PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Development Services Center
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New Water Meter Connection Charges for Single Family Residences
Effective: Sept. 1, 2009

The Redmond City Council recently adopted new Water Connection Charges for Single Family Residential Use. This change is effective as of September 1, 2009. The purpose of the change is to provide a cost effective approach for supplying water for domestic use and fire protection with one meter. The new rate structure is based on total living area, instead of the meter size, as indicated below.

"Total Living Area", in square feet, is the area of the residence listed on your building permit as "Dwelling" and excludes decks, the garage and unfinished basement.

Residential Total Living Area
Small Home – 2,400 SF or less
Medium Home – 2,401 SF to 3,300 SF
Large Home – 3,301 SF or more

Prior to issuance of a Water Meter Permit for single family residences, two items need to be completed. First, a "Water Meter Sufficiancy letter for SF Residential Fire Sprinklers" must be completed by a State-certified Fire Sprinkler Designer and received by Public Works, Development Servcices. Second, the Building Permit for the residence must be submitted (and square footage verified).

Residences that have an active Building Permit issued prior to September 1, 2009, may choose to use the old rate system or the new rate system, provided the Building Permit remains active.

In order to determine which fee rate structure applies, please answer the following questions.

Do you have an active building permit? (Issued prior to Sept. 1 2009) Y or N

If Yes; Building Permit No._____ Issued Date: _____

Check Fee Option:
☐ Fees by Total Living Area, established by Resolution No. 1302.
*Total Living Area: _____ sq ft
☐ Fees by Water Meter Size, established by Resolution No. 1272.

If No; Fees by Total Living Area, established by Resolution No. 1302.
*Total Living Area: _____ sq ft

Do you have lots with existing meter setters? Y or N

If Yes; Qty _____ Type of Use _____ Size _____
Qty _____ Type of Use_____ Size _____

Select meter option:

☐ One dual-purpose meter
☐ Two meters (one for domestic and one for fire sprinkler).

NOTE: If two setters exist and you elect to use one meter, one setter will need to be removed (see meter removal details).

Vesting?

Either the “old” rates or the “new” rates may be applied for a residence that has an active Building Permit issued prior to September 1, 2009. Only the “new” rates may be used for a residential building permit issued as of September 1, 2009.

What Determines the Actual Meter Size?

The required size for a dual-purpose (domestic and fire sprinkler) meter is dependent upon evaluation of both the fire sprinkler system demand and the domestic system demand. In most cases, the demand is established by fire sprinkler system will determine the minimum meter size.

a. The City’s Fire Department provides the oversight and review of residential fire sprinkler systems. A licensed Fire Sprinkler System Designer must design the system for the residence as part of the building permit review and approval. **The meter size for fire system is to be the minimum size for the required flow.** For questions about the Fire System Supply call (425) 556-2246.

b. The City’s Public Works Department provides oversight and review of the domestic water system needs. A 5/8”x3/4” water meter will meet most domestic system demands. The Public Works Department may contact you if meter sizing calculations are required.

Setter Removal Requirements:

If the applicant chooses to use one meter, but two meter setters have been installed then the City will require one of the setters to be removed. Please coordinate this work with the City Water Maintenance Division at (425) 556-2846. Inspection will be required. Water meters will not be installed if the meter setters are not correct in terms of numbers of setters and their sizes.

For any questions please contact Heidi Lamb at (425) 556-2840, Public Works – Development Services Division.