

**TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FEE SCHEDULE ORDINANCE FOR
THE WATER ENTREPRISE FUND**

WHEREAS, North Carolina law authorizes Town Council to adopt various fees, rates, fines, and penalties, and Town Council wishes to adopt a fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with an effective date of July 1, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council for the Town of Weaverville, North Carolina that the following fee schedule of fees, rates, fines, and penalties, shall be effective beginning July 1, 2026:

Section 1. General, Administrative, and Miscellaneous

Returned Check/Bank Draft Fee (G.S. § 25-3-506)	\$25
Processing Fees for Electronic Payments	
<i>Direct vendor fees charged through electronic payment vendors - These fees shall automatically be updated should changes be made to the fees charged by vendor and the Town Manager is authorized to amend the adopted Fee Schedule to reflect such changes.</i>	
MyGovHub (https://weavervillenc.mygovhub.com) Monthly Utility Billing (<i>Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover Card</i>)	\$3.50 flat fee
PaymentUs (https://ipn.paymentus.com/rotp/towe) Miscellaneous Payments	2.95% no minimum
Account Establishment Service Charge	\$25
Seasonal Disconnect and Seasonal Reconnect Fees – Customer Requested <i>(per occurrence)</i>	\$25
Meter Testing – Customer Requested <i>(charged only if meter is operational)</i>	\$100
Meter Re-Check/Re-Read – Customer Requested <i>(charged only if meter is operational)</i>	\$25
Flow Test Fee for Fire Systems (Sprinkler Systems)	\$100
Nonpayment Processing Fee <i>(for nonpayment; per occurrence)</i>	\$40
Late Payment Fee	\$10
Hourly Charges for Equipment/Personnel	
<i>Hourly charges are for assisting with calculation of actual costs for items such as interference with the water system, negligent/reckless damage to the water system, and all other instances where costs are recoverable under this Fee Schedule</i>	
Equipment	
Loader, Backhoe, Street Sweeper/Vacuum, Mini Excavator, Skidsteer	\$75
Dump Truck	\$50
Utility Service Truck	\$25
Equipment Rental	Actual cost
Personnel	
Public Works Department	\$45

Interfering with Water Appliances or Meters (N.C.G.S § 14-151) <i>Water meters, fire hydrants, waterlines, tank, etc., are the property of the Town of Weaverville and it is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the water system by, among other things, obstructing, altering, bypassing, tampering with, injuring, or preventing the action of a meter or other instrument used to measure or register the quantity of water of than the Town and its employees and licensed contractors and can result in civil actions with triple the actual damages/costs or \$5,000, whichever is greater, or criminal prosecution</i>	\$TBD
Negligent or Reckless Damage to Water System <i>Water meters, fire hydrants, waterlines, tanks, etc., are the property of the Town of Weaverville and negligent or reckless damage or injury to any part of the water system can result in assessment of actual costs plus 10% and civil and/or equitable remedies</i>	\$TBD
Water Leak Protection Fees <i>The following monthly fees shall be assessed on all water customers with waterlines that are 2-inches or less in diameter, subject to opt-out provision of the water leak protection policy</i>	
Residential – Single Meter	\$1.25
Commercial – Single Meter	\$3.45
Commercial – Master Meter	\$6.90
Bulk Water Rates (sold in 500-gallon increments only)	\$25/500 gal
Emergency Water Rates (approximate cost of production + 10%)	\$7.42/1000 gal
Tap Charges and Re-Tap Charges – Customer Requested <i>(certain connections require customer-provided “RPZ”/back-flow prevention devices)</i>	
Less than 1” Meters	\$2,000
1” Meter	\$3,500
1 ½ ” Meter	\$5,000
2” + Meter	\$6,500
Relocation of Existing Tap – Customer Requested <i>(for less than 1” meters only; cost plus 10%, min. \$500)</i>	\$500+
Boring Under Road (up to 2”; if needed)	\$500
Road Cut and Pavement Repair (if needed)	\$500
Sidewalk Cut and Repair (if needed; actual cost incurred)	\$TBD

