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§ 10085.1 Definitions

(a) Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Part shall be as follows:

- (1) Acceptable backflow prevention device means an air gap, reduced pressure zone device, double-check valve assembly, or equivalent protective device acceptable to the commissioner, designed to prevent or contain potential contamination of the water system, by means of cross-connection control.
- (2) Act or water board act means the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority Act, codified as section 1048-a et seq. of title 2-B of article 5 of the New York State Public Authorities Law.
- (3) Aesthetically objectionable facility means a facility in which substances are present which, if introduced into the public water supply system, could be a nuisance to other users, but would not adversely affect human health. Typical examples of such substances are: food grade dyes, hot water, stagnant water from fire lines in which no chemical additives are used, and similar substances as the commissioner may determine from time to time.
- (4) Air gap or air gap separation means a physical separation between the discharge end of a potable water supply and an open or nonpressure receiving vessel. An accepted air gap separation shall be at least double the diameter of the supply pipe measured vertically above the flood rim of the vessel, in no case less than one inch.
- (5) Applicant means any person making a request for any service to be rendered or furnished by the water board.
- (6) Approved water supply means any water supply approved by the State Health Department, or any other State agency or political subdivision with jurisdiction for public water supplies.
- (7) Backflow means the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distributing pipes of a potable supply of water from any source or sources other than its intended source. Back-siphonage is one type of backflow.
- (8) Back-siphonage means backflow resulting from negative pressure in the distribution pipes of a potable water supply.
- (9) Board or water board means the Buffalo Water Board established pursuant to section 1049 of the Water Board Act, and its directors, employees, agents, together with any authorized contractor or any other person acting with written authority on behalf of the board.
- (10) Board schedule of rates means a schedule of rates, fees and other charges established at least annually and as modified from time to time by the water board.
- (11) Board service connection means the corporation cock used to supply water to any premises and which is installed on the water board's distribution pipe or water main to allow for water service to the user service connection.

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- (12)** Builder, contractor or developer means any person owning or having an interest in a plot or tract of land who applies for a water service to such premises which is intended to be sold, conveyed or leased by said person to an owner or occupant.
- (13)** Building means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.
- (14)** Certified backflow prevention device tester means a person who is examined annually by Erie County Health Department, found competent for the testing of backflow prevention devices, and in possession of an identification card certifying that such person is authorized to perform such tests.
- (15)** Check valve means a self-closing device which is designed to permit the flow of fluids in one direction and to close if there is a reversal of flow.
- (16)** City of Buffalo or the City means the City of Buffalo, New York, its public officers, employees and agents, together with any authorized contractor and any other person acting with written authority on behalf of the city.
- (17)** City Code means the Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Buffalo, New York, as amended from time to time.
- (18)** Commissioner and department mean, without other designation, the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets of the City of Buffalo, or other public officer or persons designated by the commissioner or the city to act in his or her stead, and the Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets of the City of Buffalo, and any divisions thereof, established by the city, respectively.
- (19)** Containment means cross-connection control which isolates the user's entire premises from the public water system so as to provide the protection necessary to prevent contamination of the public water supply in the event of backflow from the user's premises.
- (20)** Contamination, contaminant or pollution means the presence of any substance or matter, including but not limited to, physical, chemical, organic, inorganic, radiological, or biological in water.
- (21)** Cross-connection means any physical connection through which the water supply could become contaminated, or a connection between a potable water supply and any waste pipe, soil pipe, sewer, drain, or any unapproved source or system. It includes any potable water supply outlet which is submerged or can be submerged in wastewater and/or any other source of contamination.
- (22)** Double-check valve assembly means an assembly of at least two independently acting acceptable check valves, including tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the assembly with suitable connections for testing the water tightness of each check valve.
- (23)** Dwelling means any building that contains one or more dwelling units used, intended, or designed to be used, rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied for living purposes.
- (24)** Dwelling unit means one or more rooms with provisions for living, sanitary and sleeping facilities arranged for such use by one or more persons or a family.
- (25)** Fine or penalty means a sum of money or other thing of value imposed as a penalty for violation of these regulations.
- (26)** Health hazard means an existing or imminent condition which can be responsible for or cause illness, injury or death and for which immediate corrective or remedial action is required, including by not limited to the public health hazards set forth in [10 NYCRR section 5-1.1](#).
- (27)** Lead free has the meaning provided in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, [42 U.S.C. section 300f](#) et seq., as amended.
- (28)** Lead service pipe means a service pipe at any point beyond the water main that is not lead free.
- (29)** Nonpotable water means water that is not safe for human consumption, or that does not constitute portable water.
- (30)** Occupant means the person actually in possession or control of any premises or part thereof.

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- (31)** Owner means the person who has legal or equitable title to any premises.
- (32)** Permit means a document or certificate issued by the water board, the city, commissioner, public officer of the city or any other authorized person having jurisdiction which authorizes performance of a specified activity or activities.
- (33)** Person means any natural person, firm, trustee, executor, personal representative, partnership, association, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint venture or corporation, or other legal entity whatsoever. The masculine gender shall include the feminine, and the singular shall include the plural where indicated by the context.
- (34)** Potable water means water free from impurities in amounts sufficient to cause disease or harmful physiological effects. Its bacteriological and chemical quality shall conform to the requirements of the Erie County Health Department and the State Health Department.
- (35)** Premises means any property or location whether or not occupied by one or more dwelling units or other structures and shall include the entire front footage thereof as determined by the commissioner, abutting on a street where water service is requested or furnished for any part thereof.
- (36)** Real cost means the total direct and indirect costs of labor, material, equipment and handling, including overhead costs, incurred by the water board or the city, as the case may be, in providing water system related services to premises served by the water system, users, the public or persons who request such services.
- (37)** Reduced pressure zone device or RPZ device means a device containing a minimum of two independently acting check valves, together with an automatically operated pressure differential relief valve located between the two checks valves. During normal flow and at the cessation of normal flow the pressure between these two checks shall be less than the upstream (supply) pressure. In case of leakage of either check valve, the differential relief valve, by discharging to the atmosphere, shall operate to maintain the pressure between the checks at less than the supply pressure. The unit must include tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the device, and each device shall be fitted with properly located test cocks.
- (38)** State means the State of New York, and any of its departments, agencies, public officers or employees thereof.
- (39)** Street means all rights-of-way dedicated by the city as public rights-of-way and streets, and includes every right-of-way or place of whatever nature customarily used by the public as a matter of right, not including private rights-of-way or real estate under development.
- (40)** Structure means anything that is built or constructed.
- (41)** Supplemental water means any water source or system other than the public water supply that may be available in the building or premises.
- (42)** Surge tank means the receiving, nonpressure vessel forming part of the air gap separation between a potable and a supplemental or auxiliary supply.
- (43)** User or consumer means any person or property that receives or uses water from water facilities of the water board.
- (44)** User or owner service connection means the pertinent service pipes, valves, fittings or other equipment that connect from the board service connection to a building or user's premises, as the case may be.
- (45)** Water facility or water facilities or water supply system or water system means any plants, structures and other property, real, personal or mixed, acquired, rehabilitated, constructed or planned for the purpose of accumulating, storing, supplying, transmitting, treating or distributing water, including, but not limited to, surface or groundwater reservoirs, basins, dams, canals, aqueducts, aqueduct taps, standpipes, conduits, pipelines, interceptors, mains, pumping stations, pumps, water distribution systems, compensating reservoirs, intake stations, waterworks or sources of water supply, wells,

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purification or filtration plants or other treatment plants and works, contract rights, franchises, approaches, connections, permits, water meters, rights of flowage or diversion and other plants, structures, equipment, vehicles, conveyances, real or personal property or rights therein and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful and convenient for the accumulation, supply, transmission, storage, treatment or distribution of water.

(b) Reference materials.

(1) All United States publications referenced in this Part are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

(2) All material referenced in this part is available for copying and inspection at the water board's offices located at the Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets, 502 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202.

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§ 10085.2 General provisions

- (a) The purpose of this Part is to provide for the beneficial use of the water board's water facilities through the regulation of connection and water use, as well as to provide for the equitable recovery of the costs of the water facilities. This Part shall apply within the corporate limits of the city and to persons and properties outside of the city who are, by contract or agreement with the water board, users of the water board's water facilities. The property within the city boundaries, and persons or properties located outside the city who are users shall constitute the service area of the water board.
- (b) The water board maintains its principal office at the Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets, 502 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202. Unless otherwise provided or directed, all communications to the water board shall be delivered to such office address.
- (c) Pursuant to the Water Board Act, and agreements with the city, the water board uses the services of officers and employees of the city and such independent consultants and contractors, as it deems appropriate or necessary, to carry out the public purposes of the board.
- (d) The headings and table of contents used herein are for convenience and reference only and shall not define, describe, limit or control the scope or meaning of the provisions of these regulations.
- (e) All applications, contracts, agreements, notices and any other forms required in connection with the regulations prescribed herein shall be in the form and shall contain such general conditions, provisions and terms as the water board shall approve. Copies of all such forms shall be on file at the office of the water board.
- (f) The confidentiality of user information and data submitted as necessary for any application, record, report, plan, or other document required by these regulations shall be governed by the State Freedom of Information Law ([sections 84 through 90 of the Public Officers Law](#) of the State of New York) and by other applicable State or Federal statutes and regulations. Any requests by a user to keep specific data and information confidential must be made in writing at the time of submission.
- (g) If any provision, paragraph, word, section or article of these regulations is invalidated by any court, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections, and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.
- (h) The occupancy of any building or any water service connection and user service connection lawfully existing on the date of the adoption of these regulations shall be permitted to continue without change; except that any repairs, replacements, reconstruction or construction thereafter shall be performed in compliance with these regulations, and also excepting as is otherwise provided in the city code, the Building Code of the State, the Plumbing Code of the State, the Property Maintenance Code of the State, the Fire Code of the State and the State Sanitary Code or other applicable law or regulation.
- (i) The provisions of these regulations shall not be deemed to nullify or modify any provisions of local, State or Federal laws and regulations.

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§ 10085.3 Supply of water

- (a) Every dwelling, house, or other building requiring the use of water must be supplied from the water mains of the water board through a separate board service connection; provided that there is a permanent water main immediately in front, rear, or on either side of the premises. The commissioner shall determine the location of any connection to such water main.
- (b) If a water main is not existent in the manner above-described, a temporary service may be laid from and connected to the nearest available water main until a permanent water main is installed. Thereafter, such service must be disconnected from the temporary source and reconnected to the permanent water main within 30 days from the date that water is available in the permanent main. Such disconnection and reconnection shall be made by and at the expense of the owner of the premises supplied, and under the supervision and subject to the written approval of the commissioner.
- (c) The water board undertakes to use reasonable care and diligence to provide a constant supply of water at a reasonable pressure to users, but reserves the right at any time, without notice, to shut off the water in its mains for the purpose of making repairs or extensions, or for other purposes, and the water board shall not be liable for a deficiency or failure in the supply of water, or water pressure, or for any damages caused thereby, or by the bursting or breaking of any main or service pipe or any attachment to the board's water facilities. All users having boilers, hot water heaters, interior piping, etc. upon their premises depending upon the pressure in the water board's pipes to keep them supplied, are cautioned against danger of collapse or bursting and all such damage shall be borne exclusively by the users.
- (d) The supply of water to any building, premises or person for any purpose whatsoever is subject to the following conditions:
- (1) The water board does not guarantee to the user any fixed or constant pressure, nor a continuous supply, these being subject to the various conditions which may arise in the operation and maintenance of the water facilities.
 - (2) In case of failure of any water facilities or health hazard, including but not limited to, mains, service, pipes, pumping machinery, reservoirs or other equipment or through the cessation of operation of any pumps by virtue of the electric power being temporarily cut off or discontinued, or for the purpose of testing, extending, repairing or cleaning water mains, service pipes or pump and filter station equipment, water service may be shut off as found necessary by the commissioner, without notice to users and no claim will be considered and the water board will not be liable for damage to service branches, boilers, machinery, plumbing or other fixtures, property or persons arising therefrom.
 - (3) When determined by the commissioner to be essential for the protection of public health, safety and welfare in periods of drought or emergency, the right is reserved to restrict, curtail or prohibit the use of water for secondary purposes, that is, sprinkling, car washing or filling swimming pools, etc., and the commissioner shall have the right to fix the hours and periods when water may be used for such purposes.
- (e) The commissioner shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, to enter and inspect any premises or any part of all premises using water provided by the water board, at any time that he or she may deem necessary or appropriate to, among other things, ensure compliance with these regulations, or when the

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commissioner has reasonable cause or notice that a violation has occurred or is threatened to occur. For this purpose, any city employee or authorized contractor who may be designated by the commissioner, upon exhibition of proper credentials or badges of the water board or the city, at reasonable hours, shall have free access to such premises. When such access is refused, the water may be turned off at the option of the commissioner, and not turned on again until access is granted and a reactivation fee as identified in the board schedule of rates has been paid to water board and compliance is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the commissioner.

(f) On and after the effective date hereof, whenever application is made for the service of water, the applicant will be required to pay the connection charge prescribed in board schedule of rates for every installation or activation of a water service connection required for the service of water to any premises or any part thereof.

(g) A user service connection, including a curb box and curb stop shall be required for each premises where the total quantity of water delivered and furnished thereto is to be billed and metered to a single consumer. If, however, the quantity of water furnished to a premises are to be separately and individually metered and billed by the water board to the several occupants thereof, then a separate user service connection, including a curb box and curb stop shall be installed for the delivery of water to each part of such premises.

(h) Upon acceptance of an application from an owner or occupant of any premises and upon payment of the applicable charge for the size of a service to be installed as prescribed in the board schedule of rates, the water board will furnish, place, construct, operate, maintain and when necessary, replace, at its own cost and expense, the water service connection to the water board's main. Easement and certificates of title issued by a title company licensed by the State, and acceptable to the commissioner, shall be furnished at the applicant's expense, when necessary for installation or reconnection of all board service connections. All board service connections installed by the water board shall remain the property of the water board.

(i) The owner or user has sole control of the water delivered beyond the board service connection. Neither the city nor the water board is responsible for maintenance, repair or replacement of the pipes, valves, fittings or other equipment that connect from the board service connection to any premises. At its own expense, the owner shall install, maintain and when necessary, replace the user service connection beyond the board service connection together with a valve to be located just inside the building wall, permitting the control of water supply by the owner or user. For this installation and maintenance thereof, the owner or user shall employ a licensed plumber and all work shall be performed in a manner satisfactory to the commissioner. The minimum size, the materials, depth of cover and method of construction shall be as herein specified. If any defects in workmanship or materials are found, or if the owner or user's service connection has not been installed in accordance with such specifications, or with the water board's requirements, water service will either not be turned on or will be discontinued if such defects are not remedied.

(j) No board service connection will be installed by the water board until the user service connection from the premises to the board service connection, including backflow prevention devices, if required, have been installed in a manner satisfactory to the commissioner. The water board may, however, install a board service connection to a premises, provided that the location of the board service connection has been satisfactorily identified to the commissioner, full payment for the proposed board service connection made, a request for water service has been submitted to the commissioner, and the main from which the board service connection is to be installed has been accepted by the water board.

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§ 10085.4 Application for water service

- (a) All applications for the use of water or for other services and facilities shall be made in writing on forms furnished by the commissioner, and the applicant shall furnish such maps, plans and surveys and further information with respect to his or her premises and the service requested as may be required by the commissioner.
- (b) The receipt of an application shall not obligate the water board to render, perform or provide the service requested until the applicant shall have complied with the regulations herein provided, and shall have paid the applicable charges herein prescribed for the service requested.
- (c) A separate application shall be made for each premise or part thereof where the service of water is to be metered and billed to a consumer. There will be an account initiation fee for each application as prescribed in the board schedule of rates.
- (d) Except as otherwise agreed by the water board, no agreement will be entered into by the water board with any applicant for water supply or other service and facilities until all amounts due from the applicant which are in arrears shall have been paid.
- (e) The user or owner shall notify the water board in writing, of any change in occupancy. No adjustment of bills will be made by the water board between the owners, users and tenants.
- (f) Applicants for water service shall make such deposits or payments and obtain permits as may be required according to the service rendered before the application will be granted. No work or improvements to supply water shall be performed prior to obtaining applicable permits from the water board or the city, as the case may be.
- (g) Payment by the applicant for water service of any or all deposits, fees, or charges that are required by the water board and which are prerequisite to the granting of such applications shall be considered as sufficient evidence of the obligation on the part of such applicant to conform and comply with each and every regulation that has been or may in the future be enacted, and which governs the granting of such application or the consequent sale of water by the water board.
- (h) All applications for the use of water outside of the corporate limits of the City of Buffalo shall be made to the commissioner in writing. Such application shall state the name of the owner of the property for which supply is requested, and shall be accompanied by either the original or copies thereof of any granted permits that may be required by the State, county or township in which such property is situated. All such applications shall be reported by the commissioner to the water board for such action as the water board deems proper. If the water board grants any such applications, they shall be subject to the provisions of this Part and the water board may impose such additional conditions as it deems in the best interest of the water board.
- (i) Except as otherwise provided by water board, no water shall be supplied to any premises, the owner of which is indebted to the water board or the city for services supplied, work completed or material furnished or in any other manner, until such indebtedness has been paid, whether that indebtedness was incurred at the premises for which service is supplied or contracted at any other place within or without the city.

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§ 10085.5 Discontinuance of water service

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, water service may be discontinued by the water board for any one of the following reasons:
- (1) for use of water other than as represented in the user's application or through branch connections on the street side of the meter or the place reserved therefor;
 - (2) waste by use of water through improper and defective pipes, or by other means;
 - (3) for molesting or tampering with any service pipes, seal, meter or other water facilities owned by the water board;
 - (4) for non-payment of bills for water or services rendered by the water board in accordance with these regulations;
 - (5) for cross-connecting pipes carrying water supplied by the water board with any other source of supply or with any apparatus which may endanger the quality of the water supply;
 - (6) for refusal of reasonable access to the property for the purpose of reading, repairing, replacing, testing or removing meters or backflow preventers or inspecting the user service connection or other water pipes and other fixtures;
 - (7) for the furnishing or receiving of a supply of water from another premises; and
 - (8) for violation of any of the regulations of the water board.
- (b) Any user may discontinue water service by giving the water board written notice, on forms supplied and approved by the commissioner, not less than 10 days prior to the discontinuance. Upon the commissioner's acceptance of such notice, all liability for charges for service rendered after the discontinuance of service as herein provided for shall cease. Upon discontinuance of non-metered flat rate water service, the water board will refund to the user the pro rata amount of every advance payment for any service after the discontinuance. Such refund to be based upon the relation of the period after discontinuance of service to the entire period for which such advance payment was made after deducting the proper charge for any excess water consumed to the date of discontinuance.
- (c) When water service to any premises has been turned off upon the order of the user or for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (a) of this section and service at any premises is again desired by the same user, a reactivation charge as specified in the board's schedule of rates will be made for the restoration of services; providing the discontinuance of service required only the removal of the water board's equipment from the user's premises, the closing of the curb stop or turning off the water elsewhere not involving any unusual expense. If, however, in the commissioner's judgement it becomes necessary to protect the facilities or to prevent waste, the commissioner may shut off or disconnect the service pipe at the water board's main, and the user shall be liable to pay for restoration of service in the amount of the real cost incurred by the water board, incident to the disconnection and reconnection of the service pipe.
- (d) Upon receipt of an application for new service or for reinstatement of an existing service, the water board will assume that the user service connection and all pipes and fixtures connected thereto are in

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proper working order to receive water. The water board will not be liable in any event for any accident, break or leakage arising in connection with the supply of water or failure to supply same.

(e) Upon certification by the Buffalo Sewer Authority to the water board that sewer rents, based upon the consumption of water charged against the real property which is connected with the Buffalo Sewer Authority, remain unpaid for a period of more than one year from the due date thereof, and that notice and demand has been given by the Buffalo Sewer Authority to the owner or occupant of said premises, by registered or certified mail, addressed to said premises and to the address of the owner as shown on the records of the assessor of the City of Buffalo, to pay the same within 10 days from the date of the mailing of said notice and that such rents still remain unpaid, the commissioner shall shut off the supply of water to said premises until the sewer rents are paid, together with any other charges due to the Buffalo Sewer Authority and reactivation fee and/or real costs incurred by the water board to restore service to said premises.

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§ 10085.6 Requirement of licensed plumbers

- (a) No person other than authorized city employees and licensed plumbers shall make any attachment to or connection with the pipes of the water board or make any additions to or alterations of any tap, pipe, cock or other fixture connected with the pipes supplying water to premises or users from the water board.
- (b) Any plumber wishing to do business in connection with the water board and the water system shall provide evidence that he or she is duly licensed by the City of Buffalo and is in possession of a plumber's license in good standing. All such plumbers will be governed in all respects by these regulations and city code, adopted by the water board and city, respectively. He or she shall be liable and shall pay all fines imposed upon him or her for the violation of any of the regulations of the water board, caused by such plumber or any journeyman plumber or other persons in such plumber's employ.
- (c) All such plumbers shall execute to the city and the water board a bond in the total sum set forth in the board schedule of rates, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the city and the water board from the damages and losses which may result from the work of such plumber being done negligently or imperfectly or in such a way that injury or loss results therefrom or by reason of any failure on the part of any employee to comply with all or any of the regulations of the water board or city code, as the case may be, relating to excavations in public streets and connections with the water pipes and all ordinances and regulations, now existing or hereafter adopted for the city and the water board, respectively. Such bond shall also provide that the obligor will indemnify and save harmless the city and the water board from all damages which may be caused to private individuals by reason of negligent or imperfect work, either in plumbing, in the excavation of streets or otherwise.
- (d) Licensing and conduct of plumbers shall be governed by the city code or applicable State law.

