



OFFICE OF  
THE BOARD OF

# Water & Sewer Commissioners

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## SOMERSET WATER DEPARTMENT

### RATE SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2024

#### WATER CONSUMPTION

##### Domestic/Residential Service -5/8" & 3/4" Meters

1. \$25.00 Service Charge per quarter
2. Rate: \$6.22 per thousand gallons
3. Infrastructure fee of 31.5% will be added to total water charges

##### Larger Residential/Commercial Use

1. \$25.00 Service Charge per quarter
2. Rate: \$6.59 per thousand gallons
3. Infrastructure fee of 31.5% will be added to total water charges
4. Meter Charges for larger meters are as follows:

1" meter	\$15.00 per quarter
1 ½" meter	\$25.00 per quarter
2" meter	\$50.00 per quarter
3" meter	\$75.00 per quarter
4" meter	\$110.00 per quarter
6" meter	\$150.00 per quarter
8" meter	\$200.00 per quarter
10" meter	\$225.00 per quarter

#### Terms of Payment

Metered water use is billed quarterly; January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year. All bills due to the Water Department must be paid at the Water Department. All metered sales and bills issued are due and payable in full when rendered. If bills are not paid within Thirty (30) days the Water Department may issue a written demand.

## SERVICE ACTIVATION

All applications for service require submittal of an Application for Service and include a plot plan, house number, number of units or business type of use. Business type of use must include the annual projected water use with its application. All fire services are to be separate from domestic, commercial, or industrial services and require a separate application and fee. Service Connection Fees are payable in full prior to any service or main activation.

### Service Connection Fees

Service Size	Application Fee	New Service Fee	Service Development Fee	Inspection Fee
1"	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,100.00†		\$ 0.00
1.5"	\$ 220.00	\$9,900.00†		\$80.00
2"	\$ 440.00	\$13,200.00†		\$80.00
4"	\$ 880.00	**	\$13,976.35	\$80.00/hr
6"	\$1,320.00	**	\$21,120.00	\$80.00/hr
8"	\$1,760.00	**	\$27,952.71	\$80.00/hr
10"	\$2,200.00	**	\$34,940.88	\$80.00/hr
12"	\$2,640.00	**	\$41,929.07	\$80.00/hr
16"	\$3,520.00	**	\$55,926.40	\$80.00/hr
20"	\$4,400.00	**	\$69,881.77	\$80.00/hr

† For service up to 60 ft in length. Any further length will be charged \$15.00/ft.

\*\* Contract for time and materials plus any road opening fees, admin fees, or related engineering and inspection service (a deposit of 75% of the estimated amount is required prior to application approval).

All applications shall be approved by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. All fees are payable upon receipt of invoice.

Services six (6) inches and larger require a special permit and engineering review from the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. Additional engineering or design review shall be completed by the Boards representative and be charged separately per agreement between the Town and applicant.

Water meter efficiency testing on all meters larger than 4" will be required annually as recommended by American Water Works Association; at the expense of the property owner.

## OTHER CHARGES

Interest on Delinquent Accounts: Interest at the rate of 14% per annum will accrue on overdue payments from the due date until payment is made.

Insufficient Funds or Returned Check: Applicable to all payment checks returned to Somerset Water Department due to insufficient funds or other account problems.

Charge: \$25 per occurrence

### CALL-OUT FEE SCHEDULE

After-Business Hours Call-Out Fee: \$60.00 per hour, 3 hour minimum

\*Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday and Holiday Call-Out Fee: \$75.00 per hour, 3 hour minimum

Activation/Deactivation of Accounts: To turn water on or off to any account after working hours, please refer to Call-Out Fee Schedule referenced above.

Reading Fee for Non-Standard Meter: \$200.00/per inch in diameter per quarter

Meter Tamper Fee: Triple the damages or \$1,000.00, whichever is greater per MGL Chapter 165, S11.

Meter Testing: 5/8" - 4" meter testing services: Charge: \$125.00 per occurrence  
6" - 12" Property owner responsibility; required annually

Meter and Backflow Device Rental: \$8,000.00 Deposit due with application. Rental fee is \$25.00/day plus water usage at noted rates, 31.5% infrastructure fee and \$85.00 backflow device test upon return.

### Charges for Town owned non-metered use:

Cemetery use – Minimum charge is \$25.00  
On/Off Fee is \$15.00 per quarter  
Infrastructure charge is 31.5% of dollar amount  
Minimum amount is \$47.88

Cross Connection Fees: Charges for backflow valve testing and review are \$85.00 per device.

Frozen Meter & Accounts: Actual cost of the meter, materials, labor to replace, as well as any additional administrative fees or charges.

Inspection Fees: Inspection fees for service and main installations not covered by connection fees will be billed at \$80.00/hour for department staff providing such service unless outside services are procured. In the latter case, the hourly fee for these services will be billed at cost plus a 7.05% administration fee.

Any other service requested by an applicant will be billed at the actual cost to the department for such service.

Where water is to be used in the construction of ordinary framed buildings, or small building operations where the use may be easily estimated, the meter installation may be temporarily deferred as an accommodation to the owner or builder, until the completion of and occupancy of the building, and nominal estimated flat rate may be charge for builders use of water to the owner of the property, who will be held responsible for such use and for the payment of such charge.

FINAL READ FEE

\$50.00 five (5) or more business days prior to closing

\$75.00 four (4) or more business days prior to closing

\$100.00 within 24-hours of closing

\*Realtor or closing attorney must fill out Final Water Reading Request Form on Water Department Website and fax or email it to the office no later than 5 business days prior to closing.

**\*NOTE**

For all one inch water service connections which were installed on an accepted street or within any subdivision which was accepted by a Town Meeting prior to July 1, 2020 the following will apply:

With the approval of the Board of Water and Sewer commissioners; the installation cost for the water service which was \$2,457.90 as defined in the rules and regulations at that time (prior to July 1, 2020) will be deducted from the current water connection fee at the time of application. Any amount owed will be paid to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners at the time of application prior to service activation.

This note will be placed under the Service Connection Fee table on the Water Department Rate Schedule. (Currently page 8).