

SECTION 10400 – NEW CUSTOMER CONNECTION FEES

Each property desiring to connect to the County’s public water and/or sanitary sewer shall be held responsible for each of the following:

- The cost of providing local water and/or sanitary sewer mains across the property being served. (Local Fee)
- The cost of water supply, treatment, transmission and storage capacity required to serve the normal water demands of the applicant. (Water Capacity Fees)
- The cost of wastewater trunk sewer and treatment capacity required to serve the normal “residential quality” discharge of the applicant. (Sewer Capacity Fees)
- The cost of maintenance and/or elimination of lift stations through payment of lift station supplemental sewer connection fees where applicable. (Lift Station Supplemental Fees)

Such responsibilities may be satisfied in one (1) or more of the following ways:

- **Private Connection of Public Facilities** - Participating parties served by facilities installed privately by the applicant or the developer of the connecting property may be given full or partial credit for their responsibility to provide or pay for local mains or system capacity in off-site facilities.
- **Public Construction of Public Facilities By Assessment** - Properties assessed for public water or sewer mains or capacity in off-site system facilities will be given credit for such assessments in the calculation of applicable connection fees.
- **Connection Fees Applied To Developers** - Prior to obtaining approval of a record plat for a new development, the developer must pre-pay the following fees applicable to the lots being platted.

1. Water Local Equity Fees*: 100% of the applicable fees.

Local Equity Fees shall apply to all connections into an existing public water main extended across the development boundary by others. Local Equity Fees applicable to water main extensions shall be based on the size of the water main required to serve the development site per BCWS requirements. Should BCWS require the water main to be increased in size; this increase will not be used to calculate the local equity fees. Applicable local equity fees will be charged to each developer for each connection that the development makes to the public water main as explained above.

Exception - The local equity fees will not apply when the developer has paid a local equity fee for one (1) water main connection and is then **required** to make another connection for system looping purposes through the developer’s same development.

2. Water Supply and Treatment Capacity Fee: 50% of the current fee.
3. Sewer Local Benefit Fee*: 100% of the applicable fees.
Sewer Local Benefit Fees shall apply to all lots utilizing an existing public sanitary sewer main as a local sanitary sewer main.
4. Sewer Treatment Capacity Fee: 50% of the current fee.
5. Sewer Lift Station Supplemental Connection Fee: 100% of the current fee.
As defined in Section 11700 and further defined in Appendix 13500.

Note: For items with an *, partial credit may be given for previous assessments levied against the property.

- **Service Areas Outside Butler County** - Service areas outside Butler County may have additional fees.
- **Individual New Customer Connection Fees** - Each individual desiring to connect to the public water or sanitary sewer system shall be charged the applicable and appropriate Local Connection Fees, System Capacity Fees and Lift Station Supplemental Connection Fees for facilities and capacity not fully paid for under item above. Applicable local fees are as follows:

WATER LOCAL FEES

- Connections into water mains installed by the County (System Financing) or by others shall pay local fees per Appendix 13500:
 - Connections into water mains installed by the County (Financed by Assessments) shall pay for each connection to be made to the water main extensions for property abutting on said water main. The applicant will be required to pay the current water local equity fee:
- * The water local equity fee shall either be the current (per the attached fee schedule) or per the project legislation, whichever is greater. In no instance shall the amount charged be less than that charged by the final project assessments.
- **Fire Service Local Fees** - Local fees apply to all connections into a public water main with the exception of fire service connections. When a domestic water service connection is made to a fire service pipe connecting into a public water main for which local equity fees apply the fee shall be based on the size of the domestic water service connection not the size of the fire service pipe.

SEWER LOCAL FEES

- Connections into sanitary sewer mains installed by the County (System Financing) or others shall pay local fees per the fee schedule in appendix 13500. Sewer Local Benefit Fees shall apply to all lots utilizing an existing sanitary sewer main as a local sanitary sewer main.
- Connections into sanitary sewer mains installed by the County (Financed by Assessments) shall pay local fees per the following:

1. Basic Benefit Fee (if not assessed) *
2. Frontage Fee (if not assessed)

* The Basic Benefit Fee shall be per the project legislation or the current Local Basic Benefit Fee (per the attached fee schedule), whichever is greater.

COLLECTION OF LOCAL FEES

- When local fees are applicable to water and/or sanitary sewer connections and have not been pre-paid by the developer or others as required above, the property owner may request that said fees be collected with the property owner's property taxes over a five (5) year period with interest. This option is only applicable to permit fees that include local fees and is not available for the payment of standard capacity fees.

OTHER FEES

- Meter fees - See Appendix 13500
- Lateral Inspection Fees - See Appendix 13500. Additional fees may be incurred for partial lateral inspections.
- Water tap - See Appendix 13500

END OF SECTION