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§ 10085.7 Water service connections

- (a)** Taps or connections with mains or distribution pipes. No persons, except the properly authorized employees of the City of Buffalo, will be permitted to tap or make any connection with the mains or distribution pipes of the water board.
- (b)** Permit for alterations to system attachments. No plumber shall make any extensions to or alterations of any tap, pipe or other fixtures attached to or intended to become attached to the pipes of the water system without first having obtained a written permit from the commissioner.
- (c)** Multiple service prohibited. No plumber shall be permitted to connect any two or more distinct premises or tenements with or upon one service pipe.
- (d)** Responsibility for payment for multiple service. In case two or more premises are, at the time of adoption of these regulations, supplied by one service pipe, water service shall be refused to such premises until the person controlling the main stopcock shall pay the full amount of water rate for the premises thus supplied. When the water shall be supplied to more than one person through a single tap, the bill for the whole supply shall be made to the owner of the premises, and in case of nonpayment, the water shall be shut off, notwithstanding the one or more person(s) shall have paid their proportion to such owner or to any other person.
- (e)** Responsibility for payment for more than one house on lot. In all cases where there are two or more distinct dwelling units or tenements on a lot without meters or when the water is accessible to both, the water will not be turned on to one dwelling unit or tenement unless the access rate is paid by the second or the water rates are paid for each dwelling unit or tenement, or meters are installed.
- (f) Extensions of service pipes and certain facilities prohibited.**

 - (1)** No extension or alteration of service pipes, whether involving new uses of water or not, shall be made without the permission of the commissioner; and for any extension involving new uses of water, an application therefor shall be filed with and approved by the commissioner before such extension is made.
 - (2)** No hopper bottom, evasive or antifreezing closet shall hereafter be installed in the city, and no water shall be furnished for any such closet.
- (g)** Shutoff after repairs. No plumber shall, after making any connection or extension or after making repairs or putting in any new attachment, leave the stopcock open and the water turned on.
- (h)** Turning on water by plumber prohibited. No plumber shall turn on water to any premises, whether an old or new supply.
- (i) Tapping and disconnecting of service lines.**

 - (1)** Notice for tapping must be delivered to the department 24 hours before the day for insertion of any tap and such notice must state the time when the pipe will be uncovered and ready for the tapper. Such notice must state definitely the size of the pipe to be connected and run, the number of the premises, the side of the street and the name of the person owning the premises and such other information as the commissioner may require.

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- (2)** When application for a new tap is made, the fees pursuant to the board schedule of rates for plugging at the main all other taps not actually in use in front of the same premises must be paid by the owner of the premises. The plugging of the old tap will be done by city employees, and the real cost of the same, if any is incurred by the water board, will be added to the next water bill or assessed against the premises.
- (3)** In all cases of demolition or removal of buildings, the user service connection and all existing water service lines not continued in use, previously servicing said premises, shall be abandoned and properly disconnected and plugged at the water main at the expense of the owner of the property and under the supervision of the commissioner, unless the commissioner shall otherwise give permission for the retention of said service lines.
- (j)** Additional charge for unready pipe. In case the pipe is not ready for the tapper at the time specified, an additional charge as provided in the board schedule of rates will be made for each trip made to the premises thereafter.
- (k)** Responsibility for street opening. The commissioner will in all cases determine and control the size and location of openings of service cocks inserted in the main pipes. The plumber performing such work will be held responsible for any damages or casualties of any kind that may occur in connection with the opening in the street for running the service pipe; and the repaving over all openings in the streets and sidewalks must be done by said plumber or owner, or at their expense, and kept in as good condition by such plumber or owner, or at their expense, for one year after such service pipe shall have been laid.
- (l)** Maintenance of service pipes. All user service connections, lateral or service pipes for public or private use and all necessary fixtures connected therewith shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner. Such pipe and connection are to be laid and kept in good repair and protected from frost by or at the expense of the applicant, who shall likewise pay for the fee for tapping of the main pipe. Such payment is to be made by the person making the application for a supply of water at the time such application is made.
- (m)** Depth of service pipe. The user service connection is to be laid not less than five feet in depth below the surface or below the grade of the street, and the material used for such user service connection shall in each and every case be subject to the approval of the commissioner or as hereinafter specified.
- (n)** Size and makeup of service pipe. (1) The minimum nominal internal diameter of user service connection water service shall be 3/4 inch, and, except as otherwise herein permitted, the maximum nominal internal diameter shall be two inches.
- (i)** Such service pipe shall be of any of the following materials: Type K copper water tube, SPS copper pipe, or SPS 85 percent red brass pipe.
- (2)** Service lines over two inches in nominal internal diameter, when approved and permitted by the commissioner, shall be of any of the following materials:
- (i)** SPS hard copper pipe;
 - (ii)** SPS 85 percent red brass pipe;
 - (iii)** mechanical-joint ductile iron pipe; or
 - (iv)** bell-and-spigot ductile iron pipe.
- (3)** All service pipe, fittings and accessories shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner based on accepted national standards as follows:
- (i)** Type K soft copper tube shall be made of dioxidized copper, 99.9 pure, and shall be sound and free from any defects. All tubes shall be stamped with the manufacturer's name or designation at frequent intervals and shall be able to withstand an internal pressure of 700 pounds per square inch.
 - (ii)** SPS copper pipe shall be manufactured of dioxidized copper, 99.9 pure, and shall be free from defects. Each length shall be stamped with size and grade.

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(iii) SPS and 85 percent copper and 15 percent zinc and free from defects. Each length shall be stamped with size and grade.

(iv) Ductile iron pipe shall conform to the latest revisions of the specifications for ductile iron pipe, C111 and C151 of American Water Works Association (AWWA). Pipe shall be furnished with a seal coated cement lining in accordance with AWWA specification C104, and shall be coated on the outside with a bituminous coating, approximately one mm thickness, in accordance with AWWA specification C151. The minimum thickness of ductile iron pipe shall be Class 52.

(4) All service pipes shall be made of materials that are lead free.

(o) Fittings, taps and joints. (1) Fittings.

(1) Fittings for assembling copper water tubes shall be cast-bronze flared tube or cast brass or wrought-copper solder type. All such fittings shall be marked with the size and the manufacturer's name or designation.

(ii) Threaded-typed fittings shall be of cast brass or bronze of heavy-beaded steam pattern free from defects and containing the following materials:

Material

	1Minimum (percent)	Maximum (percent)
Copper	80	86
Zinc	4	15
Lead	2	6
Tin	3	6

(iii) Fittings for ductile iron pipe shall conform to the latest revision of the specifications for ductile iron fittings, C153, compact body type (class 350), of the American Water Works Association.

(2) Taps.

(i) The maximum size taps permitted for various size water mains shall be as follows:

Size of Main (inches)

7Size of Tap (inches)	
4	3/4
6	3/4
8	1
10	1
12	1 1/4
16	1 1/4
20	2
Over 20	2

(ii) When the condition of the main is such that it will not fully support any of the above sizes or when obstructions prohibit normal installation, then the commissioner may, in his discretion, permit the connection to be made by means of an approved tapping saddle; provided, however, that no taps for domestic or fire supplies shall be installed in 36-inch, 48-inch and 60-inch transmission mains.

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(iii) Multiple taps for a single service line shall not be permitted. Tapping sleeve and branch valve may be used where a greater volume of water is required than can be obtained through taps above prescribed. Connections to the tapping sleeve and branch valve shall be directed and as permitted by the commissioner.

(iv) At the connection to the corporation cock, a proper regard and allowance for service line flexibility shall be made. Where Type K copper water tube services are installed, an excess of two feet of pipe shall be used for bending of a gooseneck at the water main to provide flexibility. Where SPS copper pipe or SPS 85 percent red brass pipe is used, a minimum of three 12-inch pieces of pipes and fittings shall be used to make a flexible joint at the main.

(3) Joints.

(i) All joints between copper pipe and copper or brass fittings when of solder type only shall be of silver solder or brazed with phoscopper.

(ii) Mechanical joints for ductile iron pipe and fittings shall conform to the latest specifications for mechanical joints for ductile iron pressure pipe and fittings (designation C111) of the American Water Works Association.

(4) All fittings, taps and joints shall be made of materials that are lead free.

(p) Type of stopcocks to be used. (1) All stopcocks used for service pipes shall be of the pattern known as the "round waterway," the size of the head to be as follows:

(i) 3/4 inch: 13/4X7/16 inches, T or square as preferred.

(ii) One inch: 2X1/2 inches, T or square as preferred.

(iii) 1 1/4 inches: 2 1/2X9/16 inches, T or square as preferred.

(iv) 1 1/2 inches: 2 1/2X5/8 inches, T or square as preferred.

(v) Two inches: 3 1/8X3/4 inches, T or square as preferred.

(2) On all others, screw valves are to be used.

(q) Service pipes larger than one inch. Service pipes larger than one inch in diameter intended for fire protection or for supplying power for elevators or other hydraulic motors cannot be tapped or used for the general supply of water to the premises. Such supply must be taken through a service pipe of the ordinary size.

(r) Inspection of stopcocks; stopcock box materials. All stopcocks made by the plumbers in the sidewalks, as well as those for street washers, hydrants, water closets, and the like, shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the commissioner; and the stopcock boxes shall be cast iron and shall be equal to the sample in the office of the department.

(s) Installation of stopcock box. All connections shall be provided with a stopcock as required herein, which shall be covered with a cast-iron box extending up to the grade of the sidewalk, the cover to have the word "water" thereon, and shall be placed in the sidewalk within one foot of the line of the curbstone so that the word "water" can be read from the sidewalk. No premises will be supplied without said box being in good working order. In case of neglect or refusal of the user or owner to provide or repair the box within 10 days when notified, the commissioner shall cause it to be done and deliver an invoice for any real costs incurred by the water board to the owner or user, or charge the real cost of the expense against the premises, to be collected with the first bill for supply of water that shall become due against such premises.

(t) Provision of stopcock for each service. Each and every service pipe must be provided with a stop and waste cock for each separate dwelling unit or place where water is introduced, easily accessible and so situated that the water can be conveniently shut off and drained from the pipes.

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(u) Installation of stopcock box in sidewalk. In cases where the stopcock boxes are set in the flagging or pavement of the sidewalk, the stones are to be neatly and accurately cut and the top of the stopcock boxes set even with the flagging or pavement and in all other cases flush with the surface of the sidewalk.

(v) Stopcock handle. In cases when the stopcock has to be placed deeper than six feet, a stationary wrench, which comes up to the ordinary depth of the cocks, must be installed. The top of this wrench is to be formed like the top of the stopcock and the rod is to work in a guide immediately below its top or handle.

(w) Safeguarding from freezing. If there is a vault or area under the sidewalk or in front of any building, the service pipe shall run at a sufficient depth below the floor of such vault or area to be secured from freezing. A suitable stop or waste cock shall be placed in each service directly within the wall of the building and so located as to be secure from freezing and to drain all pipes in the building as a safeguard against freezing and to give the user the means of stopping the flow of water in case of leakage or damage to plumbing on the premises.

(x) Hydraulic elevator service pipes. All service pipes for supplying hydraulic elevators or other large motors must have suitable air chambers attached thereto for the purpose of preventing water hammer in the pipes, and the owners or users of such elevators must keep the same in good repair so as to prevent all leakage or waste of water.

(y) Leaks in service pipes. When leaks occur in the service pipes at any point beyond the main, they must be immediately repaired by the owner or user of the premises; and if not repaired within 24 hours after notice, the commissioner shall cause the same to be shut off until repaired and deliver and invoice for any real costs incurred by the water board to the owner or user, or charge the expense incurred against the premises, to be collected with the first bill for supply of water that shall become due against said premises.

(z) Protecting residents with lead service pipes.

(1) A lead service pipe shall not be repaired, and where repairs are required, such a pipe shall be replaced with a service pipe that is lead free and otherwise complies with the requirements of subdivision (n) of this section.

(2) If a lead service pipe is replaced between the water main and the curb stop, then any connected lead service pipe, or connected service pipe made from galvanized steel or galvanized iron, shall also be replaced with a service pipe that meets the requirements of subdivision (n) of this section.

(3) If any service pipe is repaired or replaced, then any connected lead service pipe shall be replaced with a service pipe that meets the requirements of subdivision (n) of this section.

(aa) Replacement or remediation of service pipes, valves and appurtenances.

(1) The board, on its own initiative, or as it deems appropriate, acting with the city and/or any other person, may use public funds and it may utilize public employees to replace or remediate any service pipe, valve, or appurtenance, including but not limited to, lead and/or galvanized steel or iron service pipes, at the discretion of the commissioner, when the commissioner determines that such replacement or remediation may benefit the public health, safety, welfare, or the public water supply system.

(2) Before using public funds or utilizing public employees to replace or remediate a service pipe, valve, or appurtenance, the commissioner shall consider and act consistently with any applicable board policy and procedures, the availability of public funds, equipment, personnel and facilities and other resources.

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§ 10085.8 Water system service

- (a)** Use of water through street washer. All street washers shall be metered and must not be permitted to run to waste, leak, be converted into jets, or to be used for washing down collections of the gutters upon the adjoining premises.
- (b)** Unnecessary running or leaking of taps. Taps at sinks, wash basins, water closets, baths, urinals, bar taps or any other tap unnamed must not be allowed to run to waste or leak either to cool the water or prevent the same from freezing.
- (c)** Permit for yard hydrant. All yard hydrants must be metered and will not be permitted upon the sidewalk or in front area of any dwelling nor in the yard or alley attached to any dwelling, except by special permit from the commissioner; and if found running to waste at any time, it may be cut off at once.
- (d)** Consent required for use. No person shall use water derived from the water system upon or in any premises except in compliance with these regulations, or without the consent of the commissioner.
- (e)** Shutoff of water for fraud or misuse. In case of fraudulent misrepresentations on the part of the applicant or uses of water not embraced in the application, or willful or unreasonable waste of water, the commissioner shall have the right to cut off the water supply immediately upon the discovery of such fraudulent use or waste until waste is stopped, or in the alternative to seek injunctive and such other relief as a court may allow.
- (f)** Use after shutoff. When water is found on and in use on premises after having been turned off by the department, the water may be turned off until the reactivation fee as provided in board schedule of rates, and all arrears, if any, have been paid, dating from the time the premises were turned off.
- (g)** Disconnection of water service. In case the water service has been turned off for nonpayment of water rates, or by any other rule of the water board and it is found turned on again without the commissioner's approval, or when, in the opinion of the commissioner, the turning off of the water at the stopcock is not sufficient protection against the use of water or its waste, the commissioner may cause disconnection of the water service. Upon a reapplication for the water when the water service has been disconnected, the real cost for the reconnection must be paid by the owner of such property affected by the shut off.
- (h)** Use of water for street washer or hydrant only. Water will not be furnished when the only fixture for obtaining it is a street washer or hydrant placed in the sidewalk.
- (i) Water closets and urinals.**
 - (1)** Water closets must be fitted to be operated by the regular authorized water closet valves of the different makes. The use of ordinary draw cocks in connection therewith will not be permitted. Urinals with stopcocks to be turned by hand, unless self-closing, are not permitted.
 - (2)** No arrangements shall be made for supplying water closets or urinals by common stopcocks, and no arrangements shall be made for cleaning water closets or privy vaults by waste pipes from washbasins or sinks or by any other means of evasion, but they shall be fitted up with fixtures and appurtenances as required by State Department of Health regulations.

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(j) Hose size and nozzle requirements. Water hoses larger than 3/4 of an inch will not be permitted, except upon additional charge, and sprinkling without a nozzle or with a larger opening than 1/4 inch is forbidden.

(k) Meter required for constantly running water. No counter or bar cock with a waste pipe in connection therewith and so arranged that it can be constantly running and no jet or constantly running stream of any kind can be installed without a meter.

(l) Meter required for hydraulic and other motors. All hydraulic fixtures or motors shall have attached to them a meter from which the amount of water used can be ascertained.

(m) Safety valves for boilers. In all cases where boilers are supplied, a suitable safety or vacuum valve must be applied to prevent damage from collapsing or otherwise when the water is shut off from the street mains. Check valves are not permitted.

(n) Pumps for boilers.

(1) Pumps for supplying water to steam boilers or other fixtures for other purposes will not be permitted to take water directly from the service pipes but must draw from an open receptacle into which the water has been previously discharged. No pump will be allowed to be attached directly to any pipe on which a meter is located.

(2) The provisions of the foregoing section may be suspended by the commissioner at any time that he deems it proper or necessary, in the event of health hazards, emergencies and/or to protect and preserve the water system.

(o) Prevention of waste at fire hydrant. It shall be the duty of any employee of the department to close any fire hydrant found running or wasting water and report the same to the commissioner and to prevent all persons from opening, wasting or taking water therefrom which have not a written permission or order so to do from the commissioner.

(p) Notice of waste. It shall be the duty of any employee of the department to notify all persons on premises where yard hydrants or other fixtures may be found wasting, leaking or out of order to stop said waste and repair all leaks and to report such information to the commissioner.

(q) Report of leaks. It shall be the duty of all persons to report to the department all leaks from mains or service pipes that may occur in the streets or sidewalks.

(r) Supplying to others prohibited. No owner or user of any premises supplied with water by the water board shall be allowed to supply water to other persons or families for use or consumption at other premises.

Statutory Authority

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§ 10085.9 Protection of facilities

- (a) Prohibition. In addition to the acts specified herein, no person shall injure any water facilities, equipment or building belonging to the water board, tamper with meters, divert water from mains, use water without permission, cut or tap into any water pipe, main or other water facility, or possess keys to operate curb stops or other stop cocks.
- (b) Unauthorized turn-on or shutoff. No person shall turn on or off the water on any main or service pipe, reservoir or hydrant without permission or order from the commissioner.
- (c) Unauthorized connection and cross-connections.**
- (1) No person shall make any opening, tap or connection with any main or service pipe or reservoir without permission or order from the commissioner.
- (2) It is hereby prohibited to connect any unsafe water supply to the public water supply through a cross-connection or to cross-connect the water to any drainage or sewer system. Any such cross-connection or cross-connections shall be governed by the provisions of these regulations, the State Sanitary Code and applicable State law.
- (d) Shutoff for repairs or new construction.**
- (1) In making repairs or in constructing new work, the commissioner shall have the right to shut off the water and keep it shut off as long as may be necessary for making such repairs or extension, and no deductions will be made or damages allowed for the time the water is so shut off.
- (2) When water must be shut off and turned on by the department for repairs made by the owner, the reactivation fee as provided in the board schedule of rates shall be paid. This sum includes two trips by the department for the one charge.
- (e) Standpipes and sprinkler tanks.**
- (1) Standpipes or sprinkler tanks are only intended and permitted for fire protection, and all such pipes or tanks must be provided with a suitable valve at the bottom of the same where the water is let in, the same to be sealed by an employee of the department. In case such seal shall be broken for the extinguishment of any fire, the owner, user or any other person with notice thereof, shall immediately give notice to the department. In no case shall such seal be broken for any other purpose or use or any tap introduced into or connection made with said standpipe or tank.
- (2) No standpipe or sprinkler tank will be allowed on premises where water is not taken for other than fire purposes, and in any case the commissioner reserves the right to refuse any and all applications for this purpose in his discretion.
- (f) Damage to system. In all cases where fixtures or property of the city or water board are broken or damaged, the party or parties so offending shall be liable for the real cost of all damage done and any penalties that may be imposed as provided herein.
- (g) Maintenance of records. The commissioner shall keep suitable books of record in which shall be entered the number of all buildings of consumers, the kind of building, the name and number of the street,

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the number of taps and the amount of charges, which record shall be open for the inspection by any member of the water board, the common council, or the public.

(h) Limitation on use. Upon prior reasonable notice, the commissioner reserves the right to limit the amount of water furnished to any consumer, should circumstances warrant such action due to water shortages, disruption to the water system, in whole or part, or any other similar emergency or condition warranting limitation of use, although no limit may have been stated in the application or permit for such use.

(i) Approval required for extension of supply. No person, persons or corporation shall construct, maintain or extend any water supply to furnish water to themselves or others without the written authority of the commissioner.

(j) Full rates to be charged. Except as otherwise provided herein, on all premises into which water is or shall be introduced, full schedule rates will be charged for all uses, and no rebate or reduction will be made or allowed for partial use of water from wells or other sources.

Statutory Authority

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§ 10085.10 Supply to building under construction

- (a) Persons constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating any dwelling, building or structure in the city that requires water service will be required to make a written application for water service to the department. Such application shall state in detail the uses for which water is desired, the name of the owner of the property and the street number of lot on which water is to be used and such other information as may be specified on forms provided by the department, or otherwise required by the commissioner.
- (b) The amount of charges for water, at schedule rates for work thus stated, shall be paid in advance to the water board before a permit for such use shall be issued to the applicant.
- (c) The commissioner may cause said work to be inspected by an inspector under his direction, and in case it shall appear that the person receiving said permit or the builder, contractor, or architect making the required certificate has made fraudulent representations or returns as to the amount of work done under said permit, no further permit will be issued to said applicant or to any other person for him or in his behalf, under any circumstances, until all unpaid water charges are paid.
- (d) No contractor or builder will be allowed to use water from any fire hydrant for building purposes, except as provided herein.
- (e) No consumer of water with unmetered water service will be allowed to furnish water for construction purposes, on his own or any other premises, without first paying for the same for said purpose and receiving a permit for such use from the department. The fee for said permit shall be as provided in the board schedule of rates. A season permit effective from April 15th to November 15th may also be issued. The fee for said permit shall be as provided in the board schedule of rates.
- (f) The builder must, in all cases, procure a permit as before provided prior to procuring water for building purposes from any water board water facilities.
- (g) The builder is required to insert a service or fixture where there is none, to enable him to procure such water for building purposes. The application for such service must be made by the owner of the property, after which the permit for such use may be issued to the builder on his application, and he must file an application to have such service turned off at the curb as soon as he has finished his work.
- (h) In case a builder desires to use water from a metered service supplying water to adjacent premises, he must procure the consent of the owner of the adjacent service.

