

BINGEN MUNICIPAL CODE

Article III. Water and Sewer Service

Chapter 13.44

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

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13.44.010 Definitions.

The following definitions are adopted for the following words and phrases as used for computing system development charges and connection fees.

- A. “Commercial facility” means any building or facility used for any purpose other than dwelling discharging standard sanitary sewage.
- B. “Industrial facility” means a non-residential user of the public sewer who discharges a waste that is distinct from sanitary sewage, resulting in industrial waste.
- C. “System development charge” means a fee charged for connection to the municipal wastewater system so that the property upon which it is imposed will pay its equitable share of the costs of the facilities which are system-wide in nature and are not site-specific needs, including but not limited to such property’s equitable share of the expenditure required to upgrade or improve the system to meet demands created by the development of the property. A system development charge is distinguished from a hookup or connection charge. A connection is the charge levied to cover the costs of the meter, labor, manholes, excavation and repair of streets and any other actual costs incurred by the city to service the subject property.
- D. “Industrial waste” means any liquid, solid or gaseous material or combination thereof resulting from any process of industry, manufacturing, commercial, food processing, business, agriculture, trade or research, including, but not limited to, development, recovering or processing of natural resources. (Ord. 432 §1, 1995).

13.44.020 Payment required prior to connection.

A system development charge is imposed for commercial and industrial connections to municipal wastewater treatment system. This charge shall be paid in full prior to physically hooking up to the system and prior to issuance of an occupancy permit. (Ord. 432 §3, 1995).

13.44.030 Wastewater/sewer system development charge.

The commercial wastewater/sewer system development charge shall be based upon the hydraulic equivalency of any meter related to a three-fourths-inch meter. By definition, a three-fourths-inch meter has a Meter Equivalent Size (MES) of 1. The hookup charge shall be two thousand dollars multiplied by the MES, with twenty-five percent of that charge being paid into the collection system account.

Meter Size (in inches)	Meter Equivalent Size
3/4	1
1	2.5
1.5	5
2	8
3	16
4	25
6	50
8	80

(Ord. 432 §4, 1995).

13.44.040 Meters not required for fire protection systems.

A water meter shall not be required on automatic sprinkler systems installed for fire protection service; provided, however, that both a check valve and a water motorized flow alarm are installed on sprinkler system pipes and that no water is drawn from such service for any purpose other than fire protection. (Ord. 432 §5, 1995).

13.44.050 Application for building permit required.

An applicant for wastewater/sewer hookups shall present with the application for hookup the completed application for building permit. The responsible city building official shall determine the appropriate water meter size prior to submission of the application to the city council. (Ord. 432 §6, 1995).

13.44.060 Later expansion of service.

“Expansion service” means any additional use or change in the use causing an additional demand on the sewer utility. Such additional demand shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Added water meter;

2. Increased size of existing water meter;
3. Additional dwelling units on an existing water meter or sewer lateral. In the event such a change occurs, the applicant shall pay an upgrade charge equal to the difference between the charge then in effect for a hookup equal in size to the original hookup and the charge then in effect for the size of additional service the user seeks to install. (Ord. 432 §7, 1995).

13.44.070 Additional fees permitted.

The city reserves the right to maintain, develop and impose other charges as may be found necessary for the support and improvement of the sewer utility. (Ord. 432 §8, 1995).

13.44.080 Pretreatment standards.

Preliminary treatment is required under Section 13.20.100 and allows for discretion on the part of the superintendent. (Ord. 432 §9, 1995).

13.44.090 Adjustment for irrigation systems.

The system development charge for facilities having large water meters serving systems for irrigation for agricultural purposes and for dedicated landscape purposes shall be adjusted by the city to be equivalent to projected sewer use as determined by the city in its sole discretion. (Ord. 432 §10, 1995).