

Water Connection Fee Approach (2-Year Phase-In)

The proposed schedule phases in the water connection fee increase over two years, moving from \$686 to \$2,987 in equal annual increments. This balances the need for timely cost recovery with providing predictability for development.

Proposed Water Connection Fee Schedule

Year	Effective Date	Connection Fee	Annual Increase	% Increase
2026	Present	\$686	—	—
2026	7/1/2026	\$1,837	\$1,151	168%
2027	1/1/2027	\$2,987	\$1,150	63%

Phasing Notes

- Total increase: **\$2,301** over two years
 - The increase is split into **two equal dollar increments (~\$1,151/year)**
 - This approach:
 - Reaches full cost recovery faster than a 3-year phase-in
 - Still provides a transition period for developers
 - Aligns fees more quickly with actual infrastructure costs
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Sewer Connection Fee Approach (2-Year Phase-In)

The proposed sewer connection fee increase is phased in over two years in equal increments, moving from \$680 to \$4,622. This ensures new development contributes appropriately toward the cost of wastewater system improvements while allowing a predictable transition.

Proposed Sewer Connection Fee Schedule

Year	Effective Date	Connection Fee	Annual Increase	% Increase
2026	Present	\$680	—	—
2026	7/1/2026	\$2,651	\$1,971	290%
2027	1/1/2027	\$4,622	\$1,971	74%

Key Notes for Council / Staff Report

- Total increase: **\$3,922** over two years
 - Increase is structured as **equal dollar increments (~\$1,961/year)**
 - This approach:
 - Accelerates cost recovery for major wastewater infrastructure needs
 - Still provides a short transition period for development planning
 - Aligns connection fees more quickly with actual system costs
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Water Connection Fee Approach (3-Year Phase-In)

The proposed schedule gradually increases the water connection fee from \$686 to \$2,987 over three years, ensuring that new development pays a more appropriate share of infrastructure costs while avoiding a sudden one-time increase.

Proposed Water Connection Fee Schedule

Year	Effective Date	Connection Fee	Annual Increase	% Increase
2026	Present	\$686	—	—
2026	7/1/2026	\$1,453	\$767	112%
2027	1/1/2027	\$2,220	\$767	53%
2028	1/1/2028	\$2,987	\$767	35%

Phasing Notes

- The increase is structured as a **linear phase-in** over three years
 - Total increase: **\$2,301**
 - This represents a **335% total increase** over the current fee
 - Phasing helps:
 - Reduce immediate impact on development
 - Provide predictability to builders
 - Align fees more closely with actual infrastructure costs
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Sewer Connection Fee Approach (3-Year Phase-In)

The proposed sewer connection fee increase is phased in evenly over three years, moving from \$680 to \$4,622. This ensures new development contributes its fair share toward significant wastewater system improvements while providing a predictable transition period.

Proposed Sewer Connection Fee Schedule

Year	Effective Date	Connection Fee	Annual Increase	% Increase
2026	Present	\$680	—	—
2026	7/1/2026	\$1,994	\$1,314	193%
2027	1/1/2027	\$3,308	\$1,314	66%
2028	1/1/2028	\$4,622	\$1,314	40%

Key Notes for Council / Staff Report

- Total increase: **\$3,922** over three years
 - Increase is structured as **equal dollar increments (~\$1,307/year)**
 - This phased approach:
 - Avoids a single large increase
 - Provides predictability for developers
 - Aligns fees with actual sewer system expansion and treatment costs
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