
1105.04 Residential inside city water rates.

The charges for Residential water supplied through meters to consumers within the corporate limits shall be based upon a service charge plus a commodity charge. The following rates shall apply to Residential water services within the city:

Residential	2026
Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Billed Account
5/8 inch meter	\$12.45
3/4 inch meter	\$12.74
1 inch meter	\$13.37
1-1/2 inch meter	\$19.38
2 inch meter	\$41.42
3 inch meter	\$52.20
4 inch meter	\$81.31
6 inch meter	\$237.45
8 inch meter	\$346.44
10 inch meter	\$591.55
12 inch meter	\$606.06
16 inch meter	\$609.71
Commodity Charge	2026
Consumption Brackets	
First 5 CCF Per Month	\$4.448
All over 5 CCF Per Month	\$4.932
Consecutive Water Systems	\$4.448

1105.041 Commercial and industrial inside city water rates.

The charges for Commercial and Industrial water supplied through meters to consumers within the corporate limits shall be based upon a service charge plus a commodity charge. The following rates shall apply to Commercial and Industrial water services within the city:

Commercial/Industrial	2026
Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Billed Account
5/8 inch meter	\$12.45
3/4 inch meter	\$12.74
1 inch meter	\$13.37
1-1/2 inch meter	\$19.38
2 inch meter	\$41.42
3 inch meter	\$52.20
4 inch meter	\$81.31
6 inch meter	\$237.45
8 inch meter	\$346.44
10 inch meter	\$591.55
12 inch meter	\$606.06
16 inch meter	\$609.71

Commodity Charge	2026
Uniform Rate	\$3.824

1105.055 Outside city mastermetered contract water rates.

A. For areas covered by wholesale mastermetered contracts, the rates shall be as follows:

Master Meter	2026
Monthly Service Charge	Monthly Billed Account
¾ inch meter	\$70.71
¾ inch meter	\$71.73
1 inch meter	\$72.87
1-½ inch meter	\$92.69
2 inch meter	\$121.17
3 inch meter	\$157.64
4 inch meter	\$173.11
6 inch meter	\$540.29
8 inch meter	\$757.98
10 inch meter	\$836.43
12 inch meter	\$855.31
16 inch meter	\$860.02
Commodity Charge	
Net Rate Per CCF	\$4.731

1105.12 Billing, meter reading—Terms of payment.

- A. Billing. The city may render bills for water service on either a monthly or quarterly basis.
- B. Water Bill Calculations. All meter readings and billings may be in units of one hundred (100) or one thousand (1,000) cubic feet, cubic meters or gallons and there shall be no proration of rates, except rates which may be prorated at the time of a rate change. Monthly periods described in Sections 1105.04, 1105.05, 1105.055, 1147.11, 1147.14, and 1149.07 are based on a thirty-day period. The amount billed shall be established by dividing the applicable rate by thirty (30) days to derive a daily rate and multiplying the daily rate by the number of days in the billing period.
- C. Terms of Payment. The water rates prescribed in City Code Sections 1105.04, 1105.05, 1105.09 and 1105.10 are net. If bills are not paid within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of billing a gross rate, which is the net rate plus ten (10) percent, shall apply.

- D. Termination for Nonpayment of Accounts. Water service may be terminated for nonpayment of any and all charges now and hereafter in force, whether charged by the City of Columbus Division of Water, City of Columbus division of water reclamation, or any of the division's contracting political subdivisions. Termination of water service for nonpayment of account shall be pursuant to the provisions of city code Section 1101.03. Service fees will continue to be charged during the period water service is terminated pursuant to Section 1105.23.

1105.17 Water system capacity charge.

No person shall make a service connection or any part thereof, unless a permit has been issued by the Director of Public Utilities or appointed designee. The following charges shall be levied for each service connection made to any property and shall be paid at the time a permit is issued for the service connection. A separate payment shall be submitted for each permit requested.

If an existing tap is replaced with a new tap, the system capacity charge for the new tap shall be reduced by the system capacity rate for each tap replaced. Should the sum total of the credits exceed the system capacity rate for the new tap, the system capacity charge shall be zero (0.00). Replacement tap credits will be determined by current system capacity rates. No credit refunds will be issued.

For all taps used to supply fire protection only, the charge shall be one-half (½) the amount specified in this section.

Water System Capacity Charges Inside City

Tap Size	Amount
¾	\$1,406
1	2,210
1-½	4,821
2	10,045
3	20,089
4	40,179
6	64,286
8	112,501
10	220,984
12	341,520
16	401,788

Water System Capacity Charges Contract Areas

Tap Size	Amount
¾	1,828
1	2,873
1-½	6,268
2	13,058
3	26,116
4	52,232
6	83,572
8	146,251
10	287,279
12	443,976

16	522,325
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**Water System Capacity Charges
Noncontract Areas**

Tap Size	Amount
¾	\$2,109
1	3,315
1-½	7,232
2	15,067
3	30,134
4	60,268
6	96,429
8	168,751
10	331,475
12	512,280
16	602,682

(Ord. 525-96; Ord. 781-02 § 1; Ord. 1931-05 § 1; Ord. 422-06 § 2 (part))

1105.21 ~~Low~~ Income qualified discount for commodity charges.

- (A) For purposes of this section, "~~low~~ income qualified residential customer" is defined as a direct residential customer of the city (whether inside the city or outside the city) having a total income of less than two hundred (200) percent of the poverty level as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census or who is eligible for food stamp benefits, Ohio Medicaid, Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Home Energy Assistance (HEAP), Ohio Works First, Social Security Disability, public housing benefits, or any other state or federal low income assistance program acceptable to the director.
- (B) All ~~low~~ income qualified residential customers may receive a ~~twenty-five~~ thirty (30) percent discount on the commodity portion of their water bill. This discount will be available to the ~~low~~ income qualified residential customer upon application to and approval of the department of public utilities.
- (C) The Director may adopt regulations necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of this section. Regulations promulgated, pursuant to this chapter by the Director shall be published in the City Bulletin, with copies of the regulations being available for public review at the Director's office and other locations which may be designated by the Director.
- (D) Master metered properties are eligible to receive a ~~twenty-five~~ thirty (30) percent discount on the commodity portion of their water bill if the property owner proves to the satisfaction of the Director that the property meets one or both of the following criteria:
 - (1) eighty (80) percent or more of the rental units are occupied by participants in qualifying programs outlined in 1147.19(A); or
 - (2) the property receives subsidized housing benefits from any state or federal low income assistance program acceptable to the director.

If the criteria are met, the entire building or complex will be eligible to receive the ~~twenty-five~~³⁰ (25³⁰) percent commodity rate discount. The discount shall be applied to the master meter bill. Property owners must transmit the full benefit of the discount to residents.

- (E) Political subdivisions receiving water service pursuant to a wholesale master meter contract with the city are eligible to receive the ~~low-income~~ qualified discount if the political subdivision adopts the ~~low-income~~ qualified discount program as described in Section 1147.19 of the Columbus City Codes. Participating master metered suburban community customers must provide to the Department a detailed listing in an approved format of all qualifying customers and their commodity usage prior to application of the discount to the master metered account billing. The discount shall apply only to the measured commodity usage of qualifying customers within the master metered suburban community's customer accounts.