

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, WATER & WASTEWATER
COMMISSION, AND IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

REFERENCE MATERIAL

AUSTIN WATER FINANCIAL PLANNING

APPROVED FEE SCHEDULE - 2012



Approved Fee Schedule FY 2011-12

Austin Water Utility

Addition to System Fee

Water tap fees for all second connections, increases to the existing installed meter, and/or water meters larger than two inches (2") are calculated on the total labor costs, transportation and equipment costs, materials and supply costs, plus indirect and overhead costs for the connection.

Wastewater tap fees for all second connections and/or wastewater connections larger than six inches (6") are calculated on the total labor costs, transportation and equipment costs, materials and supplies costs, plus indirect and overhead costs for the connection.

If the facility requiring wastewater service consist of more than fifteen living units (including, but not limited to apartments, motels, hotels, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.) or is of a commercial and/or industrial nature in excess of 4,000 square feet, a review by the Utility will be conducted to determine the need for a manhole in the sewer line. In the event that a manhole is required, the charge shall be calculated on a cost basis.

Backflow Prevention Compliance Fee

Annual fee the Austin Water Utility (AWU) charges to its potable and reclaimed water high hazard customers or fire sprinkler systems that have backflow prevention assemblies on their plumbing systems that are required by the State of Texas or City of Austin regulations to be tested and the results of the tests reported back to the AWU on an annual basis to help the utility ensure that its customers are protected from possible contamination or pollution due to a backflow event. Fee is per backflow assembly and is charged on a monthly basis at 1/12 of the annual fee during the month(s) the customer's account is active.

Conservation Based Fees

Irrigation Seminars

Two to Four Hour Seminar
Eight Hour Seminar

Cost Estimate Fee For Tap Installation

Fee per Cost Estimate

Cost estimates for certain tap connections are calculated based on total labor, transportation, equipment, materials, supplies and indirect or overhead costs. Preparation of cost estimates requires research of records, a field trip and calculations by Taps Office staff. The fee would be applied toward the purchase of services if purchased within a 90 day period from the date of the estimate.

Descaling Permit (Per Site)

Fee used to recoup the costs incurred in regulating temporary descaling activities in the City of Austin's water service area (e.g., analyzing and documenting plans, specifications, applications and reports, monitoring and inspecting sites where temporary descaling activities have been authorized, enforcing regulations when violations occur, etc.). All of these activities are conducted to ensure compliance with pretreatment program and other health and safety requirements.

Dillo Dirt Sales

Cost per cubic yard

Emergency Repair Cut Off/On Fee

Fee added to Utility Bills for customer requests for Utility to cut off/on service to water meter for repairs or other miscellaneous reasons.

	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
	\$28.44	\$28.80	\$0.36	1.3%	
	\$26.70 53.30	\$27.05 54.05	\$0.35 0.75	1.3% 1.4%	
	\$48.95	\$49.65	\$0.70	1.4%	
	\$176.75	\$179.25	\$2.50	1.4%	
	\$12.25	\$12.40	\$0.15	1.2%	
	\$12.25	\$12.40	\$0.15	1.2%	

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Engineering Review & Inspection Fee

Fee for processing of the plat through final plat approval - In every case where a subdivision does not require construction of streets, drainage, water or wastewater facilities or improvements to existing water and wastewater facilities.

Minimum total fee (for processing of the plat through final plat approval) - In every case where a subdivision requires City inspection of any construction of water or wastewater facilities with an estimated construction cost of \$5,500.00 or less.

Fee based on percentage of total cost of construction project - In every case where a subdivision requires City inspection of the construction of streets, drainage, water or wastewater facilities, either singularly or in any combination, the Utility shall assess a fee based on the engineer's construction estimate of the improvements as calculated by the Utility in accordance with the following table:

Engineer's Estimate of Total Cost of Construction Project (Value of less than:)

\$	5,500.00
5,500.01 -	200,000.00
200,000.01 -	250,000.00
250,000.01 -	300,000.00
300,000.01 -	350,000.00
350,000.01 -	400,000.00
400,000.01 -	450,000.00
450,000.01 -	500,000.00
500,000.01 -	550,000.00
550,000.01 -	600,000.00
600,000.01 -	650,000.00
650,000.01 -	700,000.00
700,000.01 -	750,000.00
750,000.01 -	1,000,000.00
1,000,000.01 -	1,250,000.00
1,250,000.01 -	1,500,000.00
1,500,000.01 -	2,000,000.00
2,000,000.01 -	2,500,000.00
2,500,000.01 -	3,000,000.00
3,000,000.01 -	5,000,000.00
More Than	5,000,000.01

