



# WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES ARLINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13

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Any development – whether new construction, existing structure, or remodel that requires potable water or sanitary sewer utility service will have to pay a connection fee in order to connect to the City’s utility systems. The intent of this handout is to provide an informative summary of how these fees are assessed. This document is intended to aid in understanding the City of Arlington’s Utility Connection Fees and is not intended to replace or supersede any portion of the fee schedule or the Arlington Municipal Code (AMC). For additional assistance with calculation of connection fees, please call the PW Administration office at (360) 403-3526 or Permit Center at (360)-403-3551.

## ***Frequently asked questions:***

### **Why do I have to pay water and sewer Connection Fees?**

The City of Arlington, along with its citizens, invested a lot of capital money to develop the existing potable water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer utility systems. These utilities include:

- Sewer Utility - Water Reclamation Plant, 67 miles of sanitary sewer pipeline, 14 lift stations, and approximately 4700 sewer connections
- Water Utility - Water Treatment Plant, two well fields, one wholesale water connection (PUD), two reservoirs totaling 4 million gallons of capacity, over 1,100 fire hydrants, 96 miles of distribution pipeline and approximately 5900 water connections
- Stormwater Utility – 3200 inlets, 48 miles of storm sewer pipeline, and 114 detention/infiltration basins

The connection charges you pay are for your fair share of the installation of this utility system. The basis for the utility connection charges is the “potential impact” your connection will have on the City’s water and sewer systems.

### **What are the utility Connection Fees that I have to pay?**

You will have to pay Connection Fees for the utilities required for your development. There are different components for each connection fee, these components are listed below.

#### Water Service

Water Connection Fee  
Meter Installation Fee

#### Sewer Service

Sewer Connection Fee  
Side Sewer Inspection Fee

#### Storm Service

No connection or  
development fee

#### **Notes:**

1. *The above Connection Fees do not include any costs associated with construction or installation of the utility service; this must be arranged for and coordinated by the developer or property owner applying for service. Costs to install utilities will vary based on permit fees, job site conditions, and contractor fees.*
2. *The above Connection Fees do not include any Recovery Fees / Latecomer fees, if applicable.*

**What should I do with my current on site well and septic system?**

A condition of connecting to City water and sewer services requires all wells and septic systems to be decommissioned in accordance with state and Snohomish County regulations (Arlington Municipal Code Chapter 13 Sec.13.32.040 and 13.32.100). Proof of decommissioning per Department of Ecology standards and evidence of inspection and acceptance by Snohomish Health District must be provided to City of Arlington Utilities Division before service can be activated.

**Can I connect to utility services if I live outside city limits?**

Water is available to connect to within Arlington’s water service area and is the same cost as if you lived inside city limits, but sewer service is currently not available outside city limits per the AMC. There are additional permits that may be required, for example, a Utility Extension Agreement, Snohomish County ROW permit, etc. Contact the Permit Center for information regarding this process at 360-403-3551.

**If I already have utility service, can I get a credit?**

Yes, once you pay a connection fee, you have bought into the City’s utility system. A credit will be issued for the equivalent water or sewer connection(s) only – there is no cash refund for a disconnected utility service. No service credit will be allowed for services discontinued for 5 years or more (Arlington Municipal Code Chapter 13 Sec.13.04.060 (o)).

**How do I calculate my Water and Sewer Connection charges?**

Charges are calculated based on the water meter size. The building official will determine the size of the meter by the total fixture count submitted on the plumbing permit. See below table.

**Can I get an estimate of my Water and Sewer Connection charges?**

Yes, you may call the PW Office at (360) 403-3526 or the Permit Center at 360-403-3551 for an estimation of water and sewer connection charges.

**What are the current Water and Sewer Connection charges?**

The connection charges are found in the Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) chapter 13.12.230 through 13.12.260. The current Connection Fee charges are listed in the following tables:

<b>Water Meter Installation Fee</b>	
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Fee</b>
5/8”	\$870.00
1”	\$1,230.00
1-1/2”	\$2,860.00
2”	\$3,360.00
3”	\$4,620.00
4”	\$7,270.00
6”	Call for cost

<b>Water / Sewer Connection Fees</b>			
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Fixture Count</b>	<b>Water Connection Charge</b>	<b>Sewer Connection Charge</b>
5/8” - 3/4”	0 - 37	\$6,868.00	\$4,840.00
1”	37.5 - 89	\$17,244.00	\$12,099.00
1-1/2”	89.5 - 286	\$34,488.00	\$24,199.00
2”	286.5 - 532	\$55,181.00	\$38,720.00
3”	532.5 - 1,300	\$110,362.00	<i>Fee to be based on fixture discharge count and 300 GPD equiv.; 1 ERU at \$4,840</i>
4”	1,300.5 - 3,600	\$172,441.00	
6”	3,600.5 - 8,200	\$344,883.00	

### Industrial Sewer Connection Fees

Industrial	\$5,060.00 (based on flow) plus \$3,035.00 (based on BOD) plus \$2,025.00 (based on TSS)	Meeting required to determine fees
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### Side Sewer Inspection Fees

Residential, Commercial, and Industrial	\$180.00	Per side sewer connection
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**Example 1** - Water and sewer service to be provided to an existing single family residence that is currently on a well and septic system: Fixture count total submitted on the plumbing permit is 26 so a 5/8" water meter will be required.

**Connection Fee Calculations:**

Water Connection Fee	\$ 6,868.00	<u>Conditions</u>
Meter Installation Fee (5/8")	\$ 870.00	1. Well and septic system are to be decommissioned in accordance with Snohomish County standards, proof of decommissioning is to be provided to City.
Sewer Connection Fee	\$ 4,840.00	
Sewer Inspection Fee	<u>\$ 180.00</u>	2. Call for inspections 48 hrs. in advance
<b>Total Connection Fees</b>	<b>\$ 12,758.00</b>	

**Example 2** - As a commercial building is being designed, the project engineer submits a request for water and sewer service. The project is estimating a fixture count of 192 which lies within the fixture count for a 1 1/2" water meter.

**Connection Fee Calculations:**

Water Connection Fee	\$ 34,488.00	<u>Conditions</u>
Meter Installation Fee (1 1/2" meter)	\$ 2,860.00	Call for inspections 48 hrs. in advance
Sewer Connection Fee	\$ 24,199.00	
Sewer Inspection Fee	<u>\$ 180.00</u>	
<b>Total Connection Fees</b>	<b>\$ 60,447.00</b>	

**Example 3** - A multi-family complex is planned with 6 buildings. Per the fixture counts, buildings 1, 3, & 5 will require a 1 1/2" meter while buildings 2, 4, & 6 will require a 2" meter.

**Connection Fee Calculations:**

Water Connection Fees bldgs. 1, 3, 5 (ea. \$34,488)	\$ 103,464.00	<u>Conditions</u>
Meter Installation Fee (1 1/2" meter, \$2,860 x 3)	\$ 8,580.00	Call for inspections 48 hrs. in advance
Sewer Connection Fees bldgs. 1, 3, 5 (\$24,199 x 3)	\$ 72,597.00	
Water Connection Fees bldgs. 2, 4, 6 (\$55,181 x 3)	\$ 165,543.00	
Meter Installation Fee (2" meter, \$3,360 x 3)	\$ 10,080.00	
Sewer Connection Fees bldgs. 2, 4, 6 (ea. \$38,720)	\$ 116,160.00	
Sewer Inspection Fee (ea. \$180.00 x 6)	\$ 1080.00	
<b>Total Connection Fees</b>	<b>\$ 477,504.00</b>	