Section 2. Domestic Water Line Connections

Application Fee for Water Availability, Commitment, and Extension Requests <i>(non-refundable; required for all domestic water connections)</i>		
Less than 1" meters (Town Manager approval)		\$50
1" to 2" meters (Town Manager approval)		\$100
Greater than 2" meters and waterline extensions (Town Council approval)		\$300
Renewal Application Fee (for Town Council approved commitments/extensions)		\$100
Water System Availability and Commitment Fees		
<i>For all multi-lot and multi-unit developments, the availability/commitment fee shall apply to each meter to be set based upon connection size, except that for multi-family development with master meters the fee shall be calculated by multiplying the number of residential units proposed by the fee associated with the smallest meter size; charged at issuance of commitment letter/renewal</i>		
Meter Size Requested	Inside Town	Outside Town
Less than 1" Meter	\$35	\$70
1" Meter	\$50	\$100
1 ½" Meter	\$100	\$200
2" Meter	\$160	\$320
3" Meter	\$300	\$600
4" Meter	\$500	\$1,000
6" Meter	\$1,000	\$2,000
Water System Development Fees		
<i>Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 162A-213, System Development Fees are collected prior to issuance of a building permit for each lot associated with a subdivision of land and at time of connection for all other land development. Fire line and irrigation line connections are exempt from system development fees if the lines are associated with a domestic water account.</i>		
Size of Connection	Rated Max. Capacity	System Development Fee
Less than 1" Meter	20 gallons	\$2,750
1" Meter	50 gallons	\$6,875
1 ½" Meter	100 gallons	\$13,750
2" Meter	160 gallons	\$22,000
3" Meter	300 gallons	\$44,000
4" Meter	500 gallons	\$68,750
6" Meter	1,000 gallons	\$137,500
Water System Account Deposits		
<i>Residential renter deposits and deposits on commercial accounts will be returned upon 24 months of prompt payment of monthly bills. All other deposits will be returned upon 12 months of prompt payment of monthly bills. Late payment and non-payment may result in a new deposit being required.</i>		
Size of Connection	Inside Town	Outside Town
Less than 1" Meter	\$100	\$200
Residential Renter	\$200	\$200
1" Meter	\$120	\$240
1 ½" Meter	\$200	\$400
2" Meter	\$320	\$640
3" Meter	\$600	\$1,200
4" Meter	\$1,000	\$2,000

Water Rates			
<i>Water bills for domestic water consumption are calculated based on rates per 1,000 gallons of water used on a monthly basis. Different rates apply depending on whether the service location is inside or outside of Town limits.</i>			<i>per 1,000 gallons</i>
Inside Town			
First 3,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$11.35
Next 2,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$12.10
Next 20,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$12.55
Next 175,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$13.55
Next 300,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$14.70
All usage over 500,000 gallons of fraction thereof used monthly			\$15.75
Outside Town			
First 3,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$22.70
Next 2,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$24.15
Next 20,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$25.10
Next 175,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$27.10
Next 300,000 gallons or fraction thereof used monthly			\$29.40
All usage over 500,000 gallons of fraction thereof used monthly			\$31.50
Minimum Monthly Water Charges			
The minimum monthly charge for water service shall be according to the size of the meter through which water is delivered to each customer in accordance with the following schedule			
Meter Size	Min. Monthly Usage	Inside Town	Outside Town
Less than 1" Meter	400 gallons	\$11.35	\$22.70
1" Meter	2,400 gallons	\$71.55	\$143.10
1 ½" Meter	4,480 gallons	\$136.50	\$273.00
2" Meter	7,280 gallons	\$224.00	\$448.00
3" Meter	14,480 gallons	\$460.80	\$921.60
4" Meter	23,400 gallons	\$763.15	\$1,526.30
6" Meter	44,800 gallons	\$1,488.55	\$2,977.10
8" Meter	72,000 gallons	\$2,410.50	\$4,821.00
10" Meter	103,200 gallons	\$3,532.40	\$7,064.80