Evaporative Loss Credit Application Fee

Non-refundable application and processing fee

Fee for Service Extension Request with Administrative Approval

Cost per review

Fee for Service Extension Request with Council Approval

Cost per acre served

Minimum Charge

Maximum Charge

Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
\$61.25	\$62.10	\$0.85	1.4%	
\$368.00	\$373.00	\$5.00	1.4%	
\$368.00	\$373.00	\$5.00	1.4%	
7.00%				
6.75%				
6.50%				
6.25%				
6.00%				
5.75%				
5.50%				
5.25%				
5.00%				
4.75%				
4.50%				
4.25%				
4.00%				
3.75%				
3.50%				
3.25%				
3.00%				
\$91.75	\$93.00	\$1.25	1.4%	
\$67.35	\$68.30	\$0.95	1.4%	
\$10.15	\$10.30	\$0.15	1.5%	
337.00	341.75	4.75	1.4%	
6,727.00	6,821.00	94.00	1.4%	

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Fire Hydrant Meter Fees

Water meters are installed on fire hydrants for construction purposes on a temporary basis. Costs associated with fire hydrant meters include an initiation fee, an installation fee, a non-compliance removal fee, and a refundable equipment deposit for the meter and equipment. The initiation fee covers administrative costs in setting up the account on the billing system. The installation fee covers the field costs for installing the meter on the fire hydrant or on a vehicle for use in withdrawing water from a fire hydrant. Backflow prevention assemblies are required to be installed by the contractor and tested by a certified backflow technician and the test report faxed or delivered to Special Services within 48 hours of the meter installation. The non-compliance removal fee is charged when a fire hydrant meter is removed by the City of Austin due to either an ordinance violation or the contractor failing to have a backflow prevention assembly tested and the test report faxed or delivered to Special Services within the required time period. The meter and equipment deposits are to help insure the return of the meter and equipment upon completion of use by the contractor. The equipment deposit does not earn interest,

and will be refunded to the customer upon return of the meter and equipment to the Utility, after verification that the meter and equipment is in good working condition, and verification that the utility billing charges have been paid in full. Charges for damages to the meter or equipment will be deducted from the deposit, if applicable. The equipment deposit will be refunded in total if the meter and equipment has been returned in good working condition, and the utility billing charges have been paid in full. If the utility billing charges have not been paid, the deposit will be applied to the unpaid charges first, with any remaining amount refunded to the customer. Refer to City Ordinance No. 20051020-005

Fire Hydrant Initiation Fee

Cost per initiation

Fire Hydrant Installation Fee

Cost per installation

Non-Compliance Removal Fee

Cost per removal

Meter and Equipment Deposit (Refundable)

1" Meter and equipment
3" Meter and equipment

Impact Fee (Capital Recovery Fee)

Fees for lots that were platted after October 1, 2007. For lots platted prior to this date see previous fee schedules.

Drinking Water Protection Zone

Inside City Fees

Water

Wastewater

Outside City Fees

Water

Wastewater

Desired Development Zone

Inside City Fees

Water

Wastewater

Outside City Fees

Water

Wastewater

Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
\$24.60	\$24.95	\$0.35	1.4%	
\$36.65	\$37.20	\$0.55	1.5%	
\$61.25	\$62.10	\$0.85	1.4%	
\$100.00 425.00	\$100.00 425.00	\$0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%	
\$2,200.00 1,200.00	\$2,200.00 1,200.00	\$0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%	
\$2,500.00 1,400.00	\$2,500.00 1,400.00	\$0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%	
\$1,000.00 600.00	\$1,000.00 600.00	\$0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%	
\$1,800.00 1,000.00	\$1,800.00 1,000.00	\$0.00 0.00	0.0% 0.0%	

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Impact Fee (Capital Recovery Fee) (cont)						
Desired Development Zone - Urban Watersheds						
Water		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Wastewater		500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%	
Desired Development Zone - Central Urban Redevelopment Combining District and the area bounded by Lady Bird Lake, Lamar Blvd, 15th Street, and IH-35						
Water		\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Wastewater		400.00	400.00	0.00	0.0%	
Outside of Austin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)						
Water		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%	
Wastewater		1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.0%	

Calculation of the impact fee in accordance with the Local Government Code requires the use of "Service Units", a standardized measure of consumption, use, generation, or discharge attributable to an individual unit of development.

Service units are determined on rated continuous flow of the meter purchased at sale of tap. (AWWA standards)

Calculation of Service Units

Meter Size	Type	Service Units
5/8"	Positive Displacement	1
3/4"	Positive Displacement	1.5
1"	Positive Displacement	2.5
1 1/2"	Positive Displacement	5
1 1/2"	Turbine	8
2"	Positive Displacement	8
2"	Turbine	10
3"	Compound	16
3"	Turbine	24
4"	Compound	25
4"	Turbine	42
6"	Compound	50
6"	Turbine	92
8"	Turbine	160
10"	Turbine	250
6x2"	Fire Service	Based on Domestic Demand
8x2"	Fire Service	Based on Domestic Demand
10x2"	Fire Service	Based on Domestic Demand

Industrial Waste Surcharge

Surcharge factors for retail and wholesale customer classes

BOD	0.5043	0.5043	0.0000	0.0%
COD	0.2242	0.2242	0.0000	0.0%
Suspended Solids	0.1087	0.1087	0.0000	0.0%

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Inspection Fee

Cost per inspection

Water and Reclaimed Water Meter sizes 2" or less
Wastewater connection sizes 6" or less (with prior stub in place)

Sewer inspection fees for connection larger than six inches (6") are estimated and charged on the total labor costs, transportation and equipment costs, materials and supply costs, plus indirect and overhead costs for the connection.

