

**BERRYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Berryville Town Council will hold the following public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon after as this matter may be heard, on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**, in the Main Meeting Room, Second Floor, of the Berryville-Clarke County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia to consider the following:

Proposed changes to the Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges

Proposed changes to the Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges include increasing:

Water administrative and facilities fee from \$12.34 to \$18.07.

Sewer administrative and facilities fee from \$7.22 to \$9.65.

Water and sewer availability fees by approximately 8%.

Water meter (5/8") testing fee from \$100.00 to \$125.

Water meter (greater than 5/8") from \$100.00 + cost to \$125.00 + cost.

Required account deposits to incorporate increase in administrative and facilities fees.

No change in water and sewer user fee rates is proposed.

Copies of materials may be examined at:

- Town of Berryville Business Office, Berryville Clarke County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia during regular business hours and
- the Town's website (www.berryvilleva.gov).

Information may also be obtained by calling the Town Business Office at 540/955-1099.

Any person desiring to be heard regarding the above matter should appear at the appointed time and place. Written copies of statements at public hearings are requested but not required.

The Town of Berryville does not discriminate against disabled people in admission or access to its programs and activities. Accommodations will be made for disabled people upon prior request.

By order of the Town Council
Keith R. Dalton, Town Manager

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE
SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER FEES AND CHARGES

~~Effective November 18, 2021~~

Proposed to be effective November 17, 2022

I. USER FEES

A. WATER

1. Within corporate limits or the limits of an approved annexation area: \$8.15 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge \$5.00 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.
2. Other: \$10.18 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge \$6.25 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

B. SEWER

1. Within corporate limits or the limits of an approved annexation area: \$17.27 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge \$15.00 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.
2. Other: \$21.58 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge \$18.75 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES FEES AND DEPOSITS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES FEES

Monthly Administrative and Facilities Fees, charged with usage:

Water ~~\$12.34~~ **18.07**

Sewer ~~\$7.22~~ **9.65**

Late Fee: 10% of bill amount

Service Disconnection/Reconnection Fee: \$50

Returned Check/ACH Fee: \$50

B. DEPOSITS

Residential: individually metered single-family units, town homes, and duplexes: \$255 **270**

Residential: multi-family with master meter: ~~\$200~~ **215** per unit

Business/Commercial excluding restaurants and laundries: ~~\$255~~ **270**

Restaurant: ~~\$850~~ **865***

Laundry: ~~\$4,575~~ **4,590***

Institutional: ~~\$1,595~~ **1,610***

Industrial: ~~\$5,615~~ **5,630***

*Town Manager may increase or decrease on the basis of actual usage.

Note: Town Manager may establish reasonable deposit amounts for use types not anticipated by this schedule.

III. AVAILABILITY FEES

A. WATER

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)	Meter Cost
5/8	1	\$ 14,118	\$ 17,648	Meter Fee
3/4	1.5	\$ 21,177	\$ 26,472	Meter Fee
1	2.5	\$ 35,295	\$ 44,120	Meter Fee
1.5	4.375	\$ 61,766	\$ 77,210	Meter Fee
2	8	\$ 112,944	\$ 141,184	Meter Fee
3	16	\$ 225,888	\$ 282,368	Meter Fee
4	25	\$ 352,950	\$ 441,200	Meter Fee
6	50	\$ 705,900	\$ 882,400	Meter Fee

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)	Meter Cost
5/8	1	\$ 15,250	\$ 19,060	Meter Fee
3/4	1.5	\$ 22,875	\$ 28,590	Meter Fee
1	2.5	\$ 38,125	\$ 47,650	Meter Fee
1.5	4.375	\$ 66,719	\$ 83,388	Meter Fee
2	8	\$ 122,000	\$ 152,480	Meter Fee
3	16	\$ 244,000	\$ 304,960	Meter Fee
4	25	\$ 381,250	\$ 476,500	Meter Fee
6	50	\$ 762,500	\$ 953,000	Meter Fee

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

Notes:

(a) Multi-family residences are defined as any master-metered group of apartment, townhouse, condominium, or other residential units with each unit having separate kitchen facilities.

