

An Ordinance To Establish Water System Capacity Depletion and Tap Charges For the Town of Weaverville

Whereas, the Town of Weaverville pursuant to the authority of North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A-314, the Town has the "Authority to Fix and Enforce Rates"; and

Whereas, the Town of Weaverville provides water service to residents of the North Buncombe area, both inside and outside the municipal boundaries of the Town; and

Whereas, the American Water Works Association has recognized a "System Buy-In Method" for establishing Water Rates and Related Charges; and

Whereas, the "System Buy – In Method" is based on the theory that new water customers connecting to an existing system are required to pay an amount equal to that which has already been paid by the system's existing customers towards invested capital funds.

Now Therefore, the Weaverville Town Council establishes the following schedules:

Section 1:

Water System Capacity Depletion Charges (Inside and Outside Customers)

Size of Connection	Rated Maximum Capacity (Gal.)	Depletion Fee
5/8	20	\$600.00
1	50	\$1,500.00
1 1/2	100	\$3,000.00
2	160	\$4,800.00
3	300	\$9,000.00
4	500	\$14,950.00
6	1,000	\$29,900.00

Capacity Depletion Charges shall apply to each individual metered connection and shall be applicable to all new connection. No new water service will be established prior to payment of applicable Capacity Depletion Charges.

Section 2:

Part A

In addition to the Water System Capacity Depletion Charges, the following tap charges will apply according to the follow schedule:

Tap Charges (Inside and Outside Customers)			Effective 7/1/2003
Meters size of 5/8 and 3/4 inch	—\$800.00		\$960.00
Meter size of 1 inch	\$1,200.00		\$1,440.00
Meter size of 1 1/2 inch	\$2,500.00		\$3,000.00
Meter size of 2 inch	\$3,200.00		\$3,840.00

Tap fees shall be levied in addition to Capacity Depletion Charges to cover the cost of the installation of the tap and meter service by the Town Water Department.

Part B. Large Taps for Commercial and Industrial Service,

It shall be the responsibility of the owner/developer of any property requiring a 3 inch or larger tap and meter, or a 2 inch tap and meter for commercial, industrial or any other use where backflow prevention is required, to install the tap, meter, meter vault, etc. in accordance with Town Specifications and the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Weaverville.

Tap fees will not be levied for such connections provided that all applicable Capacity Depletion Charges have been paid in accordance with Section I of this Ordinance.

Part C. New Developments and Subdivisions.

Where an owner or developer of property has installed "stub-outs" in accordance with Section 30-123 (q) of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Weaverville, Tap fees shall not be levied by the Town for such connections. Capacity Depletion Charges in accordance with Section I of this Ordinance shall apply to all such connections.

Section 3:

The Weaverville Public Works Director will regularly review the charges outlined in this ordinance and make suggestions to the Town Manager on changes needed in this ordinance to keep the schedules outlined current with the cost of providing water service to our customers.

Section 4. Effective Date,

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on April 15th 1999.

READ, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this the 15th day of March 1999.

Mary "Bett" Stroud, Mayor

Shelby Shields, Town Clerk