Interest on Capital Recovery Fee - Payment Agreements

Annual interest rate

Laboratory Services Testing Fees

Automated General Chemical Analysis

Dissolved Total Phosphorus

Total Phosphorus

Ortho Phosphorus

Dissolved Ortho-Phosphorus

Nitrite - Nitrogen

Nitrate + Nitrite - Nitrogen

Nitrogen Package: Nitrate + Nitrite - Nitrogen, Nitrite - Nitrogen and Nitrate - Nitrogen

Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen

General Chemical Analyses

UV254

Percent Solids in Semi-Solid Sample

Total Suspended Solids

Volatile Suspended Solids

Total Solids

Total Dissolved Solids

Total Volatile Solids

Chemical Oxygen Demand

Biochemical Oxygen Demand

Carbonaceous BOD

Total Organic Carbon by Combustion-Infrared

Total Organic Carbon by Persulfate - UV Oxidation

Dissolved Oxygen

Ammonia - Nitrogen

Nitrate - Nitrogen

Total Phosphorus

Ortho Phosphorus

Total Phosphate

Chlorine Residual

Free Chlorine

Sulfate

Fluoride

Magnesium

Calcium

Silica

Hardness-Total

Hardness-Calcium

pH

Alkalinity-Total

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	\$61.25	\$62.10	\$0.85	1.4%	
	61.25	62.10	0.85	1.4%	
	7.0%	7.0%	0.00	0.0%	
	\$19.60	\$19.85	\$0.25	1.3%	
	19.60	19.85	0.25	1.3%	
	18.00	18.25	0.25	1.4%	
	18.00	18.25	0.25	1.4%	
	18.30	18.55	0.25	1.4%	
	18.30	18.55	0.25	1.4%	
	40.30	40.85	0.55	1.4%	
	17.55	17.80	0.25	1.4%	
	\$9.85	\$10.00	\$0.15	1.5%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	8.50	8.60	0.10	1.2%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	17.05	17.30	0.25	1.5%	
	51.45	52.15	0.70	1.4%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	19.60	19.85	0.25	1.3%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	14.65	14.85	0.20	1.4%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	9.90	10.00	0.10	1.0%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
	7.40	7.50	0.10	1.4%	
	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
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Laboratory Services Testing Fees (cont)

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Alkalinity-Phenolphthalein	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
Oil & Grease	25.60	26.00	0.40	1.6%	
Conductivity	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
Turbidity	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
Temperature	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
Threshold Odor	6.15	6.25	0.10	1.6%	
Ion Analyses by Ion Chromatography					
Chloride	\$23.20	\$23.50	\$0.30	1.3%	
Sulfate	23.20	23.50	0.30	1.3%	
Bromide	35.55	36.05	0.50	1.4%	
Fluoride	42.85	43.50	0.65	1.5%	
Microbiological Analyses					
E. coli (Membrane Filter)	\$14.30	\$14.50	\$0.20	1.4%	
Fecal Coliform (EC Broth - MPN)	14.30	14.50	0.20	1.4%	
Total Coliform (Colilert - MPN)	14.30	14.50	0.20	1.4%	
Total Coliform + E. coli (Colilert - MPN)	18.00	18.25	0.25	1.4%	
Fecal Coliform (Membrane Filter)	14.30	14.50	0.20	1.4%	
Enterococci	14.30	14.50	0.20	1.4%	
Microscopic Examination	15.90	16.15	0.25	1.6%	
Plankton	37.65	38.15	0.50	1.3%	
Heterotrophic Plate Count (Pour Plate)	29.90	30.25	0.35	1.2%	
Metals Analyses and Digestions					
Mercury-Cold Vapor	\$41.65	\$42.25	\$0.60	1.4%	
ICP-Metals	10.95	11.10	0.15	1.4%	
Sample Digestion	8.45	8.55	0.10	1.2%	
Organic Analyses					
Acid & Base Neutral Extractable Organic Compounds by GC/MS	\$443.70	\$450.00	\$6.30	1.4%	
Volatile Organic Compounds by GC/MS	188.20	190.85	2.65	1.4%	
BTEX	50.25	50.95	0.70	1.4%	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	64.75	65.65	0.90	1.4%	
Miscellaneous Laboratory Services					
Bottle washing/maintenance per bottle	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$0.00	0.0%	
Leak and Administrative Adjustment Water Discount Rate					Ref. Resolution 20110512-003
The discounted water rate for residential customers receiving a water leak adjustment as well as the residential customers qualifying for an administrative water adjustment.					
Liquid Waste Hauler's Fees					
Permit Fee					
Vehicle Inspection or Re-inspection	\$74.00	\$40.35	(\$33.65)	-45.5%	
The Permit Fee can be prorated by month if the Liquid Waste Hauler is in its first year of operation. Subsequent years of operation are charged at the full annual rate.					
For all the Liquid Waste Haulers the Permit Fee can be prorated by month when the annual Liquid Waste Hauler permit renewal date is adjusted.					
Trip Ticket Book	\$2.85	\$2.90	\$0.05	1.8%	
Disposal and Treatment Fee					
Volume:					
Charge per 1,000 gallons of liquid waste					
Volume Basis:	\$42.85	\$43.50	\$0.65	1.5%	
Vehicle Storage Capacity	100.00%	100.00%			

