

**TOWN OF CANTON, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

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**RESOLUTION OF SEWER USAGE
AND CONNECTION CHARGES**

Be it resolved that:

1. The schedule of sewer usage and connection charges set forth below is hereby adopted by the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Canton, Connecticut effective upon publication as required by Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-255.
2. The Chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority or his designee is authorized and directed to bill for such sewer usage charges for the billing cycle fiscal year (October 1st to September 30th) and annually thereafter as of the first day of October until revised by the Water Pollution Control Authority.
3. For those sewer users for whom the sewer usage charge is determined by the number of gallons or cubic feet of usage, the number of gallons or cubic feet of usage may be estimated for the purpose of billing based upon water usage during the most recently reported one (1) year "Annual" period preceding the billing date. However, if the sewer user claims that only a portion of the water usage is discharged to the sewerage treatment system, the sewer user may install and maintain a separate water meter at his/her own expense to measure separately the portion of the water usage that is discharged to the sewage treatment system. The separate water meter shall be read by authorized personnel of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
4. For a use requiring metered usage where the sewer user is not a customer of the Connecticut Water Company, the sewer user shall install and maintain a water meter at his/her own expense to measure the portion of water usage that is discharged to the sewer. The water meter shall be installed in accordance with the standards of the Connecticut Water Company. The water meter shall be read by authorized personnel of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
5. For a use requiring metered usage where water usage experience cannot be determined, meters have been bypassed or are inoperative, or for new or changed sewer uses, the sewer usage charge may be based upon engineering estimates of water usage. Such estimates shall be subject to audit and adjustments.
6. For a use requiring metered usage, either the user or the Water Pollution Control Authority may request an audit. If the rate as determined by the audit differs significantly from the rate as billed, then the difference shall be added to or subtracted from the charge for the next billing period.
7. All sewer usage charges are the responsibility of the owner(s) of record of the property. Unpaid sewer usage charges will become a lien against the property and will be subject to interest charges in accordance with state law.
8. If the sewer usage charge for any property exceeds \$500.00, the sewer usage charge may be paid in two (2) equal installments, the first due October 1st and the second due on April 1st. Newly connected sewer users shall be charged a pro rata amount of the applicable annual user charge for each month or portion thereof of sewer use.

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL SEWER USAGE CHARGES

Basic sanitary sewage units will be charged \$400.00 per annum per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) of 255 gallons per day (GPD) payable October 1st.

- Single family dwellings
- Individual apartment or condominium units
- Home industries employing less than four (4) outside employees

Commercial and public building users will be charged \$ \$5.59 per 1,000 gallons of metered annual usage or \$4.18 per each 100 cubic feet of metered annual usage (depending on type of meter), subject to a minimum charge of \$400.00. A meter for measuring water usage that discharges into the sanitary sewer is required.

- Office units
- Industrial facilities
- Day care, child care centers
- Retail units with or without public restrooms
- Schools (public or private)
- Churches
- Firehouses
- Hotels and motels
- Health spas, gymnasiums or sports facilities with showers
- Restaurants, night clubs, taverns and clubs
- Commercial laundries and Laundromats
- Nursing homes
- Commercial food preparation or caterers
- Car washes, gas stations and commercial garages
- Processing waste
- Other uses not defined elsewhere

Notwithstanding the schedule of use above, these rates will only apply if the discharge to the sewer is similar in content and quantity to the sewerage of a basic sanitary sewage unit. The Water Pollution Control Authority may impose a surcharge for wastewater that is concentrated or difficult to treat. Pre-treatment may be required as may be determined by the WPCA. The basic sanitary sewage unit charge per EDU specifically does not apply to uses which by their nature have a higher than ordinary discharge to the sewer system (such as dental offices or businesses doing hair washing or pet washing) or for any other use in which the discharge is not from residential bathrooms, kitchens, and laundry facilities.

SCHEDULE OF SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

In accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-255, the following schedule of sewer connection charges will apply effective July 1, 2018.

1. Sewer connection charges shall be due and payable in full prior to the time of connection. A certificate of occupancy for use of the property will not be issued by the Building Official until such charge is received by the Tax Collector.
2. The Water Pollution Control Authority may charge reasonable fees for the cost of engineering review of proposed sewer laterals and trunk lines and for the cost of inspection of construction of such lines.
3. For properties that will connect to the sewage treatment system after July 1, 2018 and before June 30, 2023, the sewer connection charge shall be \$8,600 per each basic sanitary sewage unit (EDU).
4. The Water Pollution Control Authority shall adopt a schedule of connection charges for larger user (as defined in the schedule of sewer usage charges above) based upon equivalent dwellings units (EDU's). A schedule of potential uses is attached and made part of this schedule.
5. Effective January 12, 2001, a property owner(s) who has received conditional sub-division approval for residential dwelling units or conditional approval to a commercial project generating three (3) or more equivalent dwelling units (EDU's) may pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the current connection charge per EDU for any desired number of EDU's (up to the total number of EDU's approved by the Planning Commission or the Zoning Commission) as a reservation of sewage capacity. The reservation shall extend until the time of actual connection or the expiration of the sub-division or zoning approval period (including any extensions of such original approvals), whichever comes first. The reservation (with sub-division and zoning approvals) may be transferred to successor property owners. Such payment for the total number of approved EDU's, regardless of the phasing of construction of the development project may be made at any time. The balance of the connection charges shall be paid at the time of actual connection based on the fee schedule set forth in sub-section three (3) above.
6. The Water Pollution Control Authority shall review the schedule of sewer connection charges annually and shall set a schedule of charges for sewer connections no later than April 30, 2023.

NOTE: The above schedule of sewer usage and connection charges is the subject of a public hearing on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 by the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Canton, Connecticut as required by Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-255. The schedule of sewer usage and sewer connection charges (if adopted by the WPCA on Tuesday, April 3, 2018) becomes effective July 1, 2018. The schedule will be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the town before March 25, 2018.

Connection Fees Categories**(# EDUs per Category) (3)**

Single Family Homes	1.0
Individual Condominium (per individual unit)	0.6
Multiple Unit Dwelling Building with single service lateral connection (per 3 Bedrooms, per building)	1.0
Office (per individual unit) 0 – 5000 square feet	1.0
Up to and including each additional 2500 square feet over 5000 square feet pay an additional	0.5
Retail / Commercial (per individual Unit) \leq 5000 square feet	1.0
Up to and including each additional 2500 square feet over 5000 square feet pay an additional	0.5
Industrial (per EDU) (1)	1.0 (min.)
Restaurant / Food Preparation Establishment \leq 1000 square feet	1.0
Up to and including each additional 500 square feet over 1000 square feet pay an additional	0.5
Hotels / Motels \leq 4 units	1.0
Up to and including each additional 2 units over 4, pay an additional	0.5
Laundries per washing machine (2)	1.0
Police Stations, Firehouses, Churches	1.0
Elementary, Intermediate, High Schools \leq 100 Occupants (pupils / staff)	1.0
Up to and including each additional 25 occupants pay an additional	0.25
Child Care Facilities used by less than 12 children	1.0
Up to and including each additional 6 children, pay an additional	0.5

(1) The number of EDU's for industrial flows will be based on flow estimates for a particular industry on an individual basis.

(2) Without recycling systems, with recycling systems fee is to be based on make-up water requirements.

(3) The EDU value for each category is used to determine the corresponding connection charge presented in the "Schedule of Sewer Connection Charges" on Pages 3 and 4 of this document.