



## Legislation Text

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Pertaining to revisions to water service base fees and Saint Paul public right-of-way recovery fees.

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2016, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul adopted Resolution No. 16-1565 which recommended Water Charges for all water bills levied on or after January 1, 2017, and requested that the Saint Paul City Council approve and establish said Charges following a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Paul City Council conducted said public hearing on November 2, 2016, and on December 14, 2016 adopted Resolution No. PH 16-335 establishing said Water Charges; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of said Water Charges by Board staff indicated that the established Water Service Base Fee and the Saint Paul Right-of-Way Recovery Fee resulted in some single family dwelling accounts with 1-inch meters being charged a disproportionately higher contribution toward fixed costs of operating the water utility, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to eliminate that inequity by establishing new fees for 1-inch single family dwelling accounts that are equal to those of similar accounts with smaller meters, as shown in the schedule of charges below; and now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 85.01 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul hereby recommends that the following Water Charges for all water bills levied on or after April 1, 2017 be approved and established by the Saint Paul City Council following a public hearing.

### **WATER CHARGES**

#### **WATER VOLUME CHARGE**

A water volume charge shall be applied to all active water service accounts in the SPRWS service area. The charge shall be the product of the volume of water metered or estimated and one of the corresponding rates shown below.

#### **WATER VOLUME RATES**

Effective April 1, 2017

Cities: Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, West St. Paul

Winter\* per 100 cu. ft.: \$2.64

Summer\*\* per 100 cu. ft.: \$2.74

All other cities:

Winter\* per 100 cu. ft.: \$3.17

Summer\*\* per 100 cu. ft.: \$3.29

### **FOR ACCOUNTS HAVING 1-INCH AND SMALLER METERS**

\*Winter rates shall apply to bills sent during January through May, and December.

\*\*Summer rates shall apply to bills sent during June through November.

### **FOR ACCOUNTS HAVING METERS LARGER THAN 1-INCH, INCLUDING ROSEVILLE AND LITTLE CANADA**

\*Winter rates shall apply to bills sent during January through April, November and December.

\*\*Summer rates shall apply to bills sent during May through October.

### **WATER SERVICE BASE FEE**

A water service base fee shall be charged to all active domestic and commercial water service accounts in the SPRWS service area. The amount of the fee shall be determined by water meter size and shall be applied during established billing cycles, as shown below.

### **WATER SERVICE BASE FEES**

Effective April 1, 2017

Charges to accounts in Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood and West Saint Paul:

Smaller than 1-inch meter: \$18.00 per Quarter  
1-inch (single family dwelling)\*: \$18.00 per Quarter  
1-inch (other): \$45.00 per Quarter  
1 ½ -inch meter: \$30.00 per Month  
2-inch meter: \$ 48.00 per Month  
3-inch meter: \$ 96.00 per Month  
4-inch meter: \$150.00 per Month  
6-inch meter: \$300.00 per Month  
8-inch meter: \$480.00 per Month  
10-inch meter: \$690.00 per Month

Charges to accounts in all other cities:

Smaller than 1-inch meter: \$ 21.60 per Quarter  
1-inch (single family dwelling)\*: \$21.60 per Quarter  
1- inch meter: \$ 54.00 per Quarter  
1 ½ - inch meter: \$ 36.00 per Month  
2-inch meter: \$ 57.60 per Month  
3-inch meter: \$115.20 per Month  
4-inch meter: \$180.00 per Month  
6-inch meter: \$360.00 per Month  
8-inch meter: \$576.00 per Month  
10-inch meter: \$828.00 per Month

\*1-inch single family dwelling is an account supplied by a dedicated 1-inch or smaller street service connection and for which the property structure is described in County Property Tax Records as either Single Family Dwelling or Townhome.

### **SAINT PAUL PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY RECOVERY FEE**

The City of Saint Paul levies a charge to the Board of Water Commissioners as reimbursement for costs the City incurs as a result of Board water facilities being situated within the City's rights-of-way. A City of Saint Paul right-of-way recovery fee shall be charged to all active domestic and commercial water service accounts excluding seasonal lawn sprinkler accounts in the City of Saint Paul in order to recoup this charge. The amount of the fee shall be determined by water meter size and shall be applied during established billing cycles, as shown below.

### **SAINT PAUL RIGHT-OF-WAY RECOVERY FEES**

Effective April 1, 2017

Smaller than 1-inch meter:	\$4.50 per Quarter
1-inch (single family dwelling)*:	\$4.50 per Quarter
1- inch meter:	\$ 11.25 per Quarter
1 ½ - inch meter:	\$ 7.58 per Month
2-inch meter:	\$ 12.08 per Month
3-inch meter:	\$ 24.17 per Month
4-inch meter:	\$ 37.75 per Month
6-inch meter:	\$ 75.50 per Month
8-inch meter:	\$120.83 per Month

\*1-inch single family dwelling is an account supplied by a dedicated 1-inch or smaller street service connection and for which the property structure is described in County Property Tax Records as either Single Family Dwelling or Townhome.

### **WATER MAIN INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE**

A water main infrastructure replacement surcharge shall be applied to all active domestic and commercial water service accounts in Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Mendota Heights and West Saint Paul. The surcharge shall be the product of the volume of water metered or estimated and one of the corresponding rates shown below.

### **SURCHARGE RATES**

Effective April 1, 2017

Charges to accounts in Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Mendota Heights and West Saint Paul:

Per 100 cu. ft.:           \$0.20

All other cities:

Per 100 cu. ft.:           \$0.00