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Austin Water Utility **Mapping Sales**

	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
Photo Copies					
12" x 18"	\$2.55	\$2.60	\$0.05	2.0%	
11" x 17"	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.0%	
Intersection Detail Drawings	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.0%	
Plan and Profile Drawings	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.0%	
Impact Fee land use map with assumptions appendix	2.50	2.55	0.05	2.0%	
D-Size blueines or blacklines	3.65	3.70	0.05	1.4%	
Blowbacks from Film	3.65	3.70	0.05	1.4%	
D-Size (24" x 36")	3.65	3.70	0.05	1.4%	
C-Size (18" x 24")	3.65	3.70	0.05	1.4%	
Color Copies					
Water System Map	\$2.55	\$2.60	\$0.05	2.0%	
Wastewater System Map	2.55	2.60	0.05	2.0%	
Water Major Facilities Map (11" x 17")	2.55	2.60	0.05	2.0%	
Wastewater Major Facilities Map (11" x 17")	2.55	2.60	0.05	2.0%	
Municipal Utility District Map (11" x 17")	2.55	2.60	0.05	2.0%	
D-Size	42.70	43.30	0.60	1.4%	
CD ROM Copies	5.85	5.95	0.10	1.7%	
Metered Wastewater Billing Application Fee					
Fee to determine the feasibility of wastewater metering.	\$306.00	\$310.00	\$4.00	1.3%	

Meter Processing Fee

Fee for overhead costs of processing new meters for sale to other Utilities outside of the city.
Cost of meter is not included in the fee.

Meters less than 3"
Meters 3" to 6"

On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) & Alternative Wastewater System Fees

Subdivision Review

Review of subdivisions served by private sewage facilities.

- For the first 20 lots
- For each additional lot

Certification

Certification letters for private sewage facilities.

Permit Review

On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Permit Fee

Adjustment fee for engineers

Re-inspection

Site / lot evaluation

State Private Sewage - Construction application facilities surcharge (Per private sewage)

Inspection

Lake Sanitation

Residential and commercial

Marinas

Watercraft

Alternative to OSSF (residential and commercial)

Annual fee to operate alternative private sewage systems (Per site charge).

\$61.25	/Yi	\$62.10	/Yi	\$0.85	1.4%
36.60	/Yi	37.10	/Yi	0.50	1.4%
36.60	/Yi	37.10	/Yi	0.50	1.4%
\$61.25	/Yi	\$62.10	/Yi	\$0.85	1.4%

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On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) & Alternative Wastewater System Fees (continued)

Collective Systems (residential and commercial)

Annual fee to operate collective private sewage systems (Per site charge).

Facility Cutover

Private sewage facility cutover to sewer.

Post-Annexation Water and Sewer Fees

Customers within the following areas pay an additional monthly post-annexation water and sewer rate as provided below:

(1) The former Southland Oaks Municipal Utility District based on meter size - until November 6, 2021:

<u>Meter Size</u>	
5/8"	\$25.21
3/4"	37.82
1"	63.03
1 1/4"	78.15
1 1/2"	126.05
2"	201.68
3"	378.15
4"	630.25
6"	1,260.50
8"	2,016.80
10"	3,940.32
12" or larger	5,629.14

Private Fire Hydrant (PFH) Fee

Annual fee the Austin Water Utility (AWU) charges to its customers with private fire hydrants (PFHs) for the tracking of locations, testing, inspections, and maintenance of PFHs, as well as the tester's certifications and credentials. The requirement to inspect, test and maintain private hydrants is in Chapter 25-12 of the Austin City Code as described in § 25-12-172 (Local Amendments to International Fire Code - 508.5.3 Private Fire Service mains and water tanks). This annual inspection, testing and maintenance of PFHs must be done in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 25 and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Manual M-17, *Installation, Field Testing and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants*. This annual inspection, testing and maintenance ensures PFHs will operate properly in emergency situations, identifies and helps quantify the amount of water lost due to leaking systems and misuse, and improves the City of Austin's mapping systems, assisting both the AWU and the Austin Fire Department (AFD). Fee is per private hydrant and is charged on a monthly basis at 1/12 of the annual fee during the month(s) the customer's account is active.