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§ 10085.11 Cross-connection restrictions

(a) The State Sanitary Code establishes safeguards for public water supplies by preventing backflow into public water systems. In furtherance of such purpose, these regulations are adopted to:

- (1)** protect the public water supply against actual or potential cross-connections by isolating within the premises contamination or pollution that may occur because of some undiscovered or unauthorized cross-section on the premises;
- (2)** eliminate existing connections between drinking water systems and other sources of water that are not approved as safe and potable for human consumption;
- (3)** eliminate cross-sections between drinking water systems and other sources of water or process water used for any purpose whatsoever which jeopardize the safety of the drinking water supply;
- (4)** prevent the making of cross-connections in the future; and
- (5)** encourage the exclusive use of public sources of water supply.

(b) In the interest of public health, the water board will not permit its mains or services to be connected with any service pipe or piping which is connected with any source of water supply not approved by the State Department of Health. In conformance with the State Sanitary Code, the water board has implemented a cross connection control program and shall not permit its mains or service pipes to be connected in any way to any piping, tank, vat or other apparatus which contains liquids, chemicals, contaminants or any other matter which might flow back into the water board's service pipe or mains and consequently endanger the water supply without the installation of a proper backflow prevention device as specified by the State Department of Health, at a location approved by the commissioner. All present and/or future users who present the potential danger of being in violation of the State Sanitary Code shall install a backflow prevention device at their expense, in accordance with the State Department of Health, cross connection control regulations ([10 NYCRR section 5-1.31](#)) and as may be amended from time to time. In the event any provisions of these regulations are inconsistent with such State Department of Health regulations, the regulations of the State Department of Health shall govern.

(c) Protection of public water system at service connection. (1) Where protection is required:

- (i)** Each service connection from a public water system for supplying water to premises having an auxiliary water supply shall be protected against backflow of water from the premises into the public water system.
- (ii)** Each service connection from a public water system for supplying water to premises on which any substance is handled under pressure in such fashion as to permit entry into the water system shall be protected against backflow of the water from the premises into the public system. This shall include the handling of process waters and waters originating from the public water supply system which have been subject to deterioration in sanitary quality.
- (iii)** Each service connection from a public water system for supplying water to premises on which a substance of unusually toxic concentration or danger to health is handled in liquid form, even though it

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is not under pressure, shall be protected against backflow of water from premises into the public water system. Examples are plating factories using cyanide and hospitals.

(iv) Backflow-prevention devices shall be installed on the service connection to any premises that have actual or potential internal cross-connections.

(v) Backflow-prevention devices shall be installed on the service connection to any premises in which the department is not allowed to fully and completely review all processes within the facility.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the user to provide protecting devices as required under subdivision (d) of this section.

(d) Type of protection. The protective device required shall depend on the degree of hazard as tabulated below:

(1) At the service connection to any premises on which there is a substance that would be aesthetically objectionable, but not necessarily hazardous to health, the public water supply shall be protected by an approved double-check-valve assembly.

(2) At the service connection to any premises on which there is an auxiliary water supply meeting the State drinking water standards, the public water supply system shall be protected by an approved double-check-valve assembly.

(3) At the service connection to any premises on which there is an auxiliary water supply not meeting the State drinking water standards, the public water supply system shall be protected by an air-gap separation or an approved reduced-pressure principle backflow-preventer device. The air gap shall be located as close as practicable to the water meter, and all piping between the water meter and the surge tank shall be entirely visible.

(4) At the service connection to any premises on which any material dangerous to health or toxic substance in toxic concentration is or may be handled under pressure, the public water supply shall be protected by an air-gap separation. The air gap shall be located as close as practicable to the water meter, and all piping between the water meter and the surge tank shall be entirely visible. If these conditions cannot reasonably be met, the public water supply shall be protected with an approved reduced-pressure principle backflow-prevention device, provided that the alternative is acceptable to both the department and the Erie County Health Department.

(5) At the service connection to any premises on which any material dangerous to health or toxic substance in toxic concentration is or may be handled, but not under pressure, the public water supply shall be protected by an air-gap separation or an approved reduced-pressure principle backflow-preventer device. The air gap shall be located as close as practicable to the water meter, and all piping between the water meter and the surge tank shall be entirely visible.

(6) At the service connection to any sewage treatment plant or sewage pumping station, the public water supply shall be protected by an air-gap separation. The air gap shall be located as close as practicable to the water meter, and all piping between the water meter and the surge tank shall be entirely visible. If these conditions cannot be reasonably met, the public water supply shall be protected with an approved reduced-pressure principle backflow-prevention device, provided that this alternative is acceptable to both the department and the Erie County Health Department.

(7) At the service connection to any premises where the department is not allowed to fully and completely review all processes within the building, the public water system shall be protected by an air-gap separation or an approved reduced-pressure principle backflow-prevention device. The air gap shall be located as close as practicable to the water meter, and all piping between the water meter and the surge tank shall be entirely visible.

(e) Frequency of inspection of protective devices. It shall be the duty of the owner on any premises on account of which backflow-protective devices are installed to have competent inspections made at least once a year, or more often in those instances where successive inspections indicate repeated failure.

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These devices shall be repaired, overhauled or replaced at the expense of the water user whenever they are found to be defective. These tests shall be performed by a certified backflow-prevention-device tester, and all test results shall be made available to the department and the Erie County Health Department.

(f) Notification of violations. The commissioner shall notify the owner or authorized agent of the owner of the building or premises in which there is found a violation of this section of the regulations. The commissioner shall set a reasonable time for the owner to have the violation removed or corrected. Upon failure of the owner to have the defect corrected by the end of the specified time interval, the commissioner may, if, in his judgement, an imminent health hazard exists, cause the water service to the building or premises to be terminated and/or recommend such additional fines or penalties to be invoked as herein may be provided.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

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§ 10085.12 Water rates, bills and payment

(a) Rates to be sufficient. Water rates of the water board shall be fixed at all times so as to produce a revenue sufficient, after the payment of direct and indirect expenses of maintenance and operation, to pay the principal and interest maturities of the bonds issued for the water system and to enable the water board and water system to be placed on a self-sustaining basis at all times in accordance with the Water Board Act.

(b) Payment invoice and due date. All premises, owners, users and other persons that receive services from the water board shall be liable and shall pay to the water board the rates and charges set forth in the board schedule of rates. Unless otherwise provided in these regulations, or in the board schedule of rates, or on an invoice issued by the board, all water board rates and charges for consumption of water or other services shall be due and payable, one month following the month of the invoice billing date. Such invoice may be billed monthly, quarterly or as otherwise determined by the water board. This due date will be set forth as the "due date" on the invoice statement issued by the water board for such rates and charges. The invoice shall be payable to the water board, care of the Buffalo Commissioner of Administration and Finance or such other payment agent as may be set forth on such invoice, at the office of the City of Buffalo Treasury, Room 117, City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202, or such other location or address as may be provided on such invoice. Invoice statements shall be mailed or delivered to the address of the owner or user, as the case may be, as such address appears on the water board's records. Such mailing or delivery is a matter of convenience. Failure of an owner or user to receive an invoice statement shall not release such owner or user from the obligation to pay such invoice statement, together with any other charges and interest which may accrue on unpaid amounts.

(c) Method of payment. All invoices shall be paid in United States dollars, and may be paid by cash, check or MasterCard and Visa at Room 117, City Hall, Buffalo, NY, such other location or address as may be provided on such invoice, or by telephone as set forth on the invoice. All persons who pay by such charge cards shall pay the water board a fee set forth in the board schedule of rates, for each credit card payment transaction to defray the cost of such credit transaction.

(d) Late fees. All invoices issued by the water board that remain unpaid after the due date shall be charged interest, and such interest shall continue to be charged until such water board rates and charges are paid in full, at the same rate as unpaid city taxes, to wit: 4.5 percent interest shall be added to amounts unpaid from the first through the thirtieth day after the due date, and 1.5 percent shall be added to all amounts that remain unpaid for each succeeding month thereafter.

(e) Non-sufficient funds and returned checks. All persons who present checks that are returned for non-sufficient funds shall be liable and shall pay a charge to the water board that is equal to the amount the bank charges the water board for handling such check.

(f) Fees for collection of delinquent accounts. All persons shall be subject to paying reasonable costs and expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in the collection of water board rates and charges that remain unpaid, as may be determined by the water board, in addition to any other remedy or provision hereof, the water board reserves the right to engage in such collection activities, as it deems appropriate, for all accounts that remain unpaid after the due date, in consideration of such collection activities and to defray the cost thereof, all persons with delinquent accounts may be liable and may pay an additional charge of 21

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percent of the amount of each such delinquent account, together with interest as provided herein, that remains unpaid for more than:

- (1) 120 days from the due date for metered accounts; and
 - (2) 210 days from the due date for non-metered flat rate accounts. In the event the water board refers any delinquent account to a collection agency, the user shall pay the actual amount such collection agency charges the water board, in lieu of such 21 percent surcharge.
- (g) Civil action. The amount of water rates and charges which remains due and unpaid for 60 days, with interest thereon at the same rate as unpaid city taxes and with reasonable attorneys' fees, may be recovered by the water board in a civil action in the name of the water board against such owners or users liable for such unpaid amount.
- (h) List of delinquent accounts. The water board shall prepare and transmit to the city on or before the first day of December in each year a list of those persons or property owners within such city who are in arrears in the payment of fees, rates, rents or other charges for a period of 60 days or more after the last day fixed for payment thereof without penalty. The list shall contain a brief description of the properties for which the services were provided, the names of the persons liable to pay for the same and the amounts chargeable to each, including penalties and interest computed to the next succeeding December 31st. The city shall levy such sums against the properties liable and shall state the amount thereof in a separate column in the annual tax rolls of such city under the name of "delinquent water charges" as may be appropriate and as may be directed by the water board.
- (i) Liability for invoices. In the event water board rates and charges are not paid within the prescribed time, in addition to all other remedies, the water board may shut off the water service to the premises, in the manner provided herein; and when turned off for nonpayment, and an additional charge for reactivation as set forth in the board schedule of rates, shall be paid before water service is renewed. All water bills for non-metered accounts for a quarterly term or fractions of the quarterly term shall be payable in advance. The owner of the premises shall be personally liable for the payment of bills for water furnished to premises; and the tenant of such premises shall also be personally liable for bills for water so furnished to premises during the term of his or her tenancy.
- (j) Lien for water charges. From and after the due date thereof, any and all charges for unpaid water rates and other charges shall be a lien on the premises serviced until paid and shall be superior to any and all other liens, excepting those for general taxes and local assessments, which lien can be enforced by foreclosure proceedings instituted at the expiration of one year from the date of the creation of the lien, notwithstanding any and all other remedies available to the water board for the collection of unpaid water bills.
- (k) Notice of discontinuation of service.**
- (1) No deduction shall be made from any invoice for water for the discontinuance of the water supply to any premises unless the owner or occupant of such premises shall have given notice to the department, in writing, on the register provided, when and where the water is no longer required and have requested the same turned off, and then only upon the payment of the shut off fee as provided in the board schedule of rates, and all unpaid charges to date. All consumers will be charged for the use of water until notice as above is given.
 - (2) In the event that a property owner or user fails to pay his or her water charges, after they become due and payable, the water board may discontinue or disconnect the supply of water for non-payment of such water charges after the water board gives written notice of its intention to do so, upon 15 days in advance, to the owner of the premises or user thereby affected, or in lieu thereof, to the person to whom or which the last preceding bill has been rendered, and from whom or which the water board has received payment therefor, and to the superintendent or other person, if any, in charge of the building or premises thereby affected, if it can be readily ascertained that there is such superintendent or other person in charge. Such notice in every case shall be served either personally on the person to whom or which it is directed, or by mailing such notice in a postpaid wrapper to the address of such person.

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(3) The water board shall not effect the discontinuance of water service to a residential user for non-payment of bills rendered for water service on Friday after 12:00 noon, Saturday, Sunday, public holiday, or a day on which the main business office of the water board is not open for business. The term public holiday refers to those holidays enumerated in the State General Construction Law.

(4) Discontinuance for non-payment of bills rendered for water service of residential services can only take place between Monday and Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Fridays before 12:00 noon.

(5) In case any portion of a supply of water is to be disconnected and a reduction from the water bill is to be made, the owners or occupants of such premises must file with the department a plumber's certificate that such fixtures for supplying the water have actually been shut off.

(l) Adjustment of bill.

(1) Notice must be given to the department of any change of occupants of premises supplied with water. The balance of a water bill paid in advance may, on such notice, be transferred to other premises and a due bill of the water board issued for such balance. Due bills may also be issued for balances arising through a change in the service from a flat rate to a meter rate, for the correction of errors occurring by consumers paying the wrong bill, of water rates paid twice or other proper cases. Such due bills may be applied on future payments or refunded upon written request, after proper entry of such change has been made upon the books of the department.

(2) The commissioner may make abatements in the water rates in proper cases.

(3) Any invoice for water supplied or service rendered by the water board will be deemed a proper and accurate charge, unless written protest is delivered to the commissioner within 30 days after the date of mailing of such invoice.

(4) No claim hereafter made for the adjustment of a water bill or for the refund of any part thereof overpaid or erroneously paid shall be honored by the commissioner unless the same is presented to him in writing, together with a receipted water bill, within 90 days after the payment thereof.

(m) Senior citizen rates. Water rates for all homeowners who, by virtue of their age, are eligible for real property tax exemption pursuant to the [New York Real Property Tax Law, section 467](#) shall be eligible for exemption or reduction in water rates as set forth in the board schedule of rates.

(n) Contract rates. All water supplied which is not enumerated or prescribed a rate in the board schedule of rates shall be subject to a special or contracted rate as determined by the commissioner, which rate shall be subject to review and confirmation by the water board.

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§ 10085.13 Water meters

(a) Installation of meters. In all cases, the water board reserves the right to place a meter upon any premises. The owner, user or tenant, or agent thereof the premises must provide a suitable place wherein to place the meter. After the meter is so attached, any damage which such meter may sustain, resulting from the tortious conduct of such owner, user, tenant or agent to properly secure and protect the same, as well as any damage which may result from allowing such meter to become frozen or to be injured by hot water or steam settling back from a boiler, shall be paid to the water board on demand. In case payment is not so made, the water shall be shut off and not turned on until all charges are paid. The water board may sue and collect of the owner, user tenant or agent thereof the amount of such damages in civil action. All persons are forbidden to tamper with, knowingly render inaccurate, interfere with or disconnect a water meter from any service after it has been attached to any premises. All meters shall be furnished by the water board and remain the property of the water board. All references to meters shall include the meter, wires and connections thereto.

(b) Complaints on meters. In all cases where a complaint is received about meter and a service call to the premises where the meter is located is required, the person making the complaint shall make arrangements for access to the meter by department personnel at a definite time and date. In the event that department personnel are unable to gain access to the meter at the time and on the date specified, such person shall be liable for the real cost incurred by the water board and the city for such service call. In case payment is not so made, the water shall be shut off and not turned on until all charges are paid. The charge referred to herein shall be made for each time city personnel are unable to gain access to a meter after receiving a complaint and making an appointment to inspect the meter at the premises in which the meter is located.

(c) Entry to premises. The commissioner reserves the right to enter, at any reasonable time, and with reasonable notice, any premises where a water meter is installed, for the purpose of reading, testing, examining, repairing, removing, replacing or modifying such meter and its appurtenances when, in the opinion of the commissioner, such action is necessary.

(d) Meters.

(1) All premises shall be equipped with a water meter to measure all water consumption, unless the commissioner determines that the placement of a meter in a dwelling or structure is impracticable or impossible.

(2) No meter will be furnished to any consumer for any purpose except at the minimum rates per meter as provided in the board schedule of rates.

(3) If a meter fails at any time to register or inaccurately measures the quantity of water consumed, then such quantity shall be determined and the charge will be made based on the average quantity registered during such preceding period of time prior to the date of failure as the commissioner may determine.

(4) In the event it becomes impossible or impractical to obtain a current reading of any meter, for any reason, then the quantity of water consumed during such time shall be determined, and the charge will be made based on the average quantity registered during such preceding period of time prior to the date of impossibility or impracticability as the commissioner may determine.

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- (5) No deduction may be made from the invoices on account of leakage.
- (6) All defects in meters must be reported to the department for repair or correction.
- (7) All meters must at all times be accessible to the employees of the department for examination and inspection.

Statutory Authority

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§ 10085.14 Administration and enforcement

(a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in these regulations or the city code, the water board, acting by and through the commissioner, may take any or all of the following actions with respect to property owners or users receiving water service from the water board whenever he or she determines that any provision of these regulations is violated or the standards of care contravened:

- (1) terminate water service;
- (2) require correction of violations within a set timeframe;
- (3) require connection, disconnection, modification and/or construction of appropriate devices or structures;
- (4) require the payment of real costs, as determined by the commissioner based on reasonable assessment of the real costs incurred resulting from the violation or damage;
- (5) correct the violation with city personnel and charge the property owner or user for the real cost of such correction; or
- (6) delegate and/or assign duties prescribed herein of the commissioner to other employees of the department or the city.

(b) Except in the event of an emergency, reasonable advance notice of the action to be taken will be given by the commissioner. Once notice is given, and if the property owner or user contests the action imposed, the property owner or user will have 10 business days to respond in writing to the notice of violation.

(c) If a response contesting the action is entered, then the property owner or user may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be afforded the opportunity to meet with the commissioner to resolve the matter by mutual consent. If settlement cannot be reached, then, upon written request of the property owner or user, the commissioner shall refer the matter to the water board for a determination with respect to any remedy the water board decides to pursue. Following such decision of the water board, the water board may commence an action, in any court having jurisdiction thereof, seeking appropriate legal and/or equitable relief, including injunctions against the violative activity, from property owners or users violating any of the provisions of this Part.

(d) The commissioner may establish administrative procedures, technical specifications, or guidances to implement any and all sections of this Part.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

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§ 10085.15 Penalties and damages

(a) Any person found to be violating any provision of this regulation shall be served by the commissioner with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

(b) Violation of these regulations shall subject the offending party to a civil penalty in an action brought by the water board, not exceeding \$ 100 for each day the violation continues. The Water Board Act has conferred jurisdiction upon the city court in Buffalo, New York to hear and determine, subject to the provisions of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, any violation of such rules and regulations.

(c) Any person violating any of the provisions of this Part shall become liable to the water board for any real costs, expense, loss, or damage incurred by the water board by reason of such violation. The expense, loss or damage shall be taken to be to the extent determined by the commissioner.

Statutory Authority

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§ 10085.16 Schedule of rates, fees and charges

(a) Effective term of schedule.

The schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof sets forth the rates, fees and other charges applicable to the provision of water and related services by the Buffalo Water Board to all premises, owners, users and other persons, as of the date set forth therein, and continuing thereafter, until amended.

