residential and nonresidential users based on the following monthly rates:

(1) *Fixed minimum charge.* The fixed minimum charge shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Minimum Charge Per Month
5/8"	\$11.72 <u>\$12.31</u>
3/4"	\$11.72 <u>\$12.31</u>
1"	18.32 <u>\$19.23</u>
1½"	29.30 <u>\$30.77</u>
2"	42.49 <u>\$44.61</u>
3"	84.24 <u>\$88.45</u>
4"	143.56 <u>\$150.74</u>
6"	292.98 <u>\$307.63</u>
8"	622.58 <u>\$653.71</u>
10"	930.20 <u>\$976.71</u>

(2) *Commodity charge.* For the amount of water consumed, the following rate block schedule shall apply.

Meter Size	Rate Block	Unit Charge per 1,000 gallons
5/8" & 3/4", 1"	0 to < 6,000 gallons	\$3.86 \$4.05
	6,000 gallons to < 20,000 gallons	4.83 <u>\$5.07</u>
	20,000 gallons and greater	5.33 <u>\$5.60</u>
1 1/2"	0 to < 12,000 <u>10,000</u> gallons	\$3.86 \$4.05
	12,000 <u>10,000</u> gallons to < 50,000 <u>40,000</u> gallons	4.83 <u>\$5.07</u>
	50,000 <u>40,000</u> gallons and greater	5.33 <u>\$5.60</u>
2"	0 to < 25,000 <u>23,000</u> gallons	\$3.86 \$4.05
	25,000 <u>23,000</u> gallons to < 80,000 <u>60,000</u> gallons	4.83 <u>\$5.07</u>
	80,000 <u>60,000</u> gallons and greater	5.33 <u>\$5.60</u>
3"	0 to < 50,000 <u>46,000</u> gallons	\$3.86 \$4.05
	50,000 <u>46,000</u> gallons to < 200,000 <u>150,000</u> gallons	4.83 <u>\$5.07</u>
	200,000 <u>150,000</u> gallons and greater	5.33 <u>\$5.60</u>
4"	0 to < 80,000 <u>75,000</u> gallons	\$3.86 \$4.05
	80,000 <u>75,000</u> gallons to < 350,000 <u>300,000</u> gallons	4.83 <u>\$5.07</u>
	350,000 <u>300,000</u> gallons and greater	5.33 <u>\$5.60</u>
6", 8" & 10"	0 to < 120,000 <u>100,000</u> gallons	\$3.86 \$4.05
	120,000 <u>100,000</u> gallons to < 700,000 <u>600,000</u> gallons	4.83 <u>\$5.07</u>
	700,000 <u>600,000</u> gallons and greater	5.33 <u>\$5.60</u>

(3) *Responsibility of owner of rental dwelling containing more than one dwelling unit.* Whenever water service is provided to a rental dwelling which has more than one dwelling unit, the utility service will have to be kept in the name of the owner of the dwelling, and he will be responsible for the payment of the bill.

(4) Fire hydrant service. For temporary service by means of a hydrant meter, as provided in division 4 of this article, the applicant shall pay a permit fee and shall place a deposit with the department. The deposit shall be applied toward the applicant's bill for water use, and any excess refunded upon closing of the account.

Permit fee\$55.00

Deposit (refundable), negotiated depending on expected usage

Water charge, per 1,000 gallons\$14.87

(5) Metered private fire protection system. Private fire protection system, metered (does not apply when domestic and fire services are master-metered):

a. Monthly charge: Two percent of corresponding minimum charge, as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

b. Commodity charge, per 1,000 gallons: See subsection (2) above.

(6) Reserved.

Article III. Wastewater Service

DIVISION 6. - FEES AND CHARGES

Sec. 82-537. - Wastewater user charge schedule.

Bills for wastewater disposal and the use of the wastewater collection system shall be rendered to residential and nonresidential users based on the following monthly rates:

(1) Fixed minimum charge. The fixed minimum charge shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Minimum Charge Per Month
5/8"	\$14.14 <u>\$14.85</u>
3/4"	\$14.14 <u>\$14.85</u>
1"	\$21.32 <u>\$22.39</u>
1 1/2"	\$29.13 <u>\$30.58</u>

Meter Size	Minimum Charge Per Month
2"	\$38.49 <u>\$40.42</u>
3"	\$68.15 <u>\$71.56</u>
4"	\$110.30 <u>\$115.81</u>
6"	\$216.44 <u>\$227.26</u>
8"	\$450.58 <u>\$473.11</u>
10"	\$669.11 <u>\$702.57</u>

For uses metering wastewater flow, contracted capacity shall be used to determine equivalent water meter size for computation of minimum monthly fees.

(2) Commodity charge. For all water delivered or wastewater collected a unit charge of ~~\$8.83~~ \$9.27 per 1,000 gallons shall apply.

(3) Owner's responsibility for rental dwelling unit. Whenever wastewater service is provided to a rental dwelling which has water service provided by an individual well, the utility service will have to be kept in the name of the owner of the dwelling, and he will be responsible for the payment of the bill.

(4) Strength charges. In accordance with the procedures defined in section 82-507, the following charges per 1,000 gallons shall be assessed against the users whose wastes exceed the strength of normal domestic wastewater. All residential users shall be assumed to be in category I:

Category Designation	Range of Strength (standard strength units)	Strength Charge (\$ per 1,000 gallons)
I	0—300	0.00
II	301—600	0.0830
III	601—1,000	0.1650
IV	1,001—1,400	0.2650
V	1,401 and over	*

* Subject to determination by the director based on actual strength units in the user's wastes.

(Code 1988, § 15-147; Ord. No. O-01-005, 8-22-2001; Ord. No. O-04-002, § 15-147, 3-9-2004; Ord. No. O-04-009, § 15-147, 8-10-2004; Ord. No. O-05-004, 6-14-2005; Ord. No. O-06-05, 11-28-2006; Ord. No. O-08-06, 9-23-2008; Ord. No. O-12-01, § 3, 1-10-2011; Ord. No. O-14-023B, § 1, 10-14-2014; Ord. No. O-16-06, § 1, 7-12-2016; Ord. No. O-17-03, § 1, 4-11-2017; Ord. No. O-18-06, § 1, 4-10-2018)

(2) That this Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2023.