Re-inspection Fee

Cost per inspection

Re-Sampling Fee

Cost per sample (Minimum of 2 samples)

<u>Approved 2010-11</u>	<u>Approved 2011-12</u>	<u>Dollar Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>Comments</u>
\$36.60 /Yr	\$37.10 /Yr	\$0.50	1.4%	
\$49.20	\$49.90	\$0.70	1.4%	
\$25.80	\$26.16	\$0.36	1.4%	
\$30.60	\$31.05	\$0.45	1.5%	
\$184.00	\$187.00	\$3.00	1.6%	

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For all bills and changes

For all bills and charges rendered on or after November 1, 2011, these rates are applicable to all sales or service of reclaimed water to retail customers served by the City of Austin. Customers will be assessed a retail monthly charge for each meter when water consumption has registered, or for service of at least 10 days to the monthly billing period.

New customer rates for reclaimed water service:

Meter Size:

System wide Volume Unit Charge:

All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

Reclaimed water customers that have contributed capital for construction of reclaimed infrastructure, the reclaimed water rates are:

Jimmy Clay & Roy Kizer Golf Courses

Volume Unit Charge:

All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

Austin Energy Sandhill Power Plant

In April 2036, the fixed charge will end and the volumetric rate will revert to the system wide retail rate

Monthly Fixed Capital Charge

Volume Unit Charge:

All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

Reclaimed water used for domestic, cooling, or other non-irrigation purposes will be treated the same as potable water as it relates to wastewater billing.

Safety and Technical Training

The courses below are offered to both City of Austin employees and any other interested persons:

Job Title	Hourly Rate	Annual Salary	Benefits
Chlorinator Maintenance	\$95.00	\$96.35	1.4%
Pump and Motor Maintenance	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Valve and Hydrant Maintenance	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Water Utility Safety	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Basic Wastewater	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Wastewater Treatment	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Wastewater Collection	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Activated Sludge	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Basic Water	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Surface Water Production Part 1	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Surface Water Production Part 2	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Water Distribution	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Pre-Utility Calculations	95.00	96.35	1.4%
Utility Calculations	65.00	65.90	1.4%

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Safety and Technical Training (cont)

The courses below are offered to City of Austin employees only:

- Traffic Control
- Defensive Driving (No Ticket Dismissal)
- First Aid
- CPR

Sale of Reports/Publications

- Decentralized Wastewater System Video
- Water Distribution System Long Range Planning Guide
- WW Collection System Long Range Planning Guide
- Water Distribution System Long Range Planning Guide Summary
- WW Collection System Long Range Planning Guide Summary

Tap & Reconnection Fee

The fees for water and reclaimed water connections/reconnections performed by the City are as follows:

Meter Size	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
5/8" plus actual cost of meter	\$460.00	\$466.00	\$6.00	1.3%	
3/4" plus actual cost of meter	480.00	487.00	7.00	1.5%	
1" plus actual cost of meter	545.00	553.00	8.00	1.5%	
1-1/2" plus actual cost of meter	894.00	907.00	13.00	1.5%	
2" plus actual cost of meter	1,071.00	1,086.00	15.00	1.4%	

The fees for water and reclaimed water connections/reconnections performed by contractors in accordance with City connection procedures are as follows:

Meter Size:	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
5/8" through 2" plus actual cost of meter	\$155.00	\$157.00	\$2.00	1.3%	
3" or 4" plus actual cost of meter	\$491.00	\$498.00	7.00	1.4%	
6" or larger plus actual cost of meter	736.00	747.00	11.00	1.5%	

Meter Tap & Reconnection Fees (not to exceed meter size 5/8" plus actual cost of meter fees) shall be waived for the installation of a water meter solely for a City-Supported Community Garden as defined in Chapter 14-7 of the City Code.

The fees for wastewater connections and manholes performed by the City are as follows:

Connection Size	Location	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
6-inch or less	Zone 1	\$368.00	\$374.00	\$6.00	1.6%	
6-inch or less	Zone 2	430.00	436.00	6.00	1.4%	
6-inch or less	Zone 3	491.00	498.00	7.00	1.4%	

Utility Diversion Charge

This charge is determined by the extent of labor required, the extent of equipment damages and the cost for testing metering equipment.

Utility Special Service Billings

The Utility charges the following hourly rates for these special service requests:

Connection Size	Location	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
TV Inspection Unit		\$153.50	\$155.65	\$2.15	1.4%	
Vactor Truck		153.50	155.65	2.15	1.4%	
Mini Camera		153.50	155.65	2.15	1.4%	
Flusher Truck		91.80	93.10	1.30	1.4%	
Rodding Machine		154.00	156.20	2.20	1.4%	
Smoke Test		92.00	93.30	1.30	1.4%	
Hydrostatic Test		80.00	81.15	1.15	1.4%	

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Wastewater Discharge from Boats on Lake Austin
Costs per ten minutes of pumping.

Wastewater Discharge Permit Base Fee

Annual Permit Fees:

- Category I
- Category II
- Category III
- Category IV

Permit Base Fees for General Industrial Users are charged on a monthly basis at 1/12 of the Category I fee shown above.

This monthly Category I Permit Base Fee is only charged during the month(s) the General Industrial User's account is active.