BUFFALO WATER BOARD

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

EFFECTIVE FOR ALL WATER AND SERVICES USED

ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND BILLED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007

The following annual rates and related fees and charges (in United States dollars) shall be charged for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified, and other services provided by the Buffalo Water Board.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All rates, fees and charges for water and services supplied which are not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, fees and charges to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

NON-METERED RATES

Regular Rates
Yearly Dwelling
Rates

1 Story	Under 25 Feet	116.72
	From 25-30 Feet	131.36
	From 31-35 Feet	160.4
	From 36-40 Feet	189.6
	From 41-45 Feet	204.04
	From 46-50 Feet	218.72
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	131.36
	From 25-30 Feet	160.4
	From 31-35 Feet	189.6
	From 36-40 Feet	204.04
	From 41-45 Feet	218.72
	From 46-50 Feet	247.76
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	160.4
	From 25-30 Feet	189.6
	From 31-35 Feet	204.04

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	From 36-40 Feet	218.72
	From 41-45 Feet	247.76
	From 46-50 Feet	276.72
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	189.6
	From 25-30 Feet	204.04
	From 31-35 Feet	218.72
	From 36-40 Feet	247.76
	From 41-45 Feet	276.72
	From 46-50 Feet	305.8
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	204.04
	From 25-30 Feet	218.72
	From 31-35 Feet	247.76
	From 36-40 Feet	276.72
	From 41-45 Feet	305.8
	From 46-50 Feet	320.4
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	218.72
	From 25-30 Feet	247.76
	From 31-35 Feet	276.72
	From 36-40 Feet	305.8
	From 41-45 Feet	320.4
	From 46-50 Feet	334.8
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	247.76
	From 25-30 Feet	276.72
	From 31-35 Feet	305.8
	From 36-40 Feet	320.4
	From 41-45 Feet	334.8
	From 46-50 Feet	364.08
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate Yearly Dwelling Rates:		
1 Story	Under 25 Feet	75.52
	From 25-30 Feet	84.16
	From 31-35 Feet	102.96
	From 36-40 Feet	121.36
	From 41-45 Feet	130.6
	From 46-50 Feet	140.08
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	84.16
	From 25-30 Feet	102.96
	From 31-35 Feet	121.36
	From 36-40 Feet	130.6
	From 41-45 Feet	140.08
	From 46-50 Feet	158.56
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	102.96

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	From 25-30 Feet	121.36
	From 31-35 Feet	130.6
	From 36-40 Feet	140.08
	From 41-45 Feet	158.56
	From 46-50 Feet	177.12
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	121.36
	From 25-30 Feet	130.6
	From 31-35 Feet	140.08
	From 36-40 Feet	158.56
	From 41-45 Feet	177.12
	From 46-50 Feet	195.8
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	130.6
	From 25-30 Feet	140.08
	From 31-35 Feet	158.56
	From 36-40 Feet	177.12
	From 41-45 Feet	195.8
	From 46-50 Feet	205.12
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	140.08
	From 25-30 Feet	158.56
	From 31-35 Feet	177.12
	From 36-40 Feet	195.8
	From 41-45 Feet	205.12
	From 46-50 Feet	214.36
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	158.56
	From 25-30 Feet	177.12
	From 31-35 Feet	195.8
	From 36-40 Feet	205.12
	From 41-45 Feet	214.36
	From 46-50 Feet	233.14
Regular Rates		
	When more than one family in house	116.72
	Bathtubs	29.44
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate		
	When more than one family in house	75.52
	Bathtubs	18.96
Shower Baths		
	Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	29.44
	Qualified Senior Citizen Rate - if not attached to bathtub	18.96
Water Closets		

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Regular Rates	
First self closing valve	58.6
Each additional self closing valve	44.72
Evasive closets	87.72
Antifreezing or hopper closet	436.4
Urinals in private dwellings	58.6
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
First self closing valve	37.68
Each additional self closing valve	28.72
Evasive closets	58.6
Antifreezing or hopper closet	279.28
Urinals in private dwellings	37.68
Lawn Sprinklers	
Regular Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	145.46
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	93.08
Swimming Pools	
Regular Rates	
Portable pools 12 ft. in diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	72.88
Pools larger than above, per season	145.46
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Portable pools 12 ft. in diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	46.54
Pools larger than above, per season	112.04
Garage and Automobiles	
Regular Rates	
Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	58.38
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	29.18
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	37.32
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	18.68
Boarders and Roomers	
Regular Rates	
In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	22.28
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	14.24
Boilers and Heating	

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Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, water system per season	29.18
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Private dwelling, water system per season	18.68
Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	29.18
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	18.68
Closets	
Regular Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	58.44
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	37.68
Offices	
Regular Rates	
With water fixtures	129
Without water fixtures	58.44
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
With water fixtures	74.72
Without water fixtures	37.68
Sprinkling Connections	
Regular Rates	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	0.44
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30 foot frontage, in block, per lineal foot	1.72
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	2.42
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	43.68
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	60.5
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	0.32
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30 foot frontage, in block, per lineal foot	1.14
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	1.64
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	28.06
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	39.3
Fire Sprinkler Connections	
Regular Rates	
Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	349.16
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	

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Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum

223.56

METER RATES**Regular Rates**

Monthly	Quarterly	Per 1,000 Cubic Feet
First 0 - 3,999 Cu. Ft.	First 9,999 Cu. Ft.	\$18.99
4 Thousand - 13,000 Cu. Ft.	10,000 - 36,000 Cu. Ft.	\$17.77
Over 13,000 Cu. Ft.	Over 36,000 Cu. Ft.	\$13.57

Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

	Monthly Capacity Charge	Quarterly Capacity Charge
5/8 Inch Meter	7.89	23.82
3/4 Inch Meter	11.88	35.73
1 Inch Meter	19.82	59.58
1 1/2 Inch Meter	39.67	119.1
2 Inch Meter	63.47	190.53
3 Inch Meter	119.03	357.24
4 Inch Meter	198.43	595.38
6 Inch Meter	396.89	1,190.79
8 Inch Meter	635.05	1,931.07
10 Inch Meter	912.92	2,738.85
12 Inch Meter	N/A	N/A
16 Inch Meter	N/A	N/A
20 Inch Meter	N/A	N/A

Qualified Senior Citizen Rate

Monthly	Quarterly	Per 1,00- Cubic Feet
First 0 - 3,999 Cu. Ft.	First 9,999 Cu. Ft.	\$ 11.44
4 Thousand - 13,000 Cu. Ft.	10,000 - 36,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 10.61
Over 13,000 Cu. Ft.	Over 36,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 3.93

Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

	Quarterly Capacity Charge plus Consumpti on
5/8 Inch Meter	14.28

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	Quarterly Capacity Charge plus Consumption
3/4 Inch Meter	21.51
1 Inch Meter	35.73
1 1/2 Inch Meter	71.55
2 Inch Meter	114.3
 Building Purposes	
 Regular Rates	
Stone used, per cord	5.23
Brick used, per 1,000	3.47
Plastering, two coats, per 1,000 sq. yds.	10.38
Plastering, three coats, per 1,000 sq. yds.	13.66
Cement sidewalk or flooring, per cubic yard	1.38
Concrete building blocks, per 1,000	24.55
Fire proofing or tiling, per 100 cubic feet	2.56
 Flushing Sewers	
6 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less	52.34
12 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less	78.41
13 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less and upwards in proportion	104.53
In addition, for use of hydrant	126.52
 Settling Trenches	
First 100 feet	52.34
Each additional 100 feet or less - two foot width	8.12
Each additional 100 feet or less - three foot width	11.98
Each additional 100 feet or less - four foot width	15.77
Each additional 100 feet or less - five foot width	20.12
Each additional 100 feet or less - six foot width	23.97
Each additional 100 feet or less of gas trench	7.06
 In addition, for use of hydrant	 126.5

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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The following miscellaneous rates, fees and charges shall be charged per annum for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All water supplied which is not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Water Rates

Additional trip by tapper because pipe is not ready	\$52.50
Renewal of turned off water supply	\$81.50
Turn off water supply for discontinuation of service	\$20.25
Renewal of turned off water supply for unauthorized water use	\$132.00
Inaccessible water meter where complaint regarding meter has been received, for each time Water Division Personnel unable to gain access	\$30.95
Shut off and turn on water for repairs, 2 trips, 1 charge	\$38.50
Hydrant permits for use of water daily rate per hydrant	\$126.50
Weekly rate per hydrant	\$294.00
Monthly rate per hydrant	\$843.00
Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$3,378.00
Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$126.50
Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$126.50
Failure to have hydrant permit or to comply with permit conditions	\$1,267.00

NEW TURN OFF AND ON FEES

All billings for turn offs and ons will be billed as follows:

1. If the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time specified, the new fee for this additional charge is \$ 52.50. This shall be billed directly to the plumber.
2. Turn offs for non-payment of meter and flat rate accounts - the renewal of turned off water supply for non-payment charge is \$ 81.50.
3. The fee for discontinuance of the water supply per the owner's request which is given in writing or on the register provided is \$ 20.25.
4. The fee for an owner who has requested this discontinuance of the water service then requests the water to be turned back on at a later date is also \$ 20.25.

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5. Where water has been turned off for non-payment of a water bill and found on and turned off again, the charge for unauthorized water use is \$ 132.00.
6. When an owner or tenant calls to have the water turned off for repairs and then back on within a reasonable period of time after repairs are completed, the charge for the two (2) trips is \$ 38.50 - one bill.
7. When a customer makes a complaint about a meter and requests a service call to the premises at a definite date and time and fails to keep that appointment, the Meter Shop is to bill and such user shall pay an additional \$ 30.95.

CHARGES FOR

PLUGS AND TAPS

Plugs \$ 235.00

**TAPPING
CHARGES - WITH
OR WITHOUT
METER**

Tap Sizes	Minimum Watermain Diameter	Charge
3/4 Inch	6 Inch	\$374.00
1 Inch	8 Inch	\$609.00
1 1/4 Inch	12 Inch	\$997.00
1 1/2 Inch	16 Inch	\$1,117.00
2 Inch	20 Inch	\$1,529.00

The following are the charges for the Installation of Smith Patent Connection:

4 x 4	\$861.00	8 x 8	\$1,280.00
6 x 4	\$861.00	10 x 8	\$1,280.00
8 x 4	\$861.00	12 x 8	\$1,280.00
10 x 4	\$1,280.00	16 x 8	\$1,498.00
12 x 4	\$1,280.00	20 x 8	\$1,498.00
16 x 4	\$1,498.00	24 x 8	\$1,498.00
20 x 4	\$1,498.00		
24 x 4	\$1,498.00		
6 x 6	\$861.00	10 x 10	\$1,280.00
8 x 6	\$1,280.00	12 x 10	\$1,280.00
10 x 6	\$1,280.00	16 x 10	\$1,498.00
12 x 6	\$1,280.00	16 x 12	\$1,498.00
16 x 6	\$1,498.00	16 x 16	\$1,498.00
20 x 6	\$1,498.00	20 x 10	\$1,498.00
24 x 6	\$1,498.00	20 x 12	\$1,498.00

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The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges:

Inch Meter	\$72.00
1 Inch Meter	\$135.00
1 Inch Meter	\$300.00
2 Inch Meter	\$428.00

The following are the charges for Smith Patents Installation & Removal:

SIZ E	INSTALLATION	REMOVALS
4 x 4	\$861.00	\$496.00
6 x 4	\$861.00	\$513.00
8 x 4	\$861.00	\$566.00
10 x 4	\$1,280.00	\$615.00
12 x 4	\$1,280.00	\$624.00
16 x 4	\$1,498.00	\$744.00
20 x 4	\$1,498.00	\$1,201.00
24 x 4	\$1,498.00	\$1,640.00
6 x 6	\$861.00	\$513.00
8 x 6	\$1,280.00	\$566.00
10 x 6	\$1,280.00	\$615.00
12 x 6	\$1,280.00	\$624.00

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SIZ E	INSTALLATION	REMOVALS
16 x 6	\$1,498.00	\$744.00
20 x 6	\$1,498.00	\$1,201.00
24 x 6	\$1,498.00	\$1,640.00
8 x 8	\$1,280.00	\$566.00
10 x 8	\$1,280.00	\$658.00
12 x 8	\$1,280.00	\$658.00
16 x 8	\$1,498.00	\$855.00
20 x 8	\$1,498.00	\$1,453.00
24 x 8	\$1,498.00	\$2,049.00
10 x 10	\$1,280.00	\$566.00
12 x 10	\$1,280.00	\$658.00
12 x 12	\$1,280.00	\$658.00
16 x 10	\$1,498.00	\$855.00
16 x 12	\$1,498.00	\$855.00
16 x 16	\$1,498.00	\$1,092.00
20 x 10	\$1,498.00	\$1,453.00
20 x 12	\$1,498.00	\$2,049.00

SERVICE AND PARTS**MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES**

Service Box Bolt - Long	\$7.00
Service Box Bolt - Short	\$5.35
Cover - 2 1/4"	\$4.50
Cover - 3"	\$7.00

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Cover - Small (#1)	\$7.00
Cover - Repair (21/2")	\$14.00
Cover - Repair (3")	\$17.95
9" Extension (3")	\$17.00
3" Service Box complete	\$53.95
20" Extension (3")	\$17.95
24" Extension (3")	\$30.70
28" Extension (3")	\$35.95
30" Extension (3")	\$39.60
34" Extension (3")	\$43.25
Lower Half 31" - 3" Bases	\$36.95
Lower Half 40" - 3" Bases	\$41.50
Top Half 18" (less cover & bolt)	\$25.25
Top Half 27" (less cover & bolt)	\$30.70
21/2" Service Box Complete	\$50.50
21/2" Top Half Complete	\$22.45
9" Extension (21/2")	\$10.75
Valve Boxes	
5" & 7" Base	\$90.25
5" Cover	\$16.10
5" Valve Box Upper Half 26"	\$38.00
7" Cover	\$26.95
5" Valve Box Complete - 36" - 40"	\$153.50
7" Valve Box Complete	\$252.70
7" Top Half with Cover	\$133.60
7" Lower Half 8" Extension	\$45.00
7" Lower Half 14" Extension	\$56.85
7" (18") Extension	\$81.00
7" Lower Half 26" Extension	\$86.60
7" Upper Half 26" Extension	\$101.35
7" Riser 2"	\$45.00
7" Bottom Sections	\$90.25

FIRE HYDRANTS - COMPLETE - MATHEWS

4 Ft.	\$1,061.00
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5 Ft.	\$1,220.00
6 Ft.	\$1,272.00
7 Ft.	\$1,460.05

METER LABOR REPAIR CHARGES

3 Inch Meter	\$798.00
4 Inch Meter	\$932.00
6 Inch Meter	\$1,063.00
8 Inch Meter	\$1,235.00
10 inch Meter	\$1,411.00

PLUS 40% TO METER PARTS

Turn Off Fee	\$20.25
Turn On Fee	\$20.25
Valve Turn Off Fee	\$141.90
Valve Turn On Fee	\$141.90

PUMPING OUT FIRE HYDRANTS \$126.50

FIRE HYDRANTS - COMPLETE - MUELLER

3 Ft.	\$975.00
3 1/2 Ft.	\$995.00
4 Ft.	\$1,207.00
4 1/2 Ft.	\$1,238.00
5 Ft.	\$1,284.00
5 1/2 Ft.	\$1,320.00
6 Ft.	\$1,360.00
6 1/2 Ft.	\$1,401.00
7 Ft.	\$1,425.00

FIRE HYDRANTS - WITHOUT ELBOW & PROTECTIVE CASE
- MATHEWS

4 Ft.	\$657.00
5 Ft.	\$685.00
6 Ft.	\$722.00

FIRE HYDRANT - TOP HALF COMPLETE \$748.00

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15" Mathews Extension		\$409.00
18" Mathews Extension		\$414.00
LEAD (Includes Propane)		\$ 1.24/lb.
LEAD WOOL		\$ 2.09/lb.
YOKES COMPLETE		
3/4"		\$61.00
1"		101
TILE FRAME AND COVER		
Complete		\$67.00
CORNER HORN COMPLETE WITH TWO VALVES & TWO REPAIR		
Joints		\$39.00
WATER METERS		
5/8" 3/4"		\$61.00
3/4"		\$72.00
1"		\$135.00
1 1/2"		\$300.00
1"		\$428.00
WATER METER COUPLINGS		
5/8" 1/2"		\$3.60 Pair
5/8" 3/4"		\$5.30 Pair
1"		\$7.90 Pair
1 1/2"		\$13.90 Pair
2"		\$21.00 Pair
HOURLY RATE FOR BILLING PURPOSES (LABOR)		
Caulker Supervisor		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$43,605.00	\$20.88 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$8.35

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**HOURLY RATE FOR BILLING
PURPOSES (LABOR)**

		\$29.23 per hour
Caulker		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$37,756.00	\$18.08 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$7.23
		\$25.31 per hour
Machine Operator - Water		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$37,756.00	\$18.08 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$7.23
		\$25.31 per hour
Heavy Equipment Operator - Water		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$37,516.00	\$17.96 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$7.18
		\$25.14
Truck Driver		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$37,516.00	\$17.96 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$7.18
		\$25.14 per hour
Senior Water Service Worker		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$35,448.00	\$16.97 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$6.38
		\$23.75 per hour
Water Service Worker		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$33,350.00	\$15.97 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$6.38
		\$22.35 per hour
Water Meter Mechanic Supervisor I		
Maximum Annual Salary	\$37,516.00	\$17.96 per hour
Plus fringe benefits 40%		\$7.18
		\$25.14 per hour

Charges for Use of Equipment:

SERVICE REPAIR TRUCKS - Includes two-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps

RATE PER HOUR: \$ 37.00

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COMPRESSOR TRUCKS - Includes two-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 cubic feet

RATE PER HOUR: \$ 50.00

PORTABLE COMPRESSOR - Includes pavement breaker, pumps, 3 Wheel Trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.

RATE PER HOUR: \$ 11.50

Wheel	Door	Diesel/Gas	Rate per Hour
6 Wheel	2WD	2WD	\$ 31.00
10 Wheel (With split rear end)	4WS	D	\$ 55.00

LARGE CRANE - 4 Wheel - 15 Ton Telescoping

RATE PER HOUR: \$ 140.82

DUMP TRUCKS - Includes two-way radio

Wheel	Door	Yard	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
6 Wheel	2WD	6-May	2WD	\$35.00
4 Wheel	4WD	3-Feb	G	\$27.50
6 Wheel	2WD	10-Aug	2WD	\$38.50
4 Wheel	4WD	3-Feb	G	\$27.50
4 Wheel	4WD	2-Jan	G	\$27.50
4 Wheel	4WD	2-Jan	G	\$27.50
6 Wheel	2WD	10-Aug	2WD	\$38.50
6 Wheel	2WD	6-May	G	\$27.50
10 Wheel	2WD	18-20	2WD	\$75.00

3/4 TON PICK UP TRUCKS - Includes two-way radio

RATE PER HOUR: \$ 12.50

BACK HOES - Includes two-way radio, boom extension, diesel engines and buckets

Wheel/Drive	Bucket 4 & 1	Diesel/Gas	Rate per Hour
4 Wheel 2WD	7/8 Cu. Yd.	WD	\$ 39.60
	1 Cu. Yd. Heaped		
4 Wheel 4WD	7/8 Cu. Yd.	G	\$ 49.80
	1 Cu. Yd. Heaped		

CONCRETE:

Cost to replace concrete - \$ 9.90 per square foot plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.

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WARNING BARRICADES AND LIGHTS: The following rates shall be charged for warning barricades and lights:

		Rate Each Per Day	
Regular		\$0.73	
Standard Double		\$1.39	
Double High Intensity		\$2.95	
6 Wheel	2WD	8-10 yd.	\$47.00
4 Wheel	2WD	7/8 Cu. Yd	
(Backhoe)		1 Cu. Yd. Heaped	\$39.60
4 Wheel	2WD	7/8 Cu. Yd.	
(Backhoe)		1 Cu. Yd. Heaped	\$39.30

Street Asphalt Cut

The following rate will be charged to repair a street asphalt cut:

\$ 20.00 per square foot - includes new concrete base, binder and asphalt plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.

PLUMBERS' BOND

All plumbers shall execute and deliver a bond in the total sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000.00) to indemnify and hold harmless the Buffalo Water Board from all claims, damages and losses suffered by the Buffalo Water Board in accordance with section 10085.6(c).

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

All persons who pay any rates, fees or charges by credit card shall also pay two dollars (\$ 2.00) for each charge transaction to defray the cost of such credit transaction.

BUFFALO WATER BOARD

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

EFFECTIVE FOR ALL WATER AND SERVICES USED

ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2010

The following annual rates and related fees and charges (in United States dollars) shall be charged for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified, and other services provided by the Buffalo Water Board.

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NON-METERED RATES

Regular
Rates

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Yearly
Dwelling
Rates:

1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$124.31
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$139.90
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$170.83
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$201.92
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$217.30
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$232.94
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$139.90
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$170.83
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$201.92
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$217.30
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$232.94
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$263.86
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$170.83
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$201.92
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$217.30
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$232.94
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$263.86
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$294.71
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$201.92
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$217.30
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$232.94
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$263.86
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$294.71
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$325.68
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$217.30
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$232.94
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$263.86
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$294.71
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$325.68
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$341.23

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4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$232.94
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$263.86
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$294.71
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$325.68
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$341.23
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$356.56
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$263.86
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$294.71
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$325.68
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$341.23
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$356.56
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$388.51
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate Yearly Dwelling Rates:		
1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$80.43
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$89.63
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$109.65
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$129.25
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$139.09
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$149.19
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$89.63
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$109.65
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$129.25
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$139.09
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$149.19
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$168.87
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$109.65
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$129.25
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$139.09
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$149.19

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	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$168.87	
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$188.63	
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$129.25	
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$139.09	
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$149.19	
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$168.87	
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$188.63	
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$208.53	
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$139.09	
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$149.19	
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$168.87	
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$188.63	
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$208.53	
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$218.45	
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$149.19	
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$168.87	
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$188.63	
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$208.53	
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$218.45	
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$228.29	
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$168.87	
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$188.63	
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$208.53	
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$218.45	
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$228.29	
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$248.29	
Regular Rates			
	When more than one family in house		\$124.31
	Bathtubs		\$31.35
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate			
	When more than one family in house		\$80.43
	Bathtubs		\$20.19

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Shower Baths	
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$31.35
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$20.19
Water Closets	
Regular Rates	
First self-closing valve	\$62.41
Each additional self closing valve	\$47.63
Evasive closets	\$93.42
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$464.77
Urinals in private dwellings	\$62.41
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
First self-closing valve	\$40.13
Each additional self-closing valve	\$30.59
Evasive closets	\$62.41
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$297.43
Urinals in private dwellings	\$40.13
Lawn Sprinklers	
Regular Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$154.91
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$99.13
Swimming Pools	
Regular Rates	
Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$77.62
Pools larger than above, per season	\$154.91
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$49.57
Pools larger than above, per season	\$119.32

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Garage and Automobiles

Regular Rates

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season \$62.17

Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season \$31.08

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season \$39.75

Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season \$19.89

Boarders and Roomers

Regular Rates

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer \$23.73

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer \$15.17

Boilers and Heating

Regular Rates

Private dwelling, water system per season \$31.08

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Private dwelling, water system per season \$19.89

Regular Rates

Private dwelling, steam system per season \$31.08

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Private dwelling, steam system per season \$19.89

Closets

Regular Rates

In tenements used by more than one family - per family \$62.24

Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

In tenements used by more than one family - per family \$40.13

Offices

Regular Rates

With water fixtures \$137.39

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Without water fixtures	\$62.24
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
With water fixtures	\$79.58
Without water fixtures	\$40.13
Sprinkling Connections	
Regular Rates	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.47
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.83
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$2.58
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$46.52
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$64.43
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.34
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.21
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$1.75
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$29.88
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$41.85
Fire Sprinkler Connections	
Regular Rates	
Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	\$371.86
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	\$238.09

METER RATES

Monthly Consumption Rates

Monthly Blocks	\$ / 1,000 cu.ft.
First 0 - 3,999 Cu. Ft.	\$ 20.22
4 Thousand - 13,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 18.93
Over 13,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 14.45

Monthly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

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Meter Size	Monthly
5/8 Inch	\$10.25
3/4 Inch	\$14.50
1 Inch	\$25.76
1 1/2 Inch	\$51.55
2 Inch	\$82.48
3 Inch	\$154.68
4 Inch	\$257.85
6 Inch	\$515.75
8 Inch	\$825.23
10 Inch	\$1,186.32

Quarterly Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.
First 9,999 cu. ft.	\$20.22
10,000 to 36,000 cu. ft.	\$18.93
Over 36,000 cu. ft.	\$14.45

Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly
5/8 Inch	\$30.92
3/4 Inch	\$43.60
1 Inch	\$77.33
1 1/2 Inch	\$154.59
2 Inch	\$247.31
3 Inch	\$463.70
4 Inch	\$772.80
6 Inch	\$1,545.64
8 Inch	\$2,506.52
10 Inch	\$3,555.02

Qualified Senior Citizen Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.
First 9,999 cu. ft.	\$12.18

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10,000 to 36,000 cu. ft.	\$11.30
Over 36,000 cu. ft.	\$4.19

Qualified Senior Citizen Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly
5/8 Inch	\$15.21
3/4 Inch	\$22.91
1 Inch	\$38.05
1 1/2 Inch	\$76.20
2 Inch	\$121.73

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Building Purposes

Stone used, per cord	\$5.57
Brick used, per 1,000	\$3.70
Plastering, two coats, per 1,000 sq yds.	\$11.05
Plastering, three coats, per 1,000 sq yds.	\$14.55
Cement sidewalk or flooring, per cubic yard	\$1.47
Concrete building blocks	\$26.15
Fire proofing or tiling, per 100 cubic feet	\$2.73

Flushing Sewers

6 inch sewer, ea 100 ft. or less	\$55.74
12 inch sewer, ea 100 ft. or less	\$83.51
13 inch sewer, ea 100 ft. or less and upwards in proportion	\$111.32
In addition, for use of hydrant	\$134.74

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Building Purposes

First 100 feet	\$55.74
Each additional 100 feet or less - two-foot width	\$8.65
Each additional 100 feet or less - three-foot width	\$12.76
Each additional 100 feet or less - four-foot width	\$16.80
Each additional 100 feet or less - five-foot width	\$21.43
Each additional 100 feet or less - six-foot width	\$25.53
Each additional 100 feet or less of gas trench	\$7.52

In addition, for use of hydrant \$134.72

Water Rates

Additional trip by tapper because pipe is not ready	\$55.91
Renewal of turned-off water supply	\$86.80
Turn off water supply for discontinuation of service	\$21.57
Renewal of turned-off water supply for unauthorized water use	\$140.58
Inaccessible water meter where complaint regarding meter has been received, for each time City personnel are unable to gain access	\$32.96
Shut off and turn on water for repairs, 2 trips, 1 charge	\$41.00

Hydrant permits for use of water

Daily rate per hydrant	\$134.72
Weekly rate per hydrant	\$313.11
Monthly rate per hydrant	\$897.80
Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$3,597. 57
Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$134.72
Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$134.72
Failure to have hydrant permit or to comply with permit conditions	\$1,349. 36

New Turn Off and Turn On Fees

All billings for turn offs and ons will be billed as follows:

Billed directly to the plumber. If the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time specified, the new fee for this additional charge is	\$5 5.9 1
Turn offs for non-payment of meter and flat rate accounts - the renewal of turned off water supply for non-payment charge is	\$8 6.8 0
The fee for discontinuance of the water supply per the owner's request which is given in writing or on the register provided is	\$2 1.5

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The fee for an owner who has requested this discontinuance of the water service then requests the water to be turned back on at a later date is also	\$2 1.5 7
Where water has been turned off for non-payment of a water bill and found on and turned off again, the charge for unauthorized water use is	\$1 40. 58
When an owner or tenant calls to have the water turned off for repairs and then back on within a reasonable period of time after repairs are completed, the charge for the two (2) trips is	\$4 1.0 0
When a customer makes a complaint about a meter and requests a service call to the premises at a definite date and time and fails to keep that appointment, the Meter Shop is to bill and such user shall pay an additional	\$3 2.9 6
Charges for Plugs and Taps	
Plugs	\$ 250.28

CHARGES FOR PLUGS AND TAPS**Tapping charges - With or Without Meter**

Tap Sizes	Minimum Water Main Diameter	
3/4-inch	6-inch	\$398.31
1-inch	8-inch	\$648.59
1-1/4-inch	12-inch	\$1,061.81
1-1/2-inch	16-inch	\$1,189.61
2-inch	20-inch	\$1,628.39

The following are the charges for the Installation of Smith Patent Connection:

SIZE

4 x 4	\$916.97
6 x 4	\$916.97
8 x 4	\$916.97
10 x 4	\$1,363.20
12 x 4	\$1,363.20
16 x 4	\$1,595.37
20 x 4	\$1,595.37
24 x 4	\$1,595.37
6 x 6	\$916.97
8 x 6	\$1,363.20
10 x 6	\$1,363.20
12 x 6	\$1,363.20

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SIZE

16 x 6	\$1,595.37
20 x 6	\$1,595.37
24 x 6	\$1,595.37
8 x 8	\$1,363.20
10 x 8	\$1,363.20
12 x 8	\$1,363.20
16 x 8	\$1,595.37
20 x 8	\$1,595.37
24 x 8	\$1,595.37
10 x 10	\$1,363.20
12 x 10	\$1,363.20
12 x 12	\$1,363.20
16 x 10	\$1,595.37
16 x 12	\$1,595.37
16 x 16	\$1,595.37
20 x 10	\$1,595.37
20 x 12	\$1,595.37

The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges:

3/4 inch meter	\$ 76.68
1 inch meter	\$ 143.78
1 1/2 inch meter	\$ 319.50
2 inch meter	\$ 455.82

The following are the charges for Smith Patents Installation & Removal:

	Installation	Removal
4 x 4	\$916.97	\$528.24
6 x 4	\$916.97	\$546.35
8 x 4	\$916.97	\$602.79
10 x 4	\$1,363.20	\$654.98
12 x 4	\$1,363.20	\$664.56
16 x 4	\$1,595.37	\$792.36
20 x 4	\$1,595.37	\$1,279.07
24 x 4	\$1,595.37	\$1,746.60

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	Installation	Removal
6 x 6	\$916.97	\$546.35
8 x 6	\$1,363.20	\$602.79
10 x 6	\$1,363.20	\$654.98
12 x 6	\$1,363.20	\$664.56
16 x 6	\$1,595.37	\$792.36
20 x 6	\$1,595.37	\$1,279.07
24 x 6	\$1,595.37	\$1,746.60
8 x 8	\$1,363.20	\$602.79
10 x 8	\$1,363.20	\$700.77
12 x 8	\$1,363.20	\$700.77
16 x 8	\$1,595.37	\$910.58
20 x 8	\$1,595.37	\$1,547.45
24 x 8	\$1,595.37	\$2,182.19
10 x 10	\$1,363.20	\$602.79
12 x 10	\$1,363.20	\$700.77
12 x 12	\$1,363.20	\$700.77
16 x 10	\$1,595.37	\$910.58
16 x 12	\$1,595.37	\$910.58
16 x 16	\$1,595.37	\$1,162.98
20 x 10	\$1,595.37	\$1,547.45
20 x 12	\$1,595.37	\$2,182.19

The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges.

3/4 inch meter	\$ 76.68
1 inch meter	\$ 143.78
1 1/2 inch meter	\$ 319.50
2 inch meter	\$ 455.82

Service & Parts Miscellaneous Charges

Service Box Bolt - Long	\$7.46
Service Box Bolt - Short	\$5.70
Cover - 2-inch	\$4.79

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Cover - 3-inch	\$7.46
Cover - Small (#1)	\$7.46
Cover - Repair (2 1/2-inch)	\$14.91
Cover - Repair (3-inch)	\$19.12
9-inch Extension (3-inch)	\$18.11
3-inch service box complete	\$57.46
20-inch extension (3-inch)	\$19.12
24-inch extension (3-inch)	\$32.70
28-inch extension (3-inch)	\$38.29
30-inch extension (3-inch)	\$42.17
34-inch extension (3-inch)	\$46.06
Lower half 31-inch - 3-inch bases	\$39.35
Lower half 40-inch - 3-inch bases	\$44.20
Top Half 18-inch (less cover & bolt)	\$26.89
Top Half 27-inch (less cover & bolt)	\$32.70
2 1/2-inch service box complete	\$53.78
2 1/2-inch top half complete	\$23.91
9-inch Extension (2 1/2-inch)	\$11.45
Valve Boxes	
5-inch & 7-inch base	\$96.12
5-inch cover	\$17.15
5-inch valve box upper half 26-inch	\$40.47
7-inch cover	\$28.70
5-inch valve box complete - 36-inch - 40-inch	\$163.48
7-inch valve box complete	\$269.13
7-inch top half with cover	\$142.28
7-inch lower half 8-inch extension	\$47.93
7-inch lower half 14-inch extension	\$60.55
7-inch (18-inch) extension	\$86.27
7-inch lower half 26-inch extension	\$92.23
7-inch upper half 26-inch extension	\$107.94
7-inch riser 2-inch	\$47.93
7-inch bottom sections	\$96.12
Fire Hydrants - Complete - Mathews	
4-foot	\$1,129.97

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5-foot	\$1,299.30
6-foot	\$1,354.68
7-foot	\$1,554.95
Meter Labor Repair Charges	
3-inch meter	\$849.87
4-inch meter	\$992.58
6-inch meter	\$1,132.10
8-inch meter	\$1,315.28
10-inch meter	\$1,502.72
Plus 40% to Meter Parts	
Turn off fee	\$21.57
Turn on fee	\$21.57
Valve turn off fee	\$151.12
Valve turn on fee	\$151.12
Pumping out fire hydrants	\$134.72
Fire Hydrants - Complete - Mueller	
3-foot	\$1,038.38
3-1/2-foot	\$1,059.68
4-foot	\$1,285.46
4-1/2-foot	\$1,318.47
5-foot	\$1,367.46
5 1/2-foot	\$1,405.80
6-foot	\$1,448.40
6-1/2-foot	\$1,492.07
7-foot	\$1,517.63
Fire Hydrants - Without Elbow & Protective Case - Mathews	
4-foot	\$699.71
5-foot	\$729.53
6-foot	\$768.93
Fire Hydrant - Top Half Complete	\$796.62
15-inch Mathews extension	\$435.59

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18-inch Mathews extension	\$440.91
LEAD (includes propane) \$/lb.	\$1.32
LEAD WOOL \$/lb.	\$2.23
Yokes Complete	
3/4-inch	\$64.97
1-inch	\$107.57
Tile Frame and Cover	
Complete	\$71.36
Corner Horn Complete with Two Valves and Two Repair	
Joints	\$41.54
Water Meters	
5/8-inch 3/4-inch	\$64.97
3/4-inch	\$76.68
1-inch	\$143.78
1-1/2-inch	\$319.50
2-inch	\$455.82
Water Meter Couplings	
5/8-inch 1/2-inch per pair	\$3.83
5/8-inch 3/4-inch per pair	\$5.64
1-inch per pair	\$8.41
1-1/2-inch per pair	\$14.80
2-inch per pair	\$22.37

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Labor)

The real cost of any City employee that the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform labor at any property or for any person serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the then current hourly rate of such employee plus forty percent (40%) of such hourly rate to cover for fringe benefits of such employee. Such employee job titles include, but are not limited to, Caulker Supervisor, Caulker, Machine Operator-Water, Heavy Equipment Operator-Water, Truck Driver, Senior Water Service Worker, Water Service Worker and Water Meter Mechanic Supervisor I.

Charges for Use of Equipment:

Item	Description	Rate Per Hour
Service repair trucks	Includes 2-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps	\$39.41

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Item	Description	Rate Per Hour
Compressor trucks	Includes 2-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 cubic feet	\$53.25
Portable compressor	Includes pavement breaker, pumps 3-wheel trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.	\$12.25
6-wheel	2 WD diesel	\$33.02
10-wheel	(with split rear end) 4WS diesel	\$58.58
Large crane	4-wheel, 15-ton telescoping	\$149.97
3/4-ton pickup trucks	Includes 2-way radio	\$13.31

DUMP TRUCKS - Includes 2-way Radio:

Wheel	Door	Yard	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
6-wheel	2WD	6-May	2WD	\$37.28
4-wheel	4WD	3-Feb	G	\$29.29
6-wheel	2WD	10-Aug	2WD	\$41.00
4-wheel	4WD	3-Feb	G	\$29.29
4-wheel	4WD	2-Jan	G	\$29.29
4-wheel	4WD	2-Jan	G	\$29.29
6-wheel	2WD	10-Aug	2WD	\$41.00
6-wheel	2WD	6-May	G	\$29.29
10-wheel	2WD	18 - 20	2WD	\$79.88

BACKHOES: Includes 2-way radio, boom extension, diesel engines and buckets

Wheel/Drive	Bucket 4 & 1	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
4-wheel 2WD	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Diesel	\$ 42.17
4-wheel	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Gas	\$ 53.04
			\$/Sq.Ft.
Concrete Replacement:	Plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.		\$ 10.54

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Warning Barricades and Lights:		Rate per Day	
Regular			\$ 0.78
Standard Double			\$ 1.48
Double High Intensity			\$ 3.14
Wheel	Door	Bucket 4 & 1	Rate Per Hour
6-wheel	2W D	8 - 10 yd.	\$50.06
4-wheel (Backhoe)	2W D	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	\$42.17
4-wheel (Backhoe)	2W D	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	\$41.85
			\$/per Sq.Ft.
Street Asphalt Cut	Includes new concrete base, binder, and asphalt, plus cost of gravel to fill excavation		\$21.30
Plumbers' Bond	All plumbers shall execute and deliver a bond in the total sum of \$2,000 to indemnify and hold harmless the Buffalo Water Board from all claims, damages and losses suffered by the Buffalo Water Board in accordance with 21 NYCRR section 10085.6(c).		
Convenience Payment Fee	All persons who pay any rates, fees and charges by credit card or debit card through the City of Buffalo website will be charged a two percent (2%) fee (with a minimum of \$2.00) for each transaction, and all persons who pay any rates, fees and charges on the City of Buffalo website by check/ACH from their bank accounts will be charged \$2.00 for each such transaction. These fees will be added automatically to each transaction to defray the cost of such transaction.		

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD
SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
EFFECTIVE FOR ALL WATER AND SERVICES USED
ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011**

The following annual rates and related fees and charges (in United States Dollars) shall be charged for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified, and other services provided by the Buffalo Water Board.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

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All rates, fees and charges for water and services supplied which are not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, fees and charges to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

NON-METERED RATES

Regular Rates
Yearly Dwelling
Rates:

1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$132.39
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$148.99
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$181.93
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$215.05
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$231.43
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$248.08
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$148.99
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$181.93
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$215.05
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$231.43
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$248.08
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$281.02
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$181.93
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$215.05
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$231.43
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$248.08
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$281.02
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$313.86
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$215.05
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$231.43
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$248.08
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$281.02
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$313.86
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$346.85
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$231.43
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$248.08
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$281.02

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	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$313.86
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$346.85
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$363.41
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$248.08
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$281.02
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$313.86
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$346.85
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$363.41
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$379.74
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$281.02
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$313.86
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$346.85
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$363.41
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$379.74
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$413.77
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate Yearly Dwelling Rates:		
1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$85.66
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$95.46
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$116.78
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$137.65
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$148.13
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$158.88
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$95.46
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$116.78
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$137.65
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$148.13
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$158.88
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$179.84
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$116.78
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$137.65

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	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$148.13
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$158.88
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$179.84
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$200.89
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$137.65
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$148.13
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$158.88
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$179.84
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$200.89
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$222.08
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$148.13
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$158.88
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$179.84
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$200.89
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$222.08
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$232.65
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$158.88
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$179.84
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$200.89
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$222.08
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$232.65
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$243.13
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$179.84
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$200.89
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$222.08
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$232.65
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$243.13
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$264.43
Regular Rates		
	When more than one family in house	\$132.39
	Bathtubs	\$33.39
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate		
	When more than one family in house	\$85.66

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Bathtubs	\$21.50
Shower Baths	
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$33.39
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$21.50
Water Closets	
Regular Rates	
First self-closing valve	\$66.47
Each additional self-closing valve	\$50.72
Evasive closets	\$99.49
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$494.98
Urinals in private dwellings	\$66.47
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
First self-closing valve	\$42.74
Each additional self-closing valve	\$32.57
Evasive closets	\$66.47
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$316.77
Urinals in private dwellings	\$42.74
Lawn Sprinklers	
Regular Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$164.98
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$105.57
Swimming Pools	
Regular Rates	
Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$82.66
Pools larger than above, per season	\$164.98
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$52.79

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Pools larger than above, per season	\$127.08
Garage and Automobiles	
Regular Rates	
Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$66.22
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$33.10
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$42.33
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$21.19
Boarders and Roomers	
Regular Rates	
In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$25.27
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$16.15
Boilers and Heating	
Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, water system per season	\$33.10
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Private dwelling, water system per season	\$21.19
Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$33.10
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$21.19
Closets	
Regular Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$66.28
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$42.74
Offices	

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Regular Rates	
With water fixtures	\$146.32
Without water fixtures	\$66.28
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
With water fixtures	\$84.75
Without water fixtures	\$42.74
Sprinkling Connections Regular Rates	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.50
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.95
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$2.74
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$49.54
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$68.62
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.36
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.29
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$1.86
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$31.83
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$44.58
Fire Sprinkler Connections	
Regular Rates	
Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	\$396.03
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	\$253.57

METER RATES

Monthly Blocks	\$/1,000 cu.ft.
First 0 - 3,999 Cu. Ft.	\$21.54
4 Thousand - 13,000 Cu. Ft.	\$20.16
Over 13,000 Cu. Ft.	\$15.39

Monthly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

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Meter Size	Monthly
5/8 Inch	\$10.92
3/4 Inch	\$15.44
1 Inch	\$27.43
1 1/2 Inch	\$54.90
2 Inch	\$87.84
3 Inch	\$164.73
4 Inch	\$274.62
6 Inch	\$549.27
8 Inch	\$878.87
10 Inch	\$1,263.43

Quarterly Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/1,000 cu.ft.
First 9,999 cu. ft.	\$21.54
10,000 to 36,000 cu. ft.	\$20.16
Over 36,000 cu. ft.	\$15.39

Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly
5/8 Inch	\$ 32.93
3/4 Inch	\$ 46.44
1 Inch	\$ 82.36
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 164.64
2 Inch	\$ 263.38
3 Inch	\$ 493.84
4 Inch	\$ 823.03
6 Inch	\$ 1,646.11
8 Inch	\$ 2,669.45
10 Inch	\$ 3,786.10

Qualified Senior Citizen Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/1,000 cu.ft.
First 9,999 cu. ft.	\$ 12.98
10,000 to 36,000 cu. ft.	\$ 12.03
Over 36,000 cu. ft.	\$ 4.46

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Qualified Senior Citizen Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly
5/8 Inch	\$ 16.20
3/4 Inch	\$ 24.40
1 Inch	\$ 40.53
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 81.15
2 Inch	\$ 129.64

MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The following miscellaneous rates, fees and charges shall be charged per annum for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All water supplied which is not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Building Purposes	
Stone used, per cord	\$5.93
Brick used, per 1,000	\$3.94
Plastering, two coats, per 1,000 sq. yds.	\$11.77
Plastering, three coats, per 1,000 sq. yds.	\$15.49
Cement sidewalk or flooring, per cubic yard	\$1.57
Concrete building blocks	\$27.85
Fire proofing or tiling, per 100 cubic feet	\$2.90
Flushing Sewers	
6 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less	\$59.37
12 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less	\$88.93
13 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less and upwards in proportion	\$118.56
In addition, for use of hydrant	\$143.50
Settling Trenches	
First 100 feet	\$59.37
Each additional 100 feet or less - two-foot width	\$9.21
Each additional 100 feet or less - three-foot width	\$13.59
Each additional 100 feet or less - four-foot width	\$17.89
Each additional 100 feet or less - five-foot width	\$22.82

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Each additional 100 feet or less - six-foot width	\$27.19
Each additional 100 feet or less of gas trench	\$8.01
In addition, for use of hydrant	\$143.48
Water Rates	
Additional trip by tapper because pipe is not ready	\$59.55
Renewal of turned-off water supply	\$92.44
Turn off water supply for discontinuation of service	\$22.97
Renewal of turned-off water supply for unauthorized water use	\$149.72
Inaccessible water meter where complaint regarding meter has been received, for each time City personnel are unable to gain access	\$35.10
Shut off and turn on water for repairs, 2 trips, 1 charge	\$43.67
Hydrant permits for use of water	
Daily rate per hydrant	\$143.48
Weekly rate per hydrant	\$333.46
Monthly rate per hydrant	\$956.15
Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$3,831.41
Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$143.48
Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$143.48
Failure to have hydrant permit or to comply with permit conditions	\$1,437.06
New Turn Off and Turn On Fees	
All billings for turn offs and ons will be billed as follows:	
Billed directly to the plumber. If the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time specified, the new fee for this additional charge is	\$5 9.5 5
Turn offs for non-payment of meter and flat rate accounts - the renewal of turned off water supply for non-payment charge is	\$9 2.4 4
The fee for discontinuance of the water supply per the owner's request which is given in writing or on the register provided is	\$2 2.9 7
The fee for an owner who has requested this discontinuance of the water service then requests the water to be turned back on at a later date is also	\$2 2.9 7
Where water has been turned off for non-payment of a water bill and found on and turned off again, the charge for unauthorized water use is	\$1 49. 72
When an owner or tenant calls to have the water turned off for repairs and then back on within a reasonable period of time after repairs are completed, the charge for the two (2) trips is	\$4 3.6 7

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When a customer makes a complaint about a meter and requests a service call to the premises at a definite date and time and fails to keep that appointment, the Meter Shop is to bill and such user shall pay an additional	\$3 5.1 0
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Charges for Plugs and Taps

Plugs \$ 266.54

Tapping Charges - With or Without Meter

Tap Sizes	Minimum Water Main Diameter	
3/4-inch	6-inch	\$424.20
1-inch	8-inch	\$690.74
1-1/4-inch	12-inch	\$1,130.82
1-1/2-inch	16-inch	\$1,266.93
2-inch	20-inch	\$1,734.23