Section 3. Irrigation Line Connections

Irrigation Rates		\$22.70/1,000 gal
Minimum Monthly Irrigation Charges		
The minimum monthly charge for irrigation service is based on whether the account is residential or commercial and according to the size of the meter through which water is delivered to each customer in accordance with the following schedule. HOA meters are considered to be commercial.		
Meter Size	Min. Monthly Usage	Min. Monthly Charge
Less than 1" Meter	1,000 gallons	\$22.70
1" Meter	3,600 gallons	\$81.75
1 ½" Meter	6,720 gallons	\$152.55
2" Meter	10,920 gallons	\$247.90

Section 4. Fire Line Connections

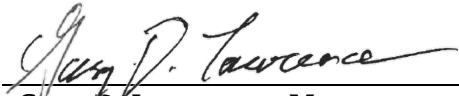
Monthly Charge for Fire Connection			
<i>All fire line connections on the water system for the Town of Weaverville shall be subject to a monthly charge based on the square inch size of the line at the following rates:</i>			
<i>Inside Town = \$2.60 per square inch per month</i>		<i>Outside Town = \$5.15 per square inch/month</i>	
<i>Fire line charges shall be levied on a monthly basis according to the following schedule with calculations based on the square inch rates noted above:</i>			
Diameter of Line	Square Inch Size	Inside Town	Outside Town
2" or smaller	3.14	\$8.20	\$16.20
3"	7.07	\$18.40	\$36.45
4"	12.56	\$32.70	\$64.70
6"	28.26	\$73.50	\$145.55
8"	50.24	\$130.65	\$258.75
10"	78.50	\$204.10	\$404.30
Consumption of Water from Fire Line			
<i>Fire lines are for fire protection only and not for any other use. If the detector-check valve meter for a fire line shows any consumption note related to fire line testing or firefighting activity a fine will be assessed and added to the monthly fire connection charge. If the customer/owner believes that a fine has been mistakenly charged, the matter should be referred to the Town Manager.</i>			
Fire Line Testing with Town-Issued Work Order			\$100
Firefighting Activity			No Charge
Consumption for Fire Line Leak <i>(requires documentation of repair within 30 days)</i>			No Charge
Any Other Consumption off of a Fire Line <i>(per occurrence; also see "Interfering with Water Appliances or Meters" in Section 1)</i>			\$1,000

Section 5. General Provisions


- a. Water System Development Fees are adopted pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 162A of the N.C. General Statutes and are based on the professional financial analysis conducted and prepared by Willdan Financial Services in 2023.
- b. The rates and charges adopted with this fee schedule are rounded up to the nearest nickel and include a 5% water rate increase as recommended by the Water Rate Study Report prepared by WithersRavenel in 2024.
- c. Differential rates are charged based on whether the water service is located within the corporate limits of the Town of Weaverville ("Inside Town") or outside of those municipal limits ("Outside Town"). Differential rates for irrigation meters are based on whether the use is residential or commercial in nature.
- d. If fees listed in this fee schedule differ from a fee assessed in the Weaverville Code of Ordinances or the Water Customer Service Policy, the higher of the two shall apply.
- e. With the phaseout of penny production by the U.S. Mint, the Town of Weaverville has adopted symmetrical rounding for all transactions. The standard rules for adjusting the final total are:
 - i. Round Up: If the final digit is 3, 4, 8, or 9 (e.g., \$9.88 rounds to \$9.90, and \$9.93 rounds to \$9.95);

ii. Round Down: If the final digit is 1, 2, 6, or 7 (e.g., \$9.91 rounds to \$9.90, and \$9.96 rounds to \$9.95).

DULY ADOPTED this the 8th day of June 2026.



Gary D. Lawrence, Mayor
Town of Weaverville

ATTEST:


Tamara Mercer, Town Clerk