For all other Industrial Users (e.g. significant industrial users, categorical industrial users, major industrial users, other political subdivision industrial users, etc.) Permit Base Fees are charged on an annual basis at one of the rates shown above for Categories II through IV.

This annual Permit Base Fee is prorated by quarter if the Industrial user is in its first year of operation. Subsequent years of operation are charged at the full annual rate.

Analytical costs will be determined by the amount of Water Laboratory cost associated with each Industrial User.

Wastewater Service Rates

For all bills and charges rendered on or after November 1, 2011, these rates are applicable to all service for wastewater treatment to retail customers served by the City of Austin. In the absence of measured sewage volume by a means acceptable to the City, the volume service charge for retail customers will be based on their wastewater average.

Wastewater Service Rates for Retail Customers:

Retail Monthly Customer Charges:

Certain residential customers may qualify for a waiver of the monthly customer charge

Customers will be assessed a retail monthly charge for each meter when water consumption has registered, or for service of at least 10 days of the monthly billing period.

Volume Unit Charge: All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

Single-Family Residential			
0 - 2,000 Gallons			
2,001 - over Gallons			
Multifamily			
Commercial			
Large Volume			
Freescall			
Hospira			
Samsung			
Sematech			
Spansion			
University of Texas			

Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
\$0.50	\$0.50	0.00	0.0%	
\$147.00	\$150.00	\$3.00	2.0%	
610.00	620.00	10.00	1.6%	
610.00	620.00	10.00	1.6%	
802.00	815.00	13.00	1.6%	

Existing Customers.

(A) Retail Customers with Water Service. These rates are applicable to all retail customers who have metered water connections.

Wastewater billing is based on the average water usage during the designated three (3) month wastewater averaging period; or monthly water consumption, whichever is lower. If there is zero usage during one of the three months in the averaging period, the month with zero usage is eliminated, and the remaining two months are used in the wastewater averaging calculation.

(B) Customers with approved Water and Wastewater Measuring Devices or Alternative Water Supply. The City will base wastewater billings on the measured sewage volume, or an alternate method using an approved water and/or wastewater measuring device or method approved by the Director of the Austin Water Utility or designee.

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Austin Water Utility Wastewater Service Rates (continued)	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments

(C) Non-Residential Customers with Irrigation Meters. For those non-residential customers that have a separate City of Austin water meter for irrigation other than a water meter solely for a City Supported Community Garden or Urban Farm as defined in Chapter 14-7 of the City Code, the City will base wastewater billing for domestic usage on actual monthly water consumption.

New Customers.

(A) Residential. The City will impute a wastewater average of 5,000 gallons to new residential accounts until they have established a wastewater average. The Director of the Austin Water Utility or the Director's designee has the discretion to adjust the 5,000 gallon average when the customer has had an established wastewater average at another City of Austin service address.

(B) Non-Residential (Multifamily, Commercial, Large Volume and Wholesale)

(1) Except as provided by subsection (2), if a non-residential customer establishes a new account at a service location where an earlier account established a wastewater average, the City will use the earlier wastewater average for wastewater service billing purposes until the new account establishes its own wastewater average.

(2) If in the judgment of the Director of the Austin Water Utility or the Director's designee, the new customer will place a substantially different demand on the wastewater collection and treatment system, the City will bill the new non-residential customer for wastewater service based on actual metered water consumption until the new non-residential customer has established a wastewater average.

(C) Customers with Wastewater Measuring Devices or Alternative Water Supply. The City will base wastewater billings on the measured sewage volume, or an alternate method using an approved water and/or wastewater measuring device or method approved by the Director of the Austin Water Utility or designee.

(D) Non-residential Customers with Irrigation Meters. If a new non-residential customer has installed a separate City water meter for irrigation other than a water meter solely for a City Supported Community Garden or Urban Farm as defined in Chapter 14-7 of the City Code, the City will base the new customer's wastewater billing for domestic usage on actual monthly water consumption.

The criteria and procedures for an existing commercial customer or a new large volume customer to qualify as a large volume customer are as follows:

Existing Commercial Customers.

(A) Criteria. An existing commercial customer of the Austin Water Utility must purchase more than 85.0 million gallons of water during a fiscal year that is between October 1 and September 30 at a single service address or campus. The Austin Water-Utility will annually monitor water consumption to determine if any existing customers have exceeded the 85.0 million gallon level.

(B) Procedures. On verification of the 85.0 million gallon purchase or consumption requirement in fiscal year one, the Austin Water Utility will include this customer as a large volume customer in its next rate setting cycle. The next rate setting cycle is during fiscal year two, and will set rates that are to be effective November 1 of fiscal year three. The Austin Water Utility will verify the water consumption in fiscal year two, before the rate change on November 1 of fiscal year three, to determine if the commercial customer has maintained the 85.0 million gallon water consumption level for the second consecutive fiscal year. If the commercial customer maintains the 85.0 million gallon level, the City will change the rates for the commercial customer to the large volume customer rates on November 1 of fiscal year three. The City will bill the commercial customer for water consumption after the November 1 rate change at the new large volume rate. The City will give no credit for water consumption in the qualifying fiscal years before the November 1 rate change. If the customer does not maintain the 85.0 million gallon level in the second fiscal year, the customer will remain at commercial class rates.