The following are the charges for the Installation of Smith Patent Connection:

SIZE	
4 x 4	\$976.57
6 x 4	\$976.57
8 x 4	\$976.57
10 x 4	\$1,451.81
12 x 4	\$1,451.81
16 x 4	\$1,699.07
20 x 4	\$1,699.07
24 x 4	\$1,699.07
6 x 6	\$976.57
8 x 6	\$1,451.81
10 x 6	\$1,451.81
12 x 6	\$1,451.81
16 x 6	\$1,699.07
20 x 6	\$1,699.07
24 x 6	\$1,699.07
8 x 8	\$1,451.81
10 x 8	\$1,451.81
12 x 8	\$1,451.81
16 x 8	\$1,699.07
20 x 8	\$1,699.07

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SIZE

24 x 8	\$1,699.07
10 x 10	\$1,451.81
12 x 10	\$1,451.81
12 x 12	\$1,451.81
16 x 10	\$1,699.07
16 x 12	\$1,699.07
16 x 16	\$1,699.07
20 x 10	\$1,699.07
20 x 12	\$1,699.07

The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges:

3/4-inch	\$ 81.66
1-inch	\$ 153.12
1-1/2-inch	\$ 340.27
2-inch	\$ 485.45

The following are the charges for Smith Patents Installation & Removal:

Size	Installation	Removal
4 x 4	\$976.57	\$562.58
6 x 4	\$976.57	\$581.86
8 x 4	\$976.57	\$641.97
10 x 4	\$1,451.81	\$697.55
12 x 4	\$1,451.81	\$707.76
16 x 4	\$1,699.07	\$843.86
20 x 4	\$1,699.07	\$1,362.20
24 x 4	\$1,699.07	\$1,860.13
6 x 6	\$976.57	\$581.86
8 x 6	\$1,451.81	\$641.97
10 x 6	\$1,451.81	\$697.55
12 x 6	\$1,451.81	\$707.76
16 x 6	\$1,699.07	\$843.86
20 x 6	\$1,699.07	\$1,362.20

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Size	Installation	Removal
24 x 6	\$1,699.07	\$1,860.13
8 x 8	\$1,451.81	\$641.97
10 x 8	\$1,451.81	\$746.32
12 x 8	\$1,451.81	\$746.32
16 x 8	\$1,699.07	\$969.76
20 x 8	\$1,699.07	\$1,648.03
24 x 8	\$1,699.07	\$2,324.03
10 x 10	\$1,451.81	\$641.97
12 x 10	\$1,451.81	\$746.32
12 x 12	\$1,451.81	\$746.32
16 x 10	\$1,699.07	\$969.76
16 x 12	\$1,699.07	\$969.76
16 x 16	\$1,699.07	\$1,238.57
20 x 10	\$1,699.07	\$1,648.03
20 x 12	\$1,699.07	\$2,324.03

The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges:

3/4-inch	\$ 81.66
1-inch	\$ 153.12
1-1/2-inch	\$ 340.27
2-inch	\$ 485.45

Service & Parts Miscellaneous Charges

Service box bolt - long	\$7.94
Service box bolt - short	\$6.07
Cover - 2-inch	\$5.10
Cover - 3-inch	\$7.94
Cover - Small (#1)	\$7.94
Cover - Repair (2 1/2-inch)	\$15.88
Cover - Repair (3-inch)	\$20.36
9-inch Extension (3-inch)	\$19.28
3-inch service box complete	\$61.19
20-inch extension (3-inch)	\$20.36

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24-inch extension (3-inch)	\$34.82
28-inch extension (3-inch)	\$40.78
30-inch extension (3-inch)	\$44.92
34-inch extension (3-inch)	\$49.06
Lower half 31-inch - 3-inch bases	\$41.91
Lower half 40-inch - 3-inch bases	\$47.07
Top half 18-inch (less cover & bolt)	\$28.64
Top half 27-inch (less cover & bolt)	\$34.82
21/2-inch service box complete	\$57.28
21/2-inch top half complete	\$25.46
9-inch extension (21/2-inch)	\$12.19
Valve Boxes	
5-inch & 7-inch base	\$102.36
5-inch cover	\$18.26
5-inch valve box upper half 26-inch	\$43.10
7-inch cover	\$30.57
5-inch valve box complete - 36-inch - 40-inch	\$174.10
7-inch valve box complete	\$286.62
7-inch top half with cover	\$151.53
7-inch lower half 8-inch extension	\$51.04
7-inch lower half 14-inch extension	\$64.48
7-inch (18-inch) extension	\$91.87
7-inch lower half 26-inch extension	\$98.22
7-inch upper half 26-inch extension	\$114.95
7-inch riser 2-inch	\$51.04
7-inch bottom sections	\$102.36
Fire Hydrants - Complete - Mathews	
4-foot	\$1,203.41
5-foot	\$1,383.75
6-foot	\$1,442.73
7-foot	\$1,656.03
Meter Labor Repair Charges	
3-inch meter	\$905.11
4-inch meter	\$1,057.10

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6-inch meter	\$1,205.68
8-inch meter	\$1,400.77
10-inch meter	\$1,600.39
Plus 40% to Meter Parts	
Turn off fee	\$22.97
Turn on fee	\$22.97
Valve turn off fee	\$160.95
Valve turn on fee	\$160.95
Pumping out fire hydrants	\$143.48
Fire Hydrants - Complete - Mueller	
3-foot	\$1,105.87
3-1/2-foot	\$1,128.55
4-foot	\$1,369.01
4-1/2-foot	\$1,404.17
5-foot	\$1,456.34
5 1/2-foot	\$1,497.18
6-foot	\$1,542.55
6-1/2-foot	\$1,589.05
7-foot	\$1,616.27
4-foot	\$745.19
5-foot	\$776.94
6-foot	\$818.91
Fire Hydrant - Top Half Complete	\$848.40
15-inch Mathews extension	\$463.90
18-inch Mathews extension	\$469.57
LEAD (includes propane) \$/lb.	\$1.41
LEAD WOOL \$/lb.	\$2.37
Yokes Complete	
3/4-inch	\$69.19
1-inch	\$114.56
Tile Frame and Cover	

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Complete	\$75.99
Corner Horn Complete with Two Valves and Two Repair Joints	\$44.23
Water Meters	
5/8-inch 3/4-inch	\$69.19
3/4-inch	\$81.66
1-inch	\$153.12
1-1/2-inch	\$340.27
2-inch	\$485.45
Water Meter Couplings	
5/8-inch 1/2-inch per pair	\$4.08
5/8-inch 3/4-inch per pair	\$6.01
1-inch per pair	\$8.96
1-1/2-inch per pair	\$15.77
2-inch per pair	\$23.82

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Labor)

The real cost of any city employee that the commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform labor at any property or for any person serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the then current hourly rate of such employee plus forty percent (40%) of such hourly rate to cover for fringe benefits of such employee. Such employee job titles include, but are not limited to, Caulker Supervisor, Caulker, Machine Operator-Water, Heavy Equipment Operator-Water, Truck Driver, Senior Water Service Worker, Water Service Worker and Water Meter Mechanic Supervisor I.

Charges for Use of Equipment:

Item	Description	Rate Per Hour
Service repair trucks	Includes 2-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps	\$41.97
Compressor trucks	Includes 2-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 cubic feet	\$56.71
Portable compressor	Includes pavement breaker, pumps 3-wheel trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.	\$13.04
6-wheel	2 WD diesel	\$35.16
10-wheel	(with split rear end) 4WS diesel	\$62.38
Large crane	4-wheel, 15-ton telescoping	\$159.72

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Item	Description	Rate Per Hour
3/4-ton pickup trucks	Includes 2-way radio	\$14.18

DUMP TRUCKS - INCLUDES 2-WAY RADIO:

Wheel	Door	Yard	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
6-wheel	2WD	6-May	2WD	\$39.70
4-wheel	4WD	3-Feb	G	\$31.19
6-wheel	2WD	10-Aug	2WD	\$43.67
4-wheel	4WD	3-Feb	G	\$31.19
4-wheel	4WD	2-Jan	G	\$31.19
4-wheel	4WD	2-Jan	G	\$31.19
6-wheel	2WD	10-Aug	2WD	\$43.67
6-wheel	2WD	6-May	G	\$31.19
10-wheel	2WD	18 - 20	2WD	\$85.07

BACKHOES: Includes 2-way radio, boom extension, diesel engines and buckets

Wheel/Drive	Bucket 4 & 1	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
4-wheel 2WD	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Diesel	\$ 44.92
4-wheel	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Gas	\$ 56.48

\$/sq. ft.

Concrete Replacement:	Plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.	\$11.23
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Warning Barricades and Lights:	Rate per Day
Regular	\$ 0.83
Standard Double	\$ 1.58
Double High Intensity	\$ 3.35

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Wheel	Door	Bucket 4 & 1	Hourly Rate
6-wheel	2W D	8 - 10 yd.	\$53.31
4-wheel (Backhoe)	2W D	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	\$44.92
4-wheel (Backhoe)	2W D	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	\$44.58
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Street Asphalt Cut	Includes new concrete base, binder, and asphalt, plus cost of gravel to fill excavation		\$2 2.6 8
Plumbers' Bond	All plumbers shall execute and deliver a bond in the total sum of \$2,000 to indemnify and hold harmless the Buffalo Water Board from all claims, damages and losses suffered by the Buffalo Water Board in accordance with 21 NYCRR section 10085.6(c).		
Convenience Payment Fee	All persons who pay any rates, fees and charges by credit card or debit card through the City of Buffalo website will be charged a two percent (2%) fee (with a minimum of \$2.00) for each transaction, and all persons who pay any rates, fees and charges on the City of Buffalo website by check/ACH from their bank accounts will be charged \$2.00 for each such transaction. These fees will be added automatically to each transaction to defray the cost of such transaction.		

BUFFALO WATER BOARD

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

EFFECTIVE FOR ALL WATER AND SERVICES USED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2012

The following annual rates and related fees and charges (in United States Dollars) shall be charged for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified, and other services provided by the Buffalo Water Board.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All rates, fees and charges for water and services supplied which are not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, fees and charges to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

NON-METERED RATES

Regular
Rates
Yearly
Dwelling

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Rates:

1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$140.33
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$157.93
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$192.85
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$227.95
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$245.31
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$262.96
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$157.93
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$192.85
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$227.95
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$245.31
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$262.96
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$297.88
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$192.85
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$227.95
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$245.31
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$262.96
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$297.88
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$332.69
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$227.95
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$245.31
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$262.96
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$297.88
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$332.69
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$367.66
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$245.31
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$262.96
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$297.88
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$332.69
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$367.66
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$385.21
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$262.96

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	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$297.88
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$332.69
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$367.66
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$385.21
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$402.52
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$297.88
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$332.69
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$367.66
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$385.21
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$402.52
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$438.59
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate Yearly Dwelling Rates:		
1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$90.80
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$101.18
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$123.79
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$145.91
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$157.02
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$168.42
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$101.18
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$123.79
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$145.91
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$157.02
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$168.42
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$190.63
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$123.79
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$145.91
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$157.02
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$168.42
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$190.63
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$212.95

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2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$145.91
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$157.02
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$168.42
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$190.63
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$212.95
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$235.41
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$157.02
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$168.42
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$190.63
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$212.95
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$235.41
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$246.61
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$168.42
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$190.63
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$212.95
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$235.41
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$246.61
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$257.72
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$190.63
	From 25 - 30 Feet	\$212.95
	From 31 - 35 Feet	\$235.41
	From 36 - 40 Feet	\$246.61
	From 41 - 45 Feet	\$257.72
	From 46 - 50 Feet	\$280.30
Regular Rates		
When more than 1 family in house		\$140.33
Bathtubs		\$35.40
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate		
When more than 1 family in house		\$90.80
Bathtubs		\$22.80
Shower Baths		
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub		\$35.40

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Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$22.80
Water Closets	
Regular Rates	
First self-closing valve	\$70.45
Each additional self-closing valve	\$53.77
Evasive closets	\$105.46
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$524.67
Urinals in private dwellings	\$70.45
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
First self-closing valve	\$45.30
Each additional self-closing valve	\$34.53
Evasive closets	\$70.45
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$335.77
Urinals in private dwellings	\$45.30
Lawn Sprinklers	
Regular Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$174.88
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$111.91
Swimming Pools	
Regular Rates	
Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$87.62
Pools larger than above, per season	\$174.88
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$55.95
Pools larger than above, per season	\$134.70
Garage and Automobiles	
Regular Rates	
Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$70.19
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$35.08

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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$44.87
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$22.46
Boarders and Roomers	
Regular Rates	
In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$26.79
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$17.12
Boilers and Heating	
Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, water system per season	\$35.08
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Private dwelling, water system per season	\$22.46
Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$35.08
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$22.46
Closets	
Regular Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$70.26
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$45.30
Offices	
Regular Rates	
With water fixtures	\$155.09
Without water fixtures	\$70.26
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
With water fixtures	\$89.83

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Without water fixtures	\$45.30
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Sprinkling Connections Regular Rates

For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.53
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$2.07
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$2.91
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$52.52
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$72.74
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.38
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.37
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$1.97
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$33.74
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For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$47.25
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Fire Sprinkler Connections

Regular Rates

Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	\$419.79
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per annum	\$268.78
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METER RATES

Monthly Consumption Rates

Monthly Blocks	\$/1,000 cu.ft.
First 0 - 3,999 Cu. Ft.	\$22.83
4 Thousand - 13,000 Cu. Ft.	\$21.36
Over 13,000 Cu. Ft.	\$16.31

Monthly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly
5/8 Inch	\$11.57
3/4 Inch	\$16.37
1 Inch	\$29.08
1 1/2 Inch	\$58.19

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Meter Size	Monthly
2 Inch	\$93.11
3 Inch	\$174.61
4 Inch	\$291.09
6 Inch	\$582.23
8 Inch	\$931.60
10 Inch	\$1,339.23

Quarterly Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/1,000 cu.ft.
First 9,999 cu. ft.	\$22.83
10,000 to 36,000 cu. ft	\$21.36
Over 36,000 cu. ft.	\$16.31

Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly
5/8 Inch	\$ 34.90
3/4 Inch	\$ 49.22
1 Inch	\$ 87.30
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 174.52
2 Inch	\$ 279.19
3 Inch	\$ 523.47
4 Inch	\$ 872.42
6 Inch	\$ 1,744.88
8 Inch	\$ 2,829.61
10 Inch	\$ 4,013.26

Qualified Senior Citizen Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/1,000 cu.ft.
First 9,999 cu. ft.	\$ 13.75
10,000 to 36,000 cu. ft	\$ 12.76
Over 36,000 cu. ft.	\$ 4.72

Qualified Senior Citizen Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each meter has a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	
5/8 Inch	\$ 17.17
3/4 Inch	\$ 25.86

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Meter Size

1 Inch	\$ 42.96
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 86.022
2 Inch	\$ 137.42

MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The following miscellaneous rates, fees and charges shall be charged per annum for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All water supplied which is not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Building Purposes

Stone used, per cord	\$6.29
Brick used, per 1,000	\$4.17
Plastering, two coats, per 1,000 sq. yds.	\$12.48
Plastering, three coats, per 1,000 sq. yds.	\$16.42
Cement sidewalk or flooring, per cubic yard	\$1.66
Concrete building blocks	\$29.52
Fire proofing or tiling, per 100 cubic feet	\$3.08
Flushing Sewers	
6 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less	\$62.93
12 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less	\$94.27
13 inch sewer, ea. 100 ft. or less and upwards in proportion	\$125.67
In addition, for use of hydrant	\$152.11
Settling Trenches	
First 100 feet	\$62.93
Each additional 100 feet or less - two-foot width	\$9.76
Each additional 100 feet or less - three-foot width	\$14.40
Each additional 100 feet or less - four-foot width	\$18.96
Each additional 100 feet or less - five-foot width	\$24.19
Each additional 100 feet or less - six-foot width	\$28.82
Each additional 100 feet or less of gas trench	\$8.49

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Building Purposes

In addition, for use of hydrant	\$152.09
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Water Rates

Additional trip by tapper because pipe is not ready	\$63.12
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Renewal of turned-off water supply	\$97.99
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Turn off water supply for discontinuation of service	\$24.35
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Renewal of turned-off water supply for unauthorized water use	\$158.70
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Inaccessible water meter where complaint regarding meter has been received, for each time City personnel are unable to gain access	\$37.21
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Shut off and turn on water for repairs, 2 trips, 1 charge	\$46.29
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Hydrant permits for use of water

Daily rate per hydrant	\$152.09
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Weekly rate per hydrant	\$353.47
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Monthly rate per hydrant	\$1,013.52
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Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$4,061.30
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Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$152.09
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Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$152.09
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Failure to have hydrant permit or to comply with permit conditions	\$1,523.29
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New Turn Off and Turn On Fees

All billings for turn offs and ons will be billed as follows:

Billed directly to the plumber. If the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time specified, the new fee for this additional charge is	\$
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Turn offs for non-payment of meter and flat rate accounts - the renewal of turned off water supply for non-payment charge is	\$
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The fee for discontinuance of the water supply per the owner's request which is given in writing or on the register provided is	\$
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The fee for an owner who has requested this discontinuance of the water service then requests the water to be turned back on at a later date is also	\$
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Where water has been turned off for non-payment of a water bill and found on and turned off again, the charge for unauthorized water use is	\$
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When an owner or tenant calls to have the water turned off for repairs and then back on within a reasonable period of time after repairs are completed, the charge for the two (2) trips is	\$
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When a customer makes a complaint about a meter and requests a service call to the premises at a definite date and time and fails to keep that appointment, the Meter Shop is to bill and such user shall pay an additional	\$
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Charges for Plugs and Taps

Charges for Plugs and Taps

Plugs \$ 282.54

Tapping charges - With or Without Meter

Tap Sizes	Minimum Water Main Diameter	
3/4-inch	6-inch	\$449.65
1-inch	8-inch	\$732.19
1-1/4-inch	12-inch	\$1,198.67
1-1/2-inch	16-inch	\$1,342.95
2-inch	20-inch	\$1,838.28

The following are the charges for the Installation of Smith Patent Connection:

SIZE	
4 x 4	\$1,035.16
6 x 4	\$1,035.16
8 x 4	\$1,035.16
10 x 4	\$1,538.92
12 x 4	\$1,538.92
16 x 4	\$1,801.01
20 x 4	\$1,801.01
24 x 4	\$1,801.01
6 x 6	\$1,035.16

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SIZE

8 x 6	\$1,538.92
10 x 6	\$1,538.92
12 x 6	\$1,538.92
16 x 6	\$1,801.01
20 x 6	\$1,801.01
24 x 6	\$1,801.01
8 x 8	\$1,538.92
10 x 8	\$1,538.92
12 x 8	\$1,538.92
16 x 8	\$1,801.01
20 x 8	\$1,801.01
24 x 8	\$1,801.01
10 x 10	\$1,538.92
12 x 10	\$1,538.92
12 x 12	\$1,538.92
16 x 10	\$1,801.01
16 x 12	\$1,801.01
16 x 16	\$1,801.01
20 x 10	\$1,801.01
20 x 12	\$1,801.01

The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges:

3/4 inch meter	\$ 86.56
1 inch meter	\$ 162.31
1 1/2 inch meter	\$ 360.68
2 inch meter	\$ 514.58

The following are the charges for Smith Patents Installation & Removal:

Size	Installation	Removal
4 x 4	\$1,035.16	\$596.33
6 x 4	\$1,035.16	\$616.77
8 x 4	\$1,035.16	\$680.49

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Size	Installation	Removal
10 x 4	\$1,538.92	\$739.40
12 x 4	\$1,538.92	\$750.22
16 x 4	\$1,801.01	\$894.50
20 x 4	\$1,801.01	\$1,443.94
24 x 4	\$1,801.01	\$1,971.74
6 x 6	\$1,035.16	\$616.77
8 x 6	\$1,538.92	\$680.49
10 x 6	\$1,538.92	\$739.40
12 x 6	\$1,538.92	\$750.22
16 x 6	\$1,801.01	\$894.50
20 x 6	\$1,801.01	\$1,443.94
24 x 6	\$1,801.01	\$1,971.74
8 x 8	\$1,538.92	\$680.49
10 x 8	\$1,538.92	\$791.10
12 x 8	\$1,538.92	\$791.10
16 x 8	\$1,801.01	\$1,027.95
20 x 8	\$1,801.01	\$1,746.91
24 x 8	\$1,801.01	\$2,463.47
10 x 10	\$1,538.92	\$680.49
12 x 10	\$1,538.92	\$791.10
12 x 12	\$1,538.92	\$791.10
16 x 10	\$1,801.01	\$1,027.95
16 x 12	\$1,801.01	\$1,027.95
16 x 16	\$1,801.01	\$1,312.89
20 x 10	\$1,801.01	\$1,746.91
20 x 12	\$1,801.01	\$2,463.47

The above charges DO NOT include the cost of a meter. If a meter is to be furnished, the following additional charges will be added to the above charges:

\$ 86.56

1-inch meter \$ 162.31

1-1/2-inch meter \$ 360.68

2-inch meter \$ 514.58

Service & Parts Miscellaneous Charges

Service Box Bolt - Long \$ 8.42

3/4-inch meter

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Service Box Bolt - Short	\$ 6.43
Cover - 2 1/4-inch	\$ 5.41
Cover - 3-inch	\$ 8.42
Cover - Small (#1)	\$ 8.42
Cover - Repair (2 1/2-inch)	\$ 16.83
Cover - Repair (3-inch)	\$ 21.58
9-inch Extension (3-inch)	\$ 20.44
3-inch service box complete	\$ 64.86
20-inch extension (3-inch)	\$ 21.58
24-inch extension (3-inch)	\$ 36.91
28-inch extension (3-inch)	\$ 43.22
30-inch extension (3-inch)	\$ 47.61
34-inch extension (3-inch)	\$ 52.00
Lower half 31-inch - 3-inch bases	\$ 44.42
Lower half 40-inch - 3-inch bases	\$ 49.89
Top Half 18-inch (less cover & bolt)	\$ 30.36
Top Half 27-inch (less cover & bolt)	\$ 36.91
2 1/2-inch service box complete	\$ 60.72
2 1/2-inch top half complete	\$ 26.99
9-inch Extension (2 1/2-inch)	\$ 12.92
Valve Boxes	
5-inch & 7-inch base	\$ 108.51
5-inch cover	\$ 19.36
5-inch valve box upper half 26-inch	\$ 45.69
7-inch cover	\$ 32.40
5-inch valve box complete - 36-inch - 40-inch	\$ 184.55
7-inch valve box complete	\$ 303.82
7-inch top half with cover	\$ 160.62
7-inch lower half 8-inch extension	\$ 54.10
7-inch lower half 14-inch extension	\$ 68.35
7-inch	
(18-inch) extension	\$ 97.38
7-inch lower half 26-inch extension	\$ 104.12
7-inch upper half 26-inch extension	\$ 121.85
7-inch riser 2-inch	\$ 54.10
7-inch bottom sections	\$ 108.51
Fire Hydrants - Complete - Mathews	

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4-foot	\$ 1,275.62
5-foot	\$ 1,466.78
6-foot	\$ 1,529.30
7-foot	\$ 1,755.39
Meter Labor Repair Charges	
3-inch meter	\$ 959.42
4-inch meter	\$ 1,120.52
6-inch meter	\$ 1,278.02
8-inch meter	\$ 1,484.81
10-inch meter	\$ 1,696.41
Plus 40% to Meter Parts	
Turn off fee	\$ 24.35
Turn on fee	\$ 24.35
Valve turn off fee	\$ 170.60
Valve turn on fee	\$ 170.60
Pumping out fire hydrants	\$ 152.09
Fire Hydrants - Complete - Mueller	
3-foot	\$ 1,172.22
3-1/2-foot	\$ 1,196.27
4-foot	\$ 1,451.15
4-1/2-foot	\$ 1,488.42
5-foot	\$ 1,543.73
5-1/2-foot	\$ 1,587.01
6-foot	\$ 1,635.10
6-1/2-foot	\$ 1,684.39
7-foot	\$ 1,713.25
Fire Hydrants - Without Elbow & Protective Case - Mathews	
4-foot	\$ 789.90
5-foot	\$ 823.56
6-foot	\$ 868.05
Fire Hydrant - Top Half Complete	\$ 899.30
15-inch Mathews extension	\$ 491.73
18-inch Mathews extension	\$ 497.74
LEAD (includes propane) \$ /lb.	\$ 1.49
LEAD WOOL \$ /lb.	\$ 2.51
Yokes Complete	

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3/4-inch	\$ 73.34
1-inch	\$ 121.43
Tile Frame and Cover	
Complete	\$ 80.55
Corner Horn Complete with Two Valves and Two	
Repair	
Joints	\$ 46.89
Water Meters	
5/8-inch x 3/4-inch	\$ 73.34
3/4-inch	\$ 86.56
1-inch	\$ 162.31
1-1/2-inch	\$ 360.68
2-inch	\$ 514.58
Water Meter Couplings	
5/8-inch x 1/2-inch per pair	\$ 4.33
5/8-inch x 3/4-inch per pair	\$ 6.37
1-inch per pair	\$ 9.50
1-1/2-inch per pair	\$ 16.71
2-inch per pair	\$ 25.25

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Labor)

The real cost of any City employee that the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform labor at any property or for any person serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the then current hourly rate of such employee plus forty percent (40%) of such hourly rate to cover for fringe benefits of such employee. Such employee job titles include, but are not limited to, Caulker Supervisor, Caulker, Machine Operator-Water, Heavy Equipment Operator-Water, Truck Driver, Senior Water Service Worker, Water Service Worker and Water Meter Mechanic Supervisor I.

Charges for Use of Equipment:

Item	Description	Rate Per Hour
Service repair trucks	Includes 2-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps	\$44.4 8
Compressor trucks	Includes 2-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 cubic feet	\$60.1 1
Portable compressor	Includes pavement breaker, pumps 3-wheel trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.	\$13.8 3
6-wheel	2 WD diesel	\$37.2 7
10-wheel	(with split rear end) 4WS diesel	\$66.1 3

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Item	Description	Rate Per Hour
Large crane	4-wheel, 15-ton telescoping	\$169.30
3/4-ton pickup trucks	Includes 2-way radio	\$15.03

DUMP TRUCKS - INCLUDES 2-WAY RADIO:

Wheel	Do or	Yard	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
6-wheel	2W D	6- May	2WD	\$42.08
4-wheel	4W D	3- Feb	G	\$33.06
6-wheel	2W D	10- Aug	2WD	\$46.29
4-wheel	4W D	3- Feb	G	\$33.06
4-wheel	4W D	2- Jan	G	\$33.06
4-wheel	4W D	2- Jan	G	\$33.06
6-wheel	2W D	10- Aug	2WD	\$46.29
6-wheel	2W D	6- May	G	\$33.06
10-wheel	2W D	18 - 20	2WD	\$90.17

BACKHOES: Includes 2-way radio, boom extension, diesel engines and buckets

Wheel/Drive	Bucket 4 & 1	Diesel/Gas	Rate per Hour
4-wheel 2WD	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Diesel	\$ 47.61
4-wheel	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Gas	\$ 59.87

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Concrete Replacement:	Plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.	\$ 1 1 .
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Warning Barricades and Lights:	Rate per Day
Regular	\$ 0.88
Standard Double	\$ 1.67
Double High Intensity	\$ 3.55

Wheel	Do or	Bucket 4 & 1	Rate Per Hour
6-wheel	2 W D	8 - 10 yd.	\$56.51
4-wheel (Backhoe)	2 W D	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	\$47.61
4-wheel (Backhoe)	2 W D	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	\$47.25

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Street Asphalt Cut	Includes new concrete base, binder, and asphalt, plus cost of gravel to fill excavation
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Plumbers' Bond	All plumbers shall execute and deliver a bond in the total sum of \$2,000 to indemnify and hold harmless the Buffalo Water Board from all claims, damages and losses suffered by the Buffalo Water Board in accordance with 21 NYCRR section 10085.6(c).
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Convenience Payment Fee	All persons who pay any rates, fees and charges by credit card or debit card through the City of Buffalo website will be charged a two percent (2%) fee (with a minimum of
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\$2.00) for each transaction, and all persons who pay any rates, fees and charges on the City of Buffalo website by check/ACH from their bank accounts will be charged \$2.00 for each such transaction. These fees will be added automatically to each transaction to defray the cost of such transaction.

BUFFALO WATER BOARD
SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

PART OF [21 NYCRR SECTION 10085.16](#)
EFFECTIVE FOR ALL WATER AND SERVICES USED
ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019.

The following annual rates and related fees and charges (in United States dollars) shall be charged for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified, and other services provided by the Buffalo Water Board.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All rates, fees and charges for water and services supplied which are not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, fees and charges to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Adjustment of the Schedule. This schedule of rates, fees and charges shall be subject to adjustment, as the Buffalo Water Board may determine, in its discretion, from time to time. Each year the Buffalo Water Board shall consider, as of July 1, any increases, but not decreases, based upon changes in the Consumer Price Index Northeast Urban - Class-size B/C, not seasonally adjusted, (hereinafter referred to as the Index) specified in Series Identification: CUURX100SAOLE, CUUSX100SAOLE, or comparable adjustment Index, as may be selected by the Buffalo Water Board. In the event of such increases, the Buffalo Water Board shall calculate the adjustment for each succeeding fiscal year, using the Index value determined as of June of the preceding fiscal year, which shall be subtracted from the Index value, determined as of June of the current fiscal year. The change in the Index value, if positive, but not negative, shall be multiplied by the stated percentage applied to all of the rates, fees and charges set forth herein. The product of such multiplication shall be used to adjust this schedule of rates fees and charges, together with such other factors as the Buffalo Water Board may determine prudent and appropriate, in the Buffalo Water Board's sole discretion, and in compliance with applicable law.

Residential Consumer Affordable Water Program. Any person who is an occupant of premises served by the Buffalo Water Board, and who qualifies pursuant to the annual income limits and family size schedule set forth below, may apply to the Buffalo Water Board, by use of such

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applications, and procedures as may be established, and modified, from time to time by the Commissioner. Upon certification by the Commissioner that the applicant is qualified as (1) a low income consumer, such person shall be entitled to receive a credit not to exceed \$ 60.00 per year, or \$ 15.00 per quarter, which will be applied against the capacity charge and other water charges set forth herein, or (2) a very low income consumer, such person shall be entitled to receive a credit not to exceed \$ 90.00 per year, or \$ 22.50 per quarter, which will be applied against the capacity charge and other water charges set forth herein. Such credit shall be applied by the Buffalo Water Board, and shall be stated in the invoices and/or receipts issued by the Buffalo Water Board for water service to such low income consumer or very low income consumer, respectively. The annual income limits set forth below are subject to change each year, or whenever the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development announces any modification of such annual income limits, whereupon such change shall become immediately effective and applicable to the Buffalo Water Board and all residential consumers, without any further notice.

**Residential
Affordable
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Program
Annual
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Limits**

Family Size	Very Low Income	Low Income
1	\$26,150	\$41,850
2	\$29,900	\$47,800
3	\$33,650	\$53,800
4	\$37,350	\$59,750
5	\$40,350	\$64,550
6	\$43,350	\$69,350
7	\$46,350	\$74,100
8	\$49,350	\$78,900

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NON-METERED RATES

Regular
Rates
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Dwelling
Rates:

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1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$140.33
	From 25-30 Feet	\$157.93
	From 31-35 Feet	\$192.85
	From 36-40 Feet	\$227.95
	From 41-45 Feet	\$245.31
	From 46-50 Feet	\$262.96
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$157.93
	From 25-30 Feet	\$192.85
	From 31-35 Feet	\$227.95
	From 36-40 Feet	\$245.31
	From 41-45 Feet	\$262.96
	From 46-50 Feet	\$297.88
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$192.85
	From 25-30 Feet	\$227.95
	From 31-35 Feet	\$245.31
	From 36-40 Feet	\$262.96
	From 41-45 Feet	\$297.88
	From 46-50 Feet	\$332.69
2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$227.95
	From 25-30 Feet	\$245.31
	From 31-35 Feet	\$262.96
	From 36-40 Feet	\$297.88
	From 41-45 Feet	\$332.69
	From 46-50 Feet	\$367.66
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$245.31
	From 25-30 Feet	\$262.96
	From 31-35 Feet	\$297.88
	From 36-40 Feet	\$332.69
	From 41-45 Feet	\$367.66
	From 46-50 Feet	\$385.21
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$262.96
	From 25-30 Feet	\$297.88

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	From 31-35 Feet	\$332.69
	From 36-40 Feet	\$367.66
	From 41-45 Feet	\$385.21
	From 46-50 Feet	\$402.52
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$297.88
	From 25-30 Feet	\$332.69
	From 31-35 Feet	\$367.66
	From 36-40 Feet	\$385.21
	From 41-45 Feet	\$402.52
	From 46-50 Feet	\$438.59
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate Yearly Dwelling Rates:		
1 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$90.80
	From 25-30 Feet	\$101.18
	From 31-35 Feet	\$123.79
	From 36-40 Feet	\$145.91
	From 41-45 Feet	\$157.02
	From 46-50 Feet	\$168.42
1.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$101.18
	From 25-30 Feet	\$123.79
	From 31-35 Feet	\$145.91
	From 36-40 Feet	\$157.02
	From 41-45 Feet	\$168.42
	From 46-50 Feet	\$190.63
2 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$123.79
	From 25-30 Feet	\$145.91
	From 31-35 Feet	\$157.02
	From 36-40 Feet	\$168.42
	From 41-45 Feet	\$190.63
	From 46-50 Feet	\$212.95

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2.5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$145.91
	From 25-30 Feet	\$157.02
	From 31-35 Feet	\$168.42
	From 36-40 Feet	\$190.63
	From 41-45 Feet	\$212.95
	From 46-50 Feet	\$235.41
3 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$157.02
	From 25-30 Feet	\$168.42
	From 31-35 Feet	\$190.63
	From 36-40 Feet	\$212.95
	From 41-45 Feet	\$235.41
	From 46-50 Feet	\$246.61
4 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$168.42
	From 25-30 Feet	\$190.63
	From 31-35 Feet	\$212.95
	From 36-40 Feet	\$235.41
	From 41-45 Feet	\$246.61
	From 46-50 Feet	\$257.72
5 Story	Under 25 Feet	\$190.63
	From 25-30 Feet	\$212.95
	From 31-35 Feet	\$235.41
	From 36-40 Feet	\$246.61
	From 41-45 Feet	\$257.72
	From 46-50 Feet	\$280.30

Regular Rates

When more than one family in house	\$140. 33
Bathtubs	\$35.4 0
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
When more than one family in house	\$90.8 0
Bathtubs	\$22.8 0

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Shower Baths	
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$35.4 0
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
	\$22.8 0
Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	
Water Closets	
Regular Rates	
First self closing valve	\$70.4 5
Each additional self-closing valve	\$53.7 7
Evasive closets	\$105. 46
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$524. 67
Urinals in private dwellings	\$70.4 5
Qualified Senior Citizen Rate	
First self-closing valve	\$45.3 0
Each additional self-closing valve	\$34.5 3
Evasive closets	\$70.4 5
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$335. 77
Urinals in private dwellings	\$45.3 0
Lawn Sprinklers	
Regular Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$174. 88
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$111. 91
Swimming Pools	

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Regular Rates

Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$87.6 2
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Pools larger than above, per season	\$174. 88
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$55.9 5
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Pools larger than above, per season	\$134. 70
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Garage and Automobiles

Regular Rates

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$70.1 9
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Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$35.0 8
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$44.8 7
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Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$22.4 6
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Boarders and Roomers

Regular Rates

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$26.7 9
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$17.1 2
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Boilers and Heating

Regular Rates

Private dwelling, water system per season	\$35.0 8
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Qualified Senior Citizen Rates

Private dwelling, water system per season	\$22.4 6
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Regular Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$35.0 8
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
Private dwelling, steam system per season	\$22.4 6
Closets	
Regular Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$70.2 6
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
In tenements used by more than one family - per family	\$45.3 0
Offices	
Regular Rates	
With water fixtures	\$155. 09
Without water fixtures	\$70.2 6
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	
With water fixtures	\$89.8 3
Without water fixtures	\$45.3 0
Sprinkling Connections	
Regular Rates	
For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.53
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$2.07
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$2.91
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$52.5 2
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$72.7 4
Qualified Senior Citizen Rates	

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For lawns over 5,000 sq. ft. per sq. yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.38
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.37
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$1.97
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$33.74
For lawns under 5,000 sq. ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$47.25

Fire Sprinkler Connections(Billed Quarterly)

Regular Rates

Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per year

4" and under connection	\$469.79
6" - 8" connection	\$939.58
10" - 12" connection	\$3,946.24
>12" connection	\$5,355.61

Capacity Charge(Billed Quarterly)

Premises not connected to a meter will be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus a charge for water use of: \$15.00

METER RATES

Monthly Consumption Rates

Monthly Blocks	\$/ 1,000 cu. ft.
First 0 - 3,999 Cu. Ft.	\$ 22.83
>20,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 20.55

Monthly Capacity Charge - Each premises connected to a meter shall be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly
5/8 Inch	\$16.63
3/4 Inch	\$24.95
1 Inch	\$41.58
1 1/2 Inch	\$83.17
2 Inch	\$133.07
3 Inch	\$266.13

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Meter Size	Monthly
4 Inch	\$415.83
6 Inch	\$831.67
8 Inch	\$1,330.67
10 Inch	\$3,493.00

Quarterly Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/ 1,000 cu. ft.
First 60,000 cu. ft.	\$ 22.83
>60,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 20.55

Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each premises connected to a meter shall be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly
5/8 Inch	\$ 49.90
3/4 Inch	\$ 74.85
1 Inch	\$ 124.75
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 249.50
2 Inch	\$ 399.20
3 Inch	\$ 798.40
4 Inch	\$ 1,247.50
6 Inch	\$ 2,495.00
8 Inch	\$ 3,992.00
10 Inch	\$ 10,479.00

METER RATES

Qualified Senior Citizen Consumption Rates

Quarterly Blocks	\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.
First 60,000 Cu. Ft	\$ 13.70
> 60,000 Cu. Ft.	\$ 12.33

Qualified Senior Citizen Quarterly Capacity Charge - Each premises connected to a meter shall be subject to and pay a capacity charge plus charge for water use as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly
5ch	\$ 29.94
3/4 Inch	\$ 44.91
1 Inch	\$ 74.85
1 1/2 Inch	\$ 149.70

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Meter Size	Quarterly
2 Inch	\$ 239.52

MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The following miscellaneous rates, fees and charges shall be charged per annum for the use or consumption of water, except where meter rates are herein specified.

The water rates for all homeowners who by virtue of their age are eligible for the real estate property tax exemption pursuant to [section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law](#) of the State of New York, are set forth separately.

All water supplied which is not enumerated in this section shall be subject to special rates, to be fixed by the Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets, subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water Board.

Water Rates

Additional trip by tapper because pipe is not ready Billed directly to the plumber if the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time.	\$235.00
Turn On Service Fee for any reason	\$45.00
Turn Off Service Fee for any reason	\$45.00
Turn On 4" or larger supply valve	\$180.00 RT \$275.00 OT
Turn Off 4" larger supply valve	\$180.00 RT \$275.00 OT
Theft of Service Turn Off Fee	\$200.00
Failure of consumer to keep scheduled appointment Consumer must cancel 24 hours before appointment	\$50.00
Shut off and turn on water Service for repairs, 1 trip charge (wait less than 15 minutes)	\$65.00 RT \$175.00 OT
Shut off and turn on water Supply Valve 4" or larger for repairs one trip charge (wait less than 15 minutes)	\$190.00 RT \$325.00 OT
Hydrant permits for use of water	
Daily rate per hydrant	\$266.54
Weekly rate per hydrant	\$799.62
Monthly rate per hydrant	\$1,599.24
Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$6,396.97
Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$152.09
Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$152.09
Failure to have hydrant permit fee	\$2,000.00
Failure to comply with hydrant permit conditions	\$200.00

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Water Rates

	per violation
Failure to get service work inspected charge	\$200.00
	per location
Unauthorized operation of a curb stop or supply charge	\$200.00 per occurrence
Connection and Disconnection Fees	
All billings for disconnection and reconnections will be billed as follows:	
Disconnection fee to pull meter and turn off water off ? 2" meter or less	\$138.35
Disconnection fee to pull meter and turn off water off ? 3" meter or less	\$176.67
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on ? 2" meter or less	\$ 91.94 +material cost +20% admin.
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on ? 3"- 4" meter	\$ 168.31 +material cost +20% admin.
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on ? 6" meter or larger	\$ 366.68 +material cost +20% admin.
Charges for Plugs and Taps	
Termination Fee	\$432.30

Tapping charges - With or Without Meter

Tap Sizes	Minimum Water Main Diameter	
Under 1 x 1 - 1/4"	Under 8"	\$ 450.00 +material cost +20% admin.
1 - 1/4" and above	12" and above	\$ 875.00 +material cost +20% admin.

The following are the charges for Smith Patents Installation & Removal:

Main Pipe Size	New Installation/ Replace Existing	Removal
Under 10"	\$ 1,187.68	\$ 1,187.68 +material cost +20% admin.
12" and above	\$ 1,682.72	\$ 1,682.72 +material cost +20% admin.

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Meter Labor Repair Charges

5/8-2 inch meter	\$ 53.35 +material cost +20% admin.
3-inch meter	\$ 168.31 +material cost +20% admin.
4-inch meter	\$ 168.31 +material cost +20% admin.
6-inch meter	\$ 168.31 +material cost +20% admin.
8-inch meter	\$ 366.68 +material cost +20% admin.
10-inch meter	\$ 366.68 +material cost +20% admin.
Water Meters	
Meter	Material Cost + 20% Admin.

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Labor) The real cost of any City employee that the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform labor at any property or for any person serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the then current hourly rate of such employee plus forty percent (40%) of such hourly rate to cover for fringe benefits of such employee. Such employee job titles include, but are not limited to, Caulker Supervisor, Caulker, Machine Operator-Water, Heavy Equipment Operator-Water, Truck Driver, Senior Water Service Worker, Water Service Worker and Water Meter Mechanic Supervisor I.

Hourly Rate for Billing Purposes (Materials) The real cost of any materials that the Commissioner deems necessary or appropriate to perform any services or work at any premises serviced by the Buffalo Water Board, shall be calculated using the actual material cost plus 20% for handling and processing.

Charges for Use of Equipment:

Item	Description
Service repair trucks	Includes 2-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps
Compressor trucks	Includes 2-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 Cu. Ft.
Portable compressor	Includes pavement breaker, pumps 3-

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Item	Description
	wheel trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.
6-wheel flat deck	2 WD diesel
Large crane truck	6-wheel, 15-ton telescoping
6-wheel 4x4 with Vactor	Includes 2-way radio Vac tools and keys
3/4-ton pickup trucks	Includes 2-way radio
3/4 Van	Includes 2-way radio

DUMP TRUCKS - INCLUDES 2-WAY RADIO:

Wheel	Do or	Yar d	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
4-wheel	4W D	2- Jan	Gas	\$42.98

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Wheel	Do or	Yar d	Diesel/Gas	Rate Per Hour
6-wheel	4W D	3- Feb	Gas	\$60.18
6-wheel	2W D	10- Aug	Diesel	\$60.18
10-wheel	2W D	14- 18	Diesel	\$117.22

BACKHOES: - Includes 2-way radio, boom extension, diesel engines and buckets

Wheel/Dri ve	Bucket 4 & 1	Diesel/Ga s	Rate per Hour
4-wheel 2WD	7/8 Cu. Yd	Diesel	\$ 65.00
	1 Cu. Yd. heaped		
Excavator 10,000 lbs. with Trailer and Truck		Diesel	\$ 65.00
Excavator 20,000 lbs. with Trailer and Truck		Diesel	\$ 85.00
Concrete Replacem ent:	Plus cost of gravel to fill excavation		\$/Sq.Ft. Material cost +20% admin.