(b) In cases in which a master meter serves multi-family residences or a combination of multi-family and commercial units, the applicant will pay a fee based on the higher of A) an amount derived by multiplying .8 by the applicable water availability fee for demand ratio 1 times the total number of residential and

commercial units to be served by a single meter, or B) an amount based on the meter size as specified above.

(c) Meter fee is calculated by adding the cost of the meter and a 30% (of meter cost) handling fee.

B. SEWER

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)
5/8	1	\$ 15,162	\$ 18,952
3/4	1.5	\$ 22,743	\$ 28,428
1	2.5	\$ 37,905	\$ 47,380
1.5	4.375	\$ 66,334	\$ 82,915
2	8	\$ 121,296	\$ 151,616
3	16	\$ 242,592	\$ 303,232
4	25	\$ 379,050	\$ 473,800
6	50	\$ 758,100	\$ 947,600

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)
5/8	1	\$ 16,375	\$ 20,470
3/4	1.5	\$ 24,563	\$ 30,705
1	2.5	\$ 40,938	\$ 51,175
1.5	4.375	\$ 71,641	\$ 89,556
2	8	\$ 131,000	\$ 163,760
3	16	\$ 262,000	\$ 327,520
4	25	\$ 409,375	\$ 511,750
6	50	\$ 818,750	\$ 1,023,500

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

IV. LATERAL OR CONNECTION FEES

Connection to the Town's water distribution and/or sewer collection system may be completed only if the following conditions are met:

- Party applying to connect to the system agrees to assume all costs associated with connection to the systems, including excavation, taps, vaults, traffic control, restoration (including pavement), testing, inspections, etc.
- Contractor responsible for completing work has been vetted and approved by the Town.
- Plans for the work, including restoration, have been approved by the Town.
- Required surety has been approved and provided to the Town.
- Required insurance coverage is in place and documentation thereof provided to the Town.
- Required permits have been issued by the Town, Virginia Department of Transportation, or other applicable agency.

V. INSPECTIONS

A. Sanitary Sewer Camera Service and Storm Sewer Camera Inspection Service

1. Mains and Laterals Over 4 Inches in Diameter

Mobilization Fee: \$300

Camera Fee: \$3.00 per linear foot

2. 4-Inch Laterals

Laterals Under 50 Feet in Length: \$150

Laterals 50 Feet in Length or Greater: \$150 plus \$3.00 per linear foot

B. Inspections

Town staff: \$65 per hour (1 hour minimum for any inspection then billed at ½ hr. increments thereafter)

Licensed professional engineer or approved third-party inspector: Cost

C. Hydrant Flow Tests

\$65 per hour (1 hour minimum for any test then billed at ½ hr. increments thereafter) plus cost of water (includes water and sewer charges)

Notes:

Cleaning of lines will be required prior to camera use: Line cleaning is the responsibility of the applicant. If lines are not clean and camera crew must remobilize later to perform the inspection, a second mobilization fee will be charged.

Hydrant flow tests: Hydrant flow tests must be scheduled with the Director of Public Works no less than three work days in advance of test. Contractor will supply gauges and will be responsible for recording results. Town personnel will operate hydrant.

VI. SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USER FEES

Sewer system discharge permit: \$500

VII. WATER METER TESTING

5/8" meter: ~~\$100~~ 125

All other meters: ~~\$100~~ 125 + cost

Note: Fee is refunded if meter is found to be over-registering.

VIII. HYDRANT METERS

Nonrefundable account establishment fee: \$50

Meter deposit: \$1,500 (deposit refunded upon return of undamaged meter)

Note: Usage metered through hydrant meters will be billed for both water and sewer user fees.

IX. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SERVICE

For unauthorized water withdrawals from fire hydrants or any other part of the Town water system, or when a customer willfully takes steps to reactivate service after service has been disconnected by the Town because of nonpayment of any charge owed to the Town, and the Town must take action to discontinue service again by removal of the meter or by any other necessary measures, a \$250 charge for unauthorized use of services will be imposed. This charge will be in addition to any other charge for water and sewer services owed to the Town, and in addition to any legal remedies the Town may pursue for unauthorized use of service.

Approved by Town Council on ~~September 14, 2021.~~