The criteria and procedures for an existing large volume customer to continue to qualify as a large volume customer are as follows:

Existing Large Volume Customers with Reduced Volume.

(A) Criteria: An existing large volume customer of the Austin Water Utility purchases less than 85.0 million gallons of water during a fiscal year that is between October 1 and September 30 at a single service address or campus. The Austin Water Utility will annually monitor water consumption for all existing large volume customers to determine whether the minimum 85.0 million gallon level has been met.

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Wastewater Service Rates (continued)

(B) Procedures: On verification of fiscal year water use below the 85.0 million gallon consumption requirement to maintain large volume customer status, the Strategic Resource Services Division of the Austin Water Utility will notify the customer in writing of the shortfall. If the customer falls below the 85.0 million gallon level for a second consecutive year, a second notice will be sent notifying the customer that they will be converted to the commercial class during the November billing cycle of that same year. Once a customer has lost industrial status, the criteria and procedures for an existing commercial customer to qualify as a large volume/industrial customer will be followed.

(C) Procedures. Large volume customers that have implemented Austin Water Utility approved conservation initiatives that causes their water consumption to fall below the 85 million gallons threshold may continue to receive the large volume rate provided that the annual water consumption remains above 65 million gallons and the reduced usage does not create a peaking factor that would be greater than the commercial class peaking factor.

Existing Large Volume Customers with Major Process Changes:

(A) Criteria: An existing large volume-customer of the Austin Water Utility who has major process changes (e.g. sells off parts of the company, business changes with lower use projections, etc) and the original business plans to purchase less than 85.0 million gallons of the water during a fiscal year that is between October 1 and September 30 at a single service address or campus.

(B) Procedures: Upon notification of a major process change that reduces water use projections below the 85.0 million gallon consumption requirement to maintain large volume-customer status, the Strategic Resource Services Division of the Austin Water Utility will notify the customer in writing that they will be converted to the commercial class on the billing cycle following the verification of the actual process change in which water use is reduced.

New Large Volume-Customers:

(A) Criteria. New large volume-customers that have requested connection to the water and wastewater system must submit water use projections to the Austin Water Utility as part of the service extension process. The Austin Water Utility will review the water use projections to verify that the customer would consume more than 85.0 million gallons within a fiscal year at a single service address or campus.

(B) Procedures. After the customer has provided the Austin Water Utility with water use projections, the Austin Water Utility will verify and approve the projections. On approval, the City will classify the customer as a large volume customer and charge the appropriate rate on connection to the City's water and wastewater system. If the Austin Water Utility does not approve the customer's water use projections as being above the 85.0 million gallon level, the City will classify the customer appropriately.

Wastewater Service Rates for Wholesale Customers:

Wholesale Monthly Customer Charge:

Customers will be assessed a wholesale monthly charge for each meter when water consumption has registered, or for service of at least 10 days of the monthly billing period.

Volume Unit Charge: All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

Manor, City of	\$4.90	\$8.95	\$9.25	\$0.30
North Austin MUD #1	4.99			
Northtown MUD	4.91			
Rollingwood, City of	4.94			
Shady Hollow MUD	4.94			
Sunset Valley, City of	4.97			
Travis Co. WCID #17-Comanche Canyon	3.67			
Travis Co. WCID #17-Steiner Ranch	3.72			
Wells Branch MUD - N.A.G.C.	4.98			
Westlake Hills, City of	4.69			

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Wastewater Service Rates (continued)

(A) Application. For all bills and charges rendered on or after November 1, 2011, the City will charge the above rates for wholesale customers. These charges are applicable to wholesale wastewater service customers of the City of Austin who are water districts, municipal utility districts, or other utilities which have metered water connections. In the absence of measured sewage volume by a means acceptable to the City, the volume service charge will be based on the average water usage during the designated three (3) month wastewater averaging period; or monthly water consumption, whichever is lower. If there is zero usage during one of the three months in the averaging period, the month with zero usage is eliminated, and the remaining two months are used in the wastewater averaging calculation.

For new customers who have not established an average water usage during the December, January, and February billing period, the City will use the actual water consumption figure or the measured sewage volume to establish the wastewater billing.

(B) New Customers. The volume rate for any wholesale customer that is not listed above will be based on the arithmetic average of all wholesale volume rates. That rate will remain in effect until the new customer establishes a full 12 month's consumption history. After that time, the Austin Water Utility will establish an individual rate and seek approval of that rate by the City Council.

Water Service Rates

For all bills and charges rendered on or after November 1, 2011, these rates are applicable to all sales or service of water to retail customers served by the City of Austin.

Water Service Rates for Retail Customers:

Monthly Customer Charges:

Certain residential customers may qualify for a waiver of the monthly customer charge.

Customers will be assessed a retail monthly charge for each meter when water consumption has registered, or for service of at least 10 days of the monthly billing period.