Warning Barricades and Lights:		Rate Per Day
Regular		Material cost +20% admin.
Standard Double		Material cost +20% admin.
Double High Intensity		Material cost +20% admin.
Street Asphalt Cut	Includes new concrete base, binder, and asphalt, plus cost of gravel to fill excavation	\$/Sq.Ft. Material cost +20% admin.
Plumbers' Bond	All plumbers shall execute and deliver a bond in the total sum of \$25,000, or a greater amount the Commissioner determines to be appropriate, under the circumstances, and property conditions, to indemnify and hold harmless the Buffalo Water Board and the city from all claims, damages, and losses suffered by the Buffalo Water Board in accordance with 21 NYCRR section 10085.6(c).	
Convenience Payment	All persons who pay any rates, fees and	

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Fee	charges by credit card or debit card through the City of Buffalo website will be charged \$2.00 for each transaction, and all persons who pay any rates, fees and charges on the City of Buffalo website by check/ACH from their bank accounts will be charged \$2.00 for each such transaction. These fees will be added automatically to each transaction to defray the cost of such transaction.
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Statutory Authority

Section statutory authority:

[*Real Property Tax Law, § 467*](#)

Statutory authority:

Public Authorities Law, @1178 (3), (8), (14)

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Appendix 45

The purpose of these Appendixes is to simplify the task of determining whether or not a proposed action will not have a significant effect upon the environment by identifying actions or classes of actions that are considered by the issuer to be exempt or ministerial actions and those which, in the judgement of the issuer, will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Because of the complex and varied nature of the issuer's actions, the lists in these Appendixes are not all-inclusive. The omission from the lists of an action does not mean that it is automatically an action requiring environmental impact statement preparation. The criteria set forth in [6 NYCRR 617.9](#) and criteria included in [6 NYCRR 617.10](#) and this Part shall be used to determine significance with respect to actions not listed in these Appendixes.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 45A

EXEMPT ACTIONS

The purpose of this Appendix is to classify actions or classes of actions which the issuer has determined to be exempt acts under this Part. Exempt acts include:

- (1) Any act, decision, or commitment required to be made within a specific time set by Federal law, rule, regulation or set by other Federally imposed requirement where such time limit renders EIS analysis impossible.
- (2) All maintenance and repair activities involving existing facilities and structures.
- (3) Actions necessitated by emergencies, including, but not limited to, clean-up of flood and storm damage and accident clean-up.
- (4) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the rehabilitation, maintenance or repair of existing facilities or structures not involving an expansion of the facility or structure.
- (5) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the purchase of equipment which will be used in connection with existing facilities or structures.
- (6) All ministerial acts, including those listed in Appendix 45-B of this Title.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 45B

MINISTERIAL ACTS

The purpose of this Appendix is to classify actions or classes of actions which the issuer has determined to be ministerial actions under this Part. Ministerial acts include:

- (1) Any act, decision or commitment required to be made pursuant to preexisting contractual arrangements by which the issuer is bound.
- (2) All enforcement actions commenced by or on behalf of the issuer against third parties to enforce compliance by such third party with any provision of any contract, law, rule, ordinance, etc. by which such third party is bound.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 45C

TYPE II ACTIONThe purpose of this Appendix is to classify actions or classes of actions which the issuer has determined not to have a significant effect upon the environment and which do not require environmental impact statements.

Type II actions shall include:

- (1) All actions designated as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR* 617.12. * So in original. "NYCRR" s.b. "NYCRR"
- (2) Indicating conditional approval of an application, i.e., a general and preliminary expression of issuer assent that a project proposed by an applicant is feasible in light of environmental and statutory constraint. A conditional approval does not automatically assure final issuer approval of a project, as final approval by the issuer of a project will be based on more complete and developed engineering and other planning details provided by the applicant at a later date. At the time of giving conditional approval to a project, the issuer may authorize the applicant to undertake technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposals for the action provided no such preliminary approval shall require the issuer to make any final decision with respect to such action unless and until the requirements of this Part have been fulfilled.
- (3) The operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, land, land uses or topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.
- (4) Replacement, restoration or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities to be located on substantially the same site and having substantially the same purpose or capacity as presently existing.
- (5) The construction and location of small new facilities or structures and the installation of minor new equipment and facilities, provided such construction or location has no physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including Federal or State registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type I(a)(22) and (23).
- (6) Reconditioning of existing facilities and structures, including essentially maintenance-type work with improvements to correct substandard features.
- (7) Minor reconstruction of existing facilities and structures without making major expansion of said facilities or structures. These projects shall qualify as Type II only if the project requires:
 - a. Less than a 50 percent expansion of said facilities, and
 - b. No physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including Federal or State registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type I (a)(22) and (23).
- (8) The execution of a lease for the use of issuer owned property where the lease provides for the use of the land and/or structures in their present condition.
- (9) The approval or funding of construction projects where such projects will not exceed the limits contained in paragraph 7 of this Appendix.

- (10) The sale or disposal of issuer-owned land, structures, facilities or other property.
- (11) Preparing, establishing, maintaining, modifying and updating directives, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines etc., which do not commit the issuer to undertake new programs and which do not involve a major reordering of priorities.
- (12) The review of environmental impact statements prepared by others.
- (13) Defining the scope of services, negotiating and executing contracts with consultants for professional services.
- (14) The conduct, preparation or review of technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposal(s) for action(s) which do not otherwise commit the issuer to commence or engage in such action.
- (15) Planning, budgeting, cost estimation, preparation of work programs and other project process activities.
- (16) All routine administration, coordination, review and management activities of the issuer.
- (17) Collective bargaining activities.
- (18) The making of investments by or on behalf of the issuer.
- (19) The preparation of agreements (including leases, indentures, guarantees, construction agreements and similar documents) which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposal(s) for action(s) which do not otherwise commit the issuer to commence or engage in such action.
- (20) The preparation and/or execution of any purchase orders for materials, supplies or equipment.
- (21) Training and training programs.
- (22) Issuances of indebtedness.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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APPENDICES

Lists of actions. The propose of these appendices is to simplify the task of determining whether or not a proposed action is an exempt action or may have a significant effect on the environment by identifying actions or classes of actions that are likely to have a significant effect and those which will not have a significant effect. Because of the complex and varied nature of actions, the lists in these appendices are not all inclusive. The omission from the lists of an action does not mean that it is exempt form these OCWA-EQ Regulations, nor does it mean that it is automatically an action requiring environmental impact statement preparation. The criteria set forth in Section [6 NYCRR 617.9](#) and criteria included in [6 NYCRR 617.10](#) and this Part shall be used to determine significance with respect to actions not listed in this section. The following classification system as used in Appendices B and C.

Type I Actions or classes of actions that are likely to require preparation of environmental impact statements because they will in almost every instance have a significant effect on the environment.

Type II Actions or classes of actions which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which do not require environmental impact statements or are exempt or ministerial action.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 46A

APPENDIX A: EXEMPT ACTIONS

The purpose of this Appendix A is to classify actions or classes of actions which the Authority has determined to be exempt acts under these regulations. Exempt acts include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Any act, decision, or commitment required to be made within a specific time set by federal law, rule, regulation or set by other federally imposed requirement where such time limit renders EIS analysis impossible.
- (2) All maintenance and repair activities involving existing facilities and structures.
- (3) Actions which are immediately necessary on an emergency basis for the protection or preservation of life, health, property or natural resources, including but not limited to water line or water storage breaks or leaks, contamination of water, threatened or actual dam failures, flooding, pump or other mechanical failures.
- (4) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the rehabilitation, maintenance or repair of existing facilities or structures not involving a substantial expansion of the facility or structure.
- (5) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the purchase of equipment which will be used in connection with existing facilities or structures.
- (6) All ministerial acts.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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APPENDIX B: TYPE I ACTIONS

Type I Actions shall include all actions designated as Type I Actions in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#).

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 46C

APPENDIX C: TYPE II ACTIONS

Type II Actions shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) All actions designated as Type II Actions in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#).
- (2) Indicating conditional approval of an application--i.e. a general and preliminary expression of Authority pursuant to these OCWA-EQ Regulations assent that a project proposed by an applicant is feasible in light of environmental and statutory constraints. A conditional approval does not automatically assure final approval of a project, as final approval by the Authority of a project will be based on more complete and developed engineering and other details provided by the applicant at a later date. At the time of giving conditional approval to a project, the Authority may authorize the applicant to undertake technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposals for the action provided no such preliminary approval shall require the Authority to make any final decision with respect to such action unless and until the requirements of these regulations have been fulfilled.
- (3) The construction and location of small new facilities or structures and the installation of minor new equipment and facilities.
- (4) The fixing of rates or adoption of customer rules, regulations and procedures for delivery of water or water service.
- (5) The preparation and/or execution of any permit, license or lease by or to the Authority of any existing facility or facilities.
- (6) The preparation and/or execution of any purchase orders for materials, equipment or supplies.
- (7) The preparation and/or execution of construction contracts, other than for lines or storage facilities, involving an amount of less than \$ 50,000, of labor, exclusive of the supply of materials, provided such construction which is the subject of such contract has no physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including federal or state registered historic sites, and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type I(a)(22) and (23).
- (8) The preparation and/or execution of agreements relating to (a) water services sixteen inches or less in size, or (b) fire services.
- (9) The installation of distribution, service or transmission lines 16" or less in diameter unless:
 - (a) More than three additional acres of permanent right of way per mile is required, and
 - (b) There is a physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including federal or state registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#), Type I(a)(22) and (23).
- (10) The installation of pumps.
- (11) The preparation and/or execution of agreements for the sale of water not involving the construction of new lines, or involving the construction of lines not exceeding 16" in diameter.

- (12) The installation of water storage facilities, or the preparation and/or execution of any agreement relating thereto.
- (13) The operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, land, land uses or topographical features involving no substantial expansion of use beyond that previously existing. The transportation of personnel, materials and equipment in connection with the operation of the Authority, the borrowing of money and the issuance of obligations in connection therewith.
- (14) Replacement, restoration or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities to be located on substantially the same site, and having substantially the same purpose or capacity as presently existing.
- (15) The sale or disposal of Authority owned land, structures or facilities, or other property.
- (16) Preparing, maintaining, modifying, establishing, and updating rules, regulations, directives, procedures, policies and guidelines of the Authority.
- (17) The review of environmental impact statements prepared by others.
- (18) Defining the scope of services, negotiating and executing of contracts with consultants for professional services.
- (19) Training and training programs.
- (20) The shutoff of water or water supply for non-payment of a bill.
- (21) The conduct, preparation or review of technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposals for action.
- (22) Planning, cost estimation, preparation of work programs and other project process activities.
- (23) Preparation and adoption of annual budgets or modifications thereof.
- (24) All routine administration, coordination, review and management activities of the Authority.
- (25) Collective bargaining activities.
- (26) The making of investments by or on behalf of the Authority.
- (27) Any action required because of construction or other action of the federal, state or local governments, or any agency thereof.
- (28) Acceptance of grants or loans from the federal, state or local governments, or any agency thereof.
- (29) Conduct of engineering research and pilot plant studies to evaluate materials, equipment and methods, and procedures.
- (30) Fencing, outdoor and indoor security lighting, and alarm systems.
- (31) Treatment of water supplies for protection of public health and quality control including, but not limited to surface spraying, chlorination, fluoridation and other chemical treatment.
- (32) Maintenance of rights-of-way by such acts as may be necessary including the cutting of grass, weeds and brush.
- (33) Flushing of mains and hydrants.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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APPENDICES

The purpose of these appendices is to simplify the task of determining whether or not a proposed action will not have a significant effect upon the environment by identifying actions or classes of actions that are considered by the Issuer to be exempt or ministerial actions and those which, in the judgement of the Issuer, will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Because of the complex and varied nature of the Issuer's actions, the lists in these appendices are not all-inclusive. The omission from the lists of an action does not mean that it is automatically an action requiring environmental impact statement preparation. The criteria set forth in section [6 NYCRR 617.9](#) and criteria included in [6 NYCRR 617.10](#) and these regulations shall be used to determine significance with respect to actions not listed in these appendices.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 48A

EXEMPT ACTIONS

The purpose of this Appendix A is to classify actions or classes of actions which the Issuer has determined to be exempt acts under these regulations. Exempt acts include:

- (1) Any act, decision, or commitment required to be made within a specific time set by federal law, rule, regulation or set by other federally imposed requirement where such time limit renders EIS analysis impossible.
- (2) All maintenance and repair activities involving existing facilities and structures.
- (3) Actions necessitated by emergencies, including, but not limited to, clean-up of flood and storm damage and accident clean-up.
- (4) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the rehabilitation, maintenance or repair of existing facilities or structures not involving an expansion of the facility or structure.
- (5) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the purchase of equipment which will be used in connection with existing facilities or structures.
- (6) All ministerial acts, including those listed in Appendix B of these regulations.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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MINISTERIAL ACTS The purpose of this Appendix B is to classify actions or classes of actions which the Issuer has determined to be ministerial actions under these regulations. Ministerial acts include:

- (1) Any act, decision or commitment required to be made pursuant to preexisting contractual arrangements by which the Issuer is bound.
- (2) All enforcement actions commenced by or on behalf of the Issuer against third parties to enforce compliance by such third party with any provision of any contract, law, rule, ordinance, & by which such third party is bound.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 48C

TYPE II ACTIONS

The purpose of this Appendix C is to classify actions or classes of actions which the Issuer has determined not to have a significant effect upon the environment and which do not require environmental impact statements.

Type II actions shall include:

- (1) All actions designated as Type II actions in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#).
- (2) Indicating conditional approval of an application--i.e. a general and preliminary expression of issuer assent that a project proposed by an applicant is feasible in light of environmental and statutory constraints. A conditional approval does not automatically assure final Issuer approval of a project, as final approval by the Issuer of a project will be based on more complete and developed engineering and other planning details provided by the applicant at a later date. At the time of giving conditional approval to a project, the Issuer may authorize the applicant to undertake technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposals for the action provided no such preliminary approval shall require the Issuer to make any final decision with respect to such action unless and until the requirements of these regulations have been fulfilled.
- (3) The operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, land, land uses or topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.
- (4) Replacement, restoration or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities to be located on substantially the same site and having substantially the same purpose or capacity as presently existing.
- (5) The construction and location of small new facilities or structures and the installation of minor new equipment and facilities, provided such construction of location has no physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including federal or state registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type 1(a)(22) and (23).
- (6) Reconditioning of existing facilities and structures, including essentially maintenance-type work with improvements to correct substandard features.
- (7) Minor reconstruction of existing facilities and structures without making major expansion of said facilities or structures. These projects shall qualify as Type II only if the project requires:
 - a. Less than a fifty (50%) percent expansion of said facilities, and
 - b. No physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including federal or state registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type I(a)(22) and (23).
- (8) The execution of a lease for the use of Issuer owned property where the lease provides for the use of the land and/or structures in their present condition.

- (9) The approval or funding of construction projects where such projects will not exceed the limits contained in paragraph 7 of this appendix.
- (10) The sale or disposal of Issuer-owned land, structures, facilities or other property.
- (11) Preparing, establishing, maintaining, modifying and updating directives, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines &c* which do not commit the Issuer to undertake new programs and which do not involve a major reordering of priorities. * So in original. "&c" s.b. ", etc."
- (12) The review of environmental impact statements prepared by others.
- (13) Defining the scope of services, negotiating and executing contracts with consultants for professional services.
- (14) The conduct, preparation or review of technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposal(s) for action(s) which do not otherwise commit the Issuer to commence or engage in such action.
- (15) Planning, budgeting, cost estimation, preparation of work programs and other project process activities.
- (16) All routine administration, coordination, review and management activities of the Issuer.
- (17) Collective bargaining activities.
- (18) The making of investments by or on behalf of the Issuer.
- (19) The preparation of agreements [including leases, indentures, guarantees, construction agreements and similar documents] which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposal(s) for action(s) which do not otherwise commit the Issuer to commence or engage in such action.
- (20) The preparation and/or execution of any purchase orders for materials, supplies or equipment.
- (21) Training and training programs.
- (22) Issuances of indebtedness.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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Appendix 51

APPENDICES

The purpose of these appendices is to simplify the task of determining whether or not a proposed action will not have a significant effect upon the environment by identifying actions or classes of actions that are considered by the issuer to be exempt or ministerial acts and those which, in the judgment of the issuer, will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Because of the complex and varied nature of the issuer's actions, the lists in these appendices are not all-inclusive. The omission from the lists of an action does not mean that it is automatically an action requiring environmental impact statement preparation. The criteria set forth in [6 NYCRR 617.9](#) and criteria included in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) and these regulations shall be used to determine significance with respect to actions not listed in these appendices.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

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Appendix 51A

EXEMPT ACTIONS

The purpose of this Appendix 51-A is to classify actions or classes of actions which the issuer has determined to be exempt acts under this Part. Exempt acts include:

- (1) Any act, decision, or commitment required to be made within a specific time set by Federal law, rule, regulation or set by other Federally imposed requirement where such time limit renders EIS analysis impossible.
- (2) All maintenance and repair activities involving existing facilities and structures.
- (3) Actions necessitated by emergencies, including, but not limited to, cleanup of flood and storm damage and accident cleanup.
- (4) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the rehabilitation, maintenance or repair of existing facilities or structures not involving an expansion of the facility or structure.
- (5) Approval and execution of grants or contracts for the purchase of equipment which will be used in connection with existing facilities or structures.
- (6) All ministerial acts, including those listed in Appendix 51-B of this Part.

Statutory Authority

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Appendix 51B

MINISTERIAL ACTS

The purpose of this Appendix 51-B is to classify actions or classes of actions which the issuer has determined to be ministerial actions under this Part. Ministerial acts include:

- (1) Any act, decision or commitment required to be made pursuant to preexisting contractual arrangements by which the issuer is bound.
- (2) All enforcement actions commenced by or on behalf of the issuer against third parties to enforce compliance by such third party with any provision of any contract, law, rule, ordinance, by which such third party is bound.

Statutory Authority

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Appendix 51C

TYPE II ACTIONS

The purpose of this Appendix 51-C is to classify actions or classes of actions which the issuer has determined not to have a significant effect upon the environment and which do not require environmental impact statements.

Type II actions shall include:

- (1) All actions designated as Type II actions in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#).
- (2) Indicating conditional approval of an application--i.e., a general and preliminary expression of issuer assent that a project proposed by an applicant is feasible in light of environmental and statutory constraints. A conditional approval does not automatically assure final issuer approval of a project, as final approval by the issuer of a project will be based on more complete and developed engineering and other planning details provided by the applicant at a later date. At the time of giving conditional approval to a project, the issuer may authorize the applicant to undertake technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports for memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposals for the action provided no such preliminary approval shall require the issuer to make any final decision with respect to such action unless and until the requirements of this Part have been fulfilled.
- (3) The operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, land, land uses or topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.
- (4) Replacement, restoration or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities to be located on substantially the same site and having substantially the same purpose or capacity as presently existing.
- (5) The construction and location of small new facilities or structures and the installation of minor new equipment and facilities, provided such construction or location has no physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including Federal- or State-registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type I(a)(22) and (23).
- (6) Reconditioning of existing facilities and structures, including essentially maintenance-type work with improvements to correct substandard features.
- (7) Minor reconstruction of existing facilities and structures without making major expansion of said facilities or structures. These projects shall qualify as Type II only if the project requires:
 - (a) Less than a 50 percent expansion of said facilities, and
 - (b) No physical effect on unusual or unique areas, including Federal or State registered historic sites and critical areas designated in [6 NYCRR 617.12](#) Type I(a)(22) and (23).
- (8) The execution of a lease for the use of issuer-owned property where the lease provides for the use of the land and/or structures in their present condition.

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- (9) The approval for funding of construction projects where such projects will not exceed the limits contained in paragraph 7 of this appendix.
- (10) The sale or disposal of issuer-owned land, structures, facilities or other property.
- (11) Preparing, establishing, maintaining, modifying and updating directives, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines which do not commit the issuer to undertake new programs and which do not involve a major reordering of priorities.
- (12) The review of environmental impact statements prepared by others.
- (13) Defining the scope of services, negotiating and executing contracts with consultants for professional services.
- (14) The conduct, preparation or review of technical, engineering, economic, planning, environmental, feasibility or research studies, reports, or memoranda which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposal(s) for action(s) which do not otherwise commit the issuer to commence or engage in such action.
- (15) Planning, budgeting, cost estimation, preparation of work programs and other project process activities.
- (16) All routine administration, coordination, review and management activities of the issuer.
- (17) Collective bargaining activities.
- (18) The making of investments by or on behalf of the issuer.
- (19) The preparation of agreements (including leases, indentures, guarantees, construction agreements and similar documents) which are preliminary to and may support the formulation of proposal(s) for action(s) which do not otherwise commit the issuer to commence or engage in such action.
- (20) The preparation and/or execution of any purchase orders for materials, supplies or equipment.
- (21) Training and training programs.
- (22) Issuances of indebtedness.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority:

[Public Authorities Law, §1178 \(3\)](#), (8), (14)

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