Meter Size:

5/8"	\$7.10	\$7.10	\$0.00
3/4"	9.00	10.00	1.00
1"	11.00	11.80	0.80
1 1/4"	13.00	13.80	0.80
1 1/2"	15.25	17.80	2.55
2"	25.00	25.80	0.80
3"	50.00	55.00	5.00
4"	90.00	95.00	5.00
6"	180.00	190.00	10.00
8"	800.00	840.00	40.00
10"	850.00	890.00	40.00
12"	900.00	940.00	40.00

Monthly Revenue Stability Fee:

Starting on November 1, 2011 all retail customers will pay a revenue stability fee that is based on meter size.

Certain residential customers may qualify for a waiver of the monthly revenue stability fee.

Customers will be assessed a monthly revenue stability charge for each meter when water consumption has registered, or for service of at least 10 days of the monthly billing period.

Meter Size:

5/8"	\$4.40	New
3/4"	6.60	New
1"	9.70	New
1 1/4"	14.55	New
1 1/2"	18.20	New
2"	27.20	New
3"	66.00	New
4"	110.00	New
6"	220.00	New
8"	330.00	New
10"	440.00	New
12"	506.00	New

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Water Service Rates (cont)

Volume Unit Charge: All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

Single-Family Residential	
0 - 2,000 Gallons	
2,001 - 9,000 Gallons	
9,001 - 15,000 Gallons	
15,001 - 25,000 Gallons	
25,001 - Over Gallons	
Multifamily	
Off Peak Standard (November - June Billing Cycles)	
Peak Summer (July - October Billing Cycles)	
Commercial	
Off Peak Standard (November - June Billing Cycles)	
Peak Summer (July - October Billing Cycles)	
Large Volume	
Freescala	
Hospira	
Samsung	
Sematech	
Spanson	
University of Texas	
Off Peak Standard (November - June Billing Cycles)	
Peak Summer (July - October Billing Cycles)	

The criteria and procedures for a commercial water customer or a new large volume water customer to qualify as a large volume water customer are the same as for the commercial wastewater customer or new large volume-wastewater customer above.

Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
\$1.06	\$1.17	\$0.11		
2.78	3.08	0.30		
7.15	7.92	0.77		
9.88	10.95	1.07		
10.99	12.19	1.20		
\$3.69	\$3.93	\$0.24		
4.06	4.32	0.26		
\$4.38	\$4.69	\$0.31		
4.82	5.15	0.33		
\$4.26	\$4.41	\$0.15		
4.69	4.86	0.17		
\$4.38	\$4.69	\$0.31		
4.82	5.15	0.33		
\$4.23	\$4.56	\$0.33		
4.65	5.02	0.37		
\$4.06	\$4.45	\$0.39		
4.46	4.90	0.44		
\$4.14	\$4.54	\$0.40		
4.55	5.00	0.45		
\$4.38	\$4.69	\$0.31		
4.82	5.15	0.33		

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Water Service Rates (cont)

Water Service Rates for Wholesale Customers

Monthly Customer Charges:

Customers will be assessed a wholesale monthly charge for each meter when water consumption has registered, or for service of at least 10 days of the monthly billing period

Meter Size

5/8"	\$6.50	Approved 2010-11	Approved 2011-12	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Comments
3/4"	7.00		\$8.00		\$1.50	
1"	8.00		9.00		2.00	
1 1/4"	10.00		10.00		2.00	
1 1/2"	11.00		14.00		4.00	
2"	14.00		15.00		4.00	
3"	28.00		20.00		6.00	
4"	43.00		40.00		12.00	
6"	81.00		60.00		17.00	
8"	120.00		120.00		39.00	
10"	160.00		150.00		30.00	
12"	180.00		200.00		40.00	
			250.00		70.00	

Volume Unit Charge: All Volumes (Unit Cost Per 1,000 Gallons)

City of Manor	\$3.18		\$2.99		(\$0.19)	
Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corp.	3.04		3.42		0.38	
Night Hawk Water Supply Corp.	3.16		3.52		0.36	
High Valley Water Supply Corp.	3.13		3.56		0.43	
Lost Creek MUD	3.38		4.01		0.63	
Manville Water Supply Corp.	4.07		4.74		0.67	
Marsha Water Supply Corp.	3.24		3.59		0.35	
Morningside Subdivision	3.30		3.99		0.69	
North Austin MUD #1	3.37		3.71		0.34	
Northtown MUD	3.21		3.57		0.36	
Rivercrest Water Supply Corp.	3.56		4.25		0.69	
Rollingwood, City of	3.63		4.13		0.50	
Shady Hollow MUD	3.60		4.14		0.54	
Sunset Valley, City of	3.44		3.57		0.13	
Travis Co. WCID #10	3.47		3.97		0.50	
Village of San Leanna	3.29		3.91		0.62	
Wells Branch MUD - N.A.G.C.	3.06		3.46		0.40	
Windermere Utility Co.	8.14		8.24		0.10	