

**RESOLUTION OF THE BUFFALO WATER BOARD  
ON AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE  
OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Water Board (the “Board”) is authorized to establish and from time to time amend a Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges in accordance with New York State Public Authorities Law Section 1048-j, applicable to all persons and property served by the water treatment plant, water distribution system and related water facilities of the Board (the “System”); and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025 the Board designated itself as the lead agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), with respect to the proposed action to review and adopt a revised schedule of rates, fees and charges, and a notice of such lead agency designation was sent to various involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that such action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts pursuant to SEQRA, and that a negative declaration in connection with such determination will be issued to all involved and interested agencies as stated in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board duly published notices in advance of the public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the New York Public Authorities Law Section 1048-j; and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, whereby interested persons were provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Board’s proposed amendments to such Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered any comments presented at such public hearing, changes in the Consumer Price Index Northeast Urban, and such other recommendations by the Board’s Rate Consultant and Consulting Engineer, and has determined to adopt an amendment to the existing Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges as more particularly set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges as set forth in Exhibit B will be applied to all persons and properties served by the Buffalo Water Board, effective as of October 1, 2025, until further amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board has determined, based upon its review of the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment form parts 1, 2 and 3, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and that a negative declaration is hereby issued pursuant to SEQRA.

2. The Board does hereby approve and adopt the amendment to the Board’s Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to such technical but not substantive changes, which shall be applicable to all persons and property who use or are served by the System effective on and after October 1, 2025.



EXHIBIT A  
SEQRA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM  
AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

# Short Environmental Assessment Form

## Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

**Part 1 - Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

<b>Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: Adoption of schedule of rates, fees and charges.			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): City of Buffalo in the County of Erie.			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Buffalo Water Board, as the owner of the water system that serves the residents of the city of Buffalo is authorized pursuant to the New York State Public Authorities Law (section 1048-j) to adopt and/or revise a schedule of rates fees and charges. The action proposes to revise the existing schedule to become effective October 1, 2025.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Buffalo Water Board		Telephone: 716 - 851 - 5636	
		E-Mail: pmerlo@city-buffalo.com	
Address: 502 City Hall			
City/PO: Buffalo		State: New York	Zip Code: 14202
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<b>NO</b>
			<b>YES</b>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			<b>NO</b>
			<b>YES</b>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		26,880 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		none acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		N/A acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Action applies to all property within the city.</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland			



<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Buffalo Water Board</u> Date: <u>August 13, 2025</u></p> <p>Signature: <u><i>Rick Mack</i></u></p>		

Project:	Adoption of Schedule of Rates
Date:	September 10, 2025

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

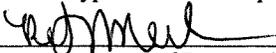
Project: **Adoption of Rates**

Date: **September 10, 2025**

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The Buffalo Water Board (the "Board") is authorized pursuant to the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority Act (the "Act") to establish, fix, and revise, from time to time, the rates, rents and other charges (the "Schedule of Rates") for the use of the services furnished by the Board, in such amounts at all times, to provide sufficient funds, together with other revenues available to the Board, to pay for all of its expenses established by the Act and agreements with the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority and the City of Buffalo. Such revenues must be in sufficient amounts so that the Board and the water system are on a self-sustaining basis. The Board regularly monitors its operational expenses and the cost of its capital programs and revenue derived from ratepayers and assesses whether its Schedule of Rates provides sufficient revenue. Based on its recent analysis, the cost to operate and maintain the water system, pay for capital improvements, indebtedness, employee compensation, and other costs has increased over the past year. Based on recommendations by the Board's Rate Consultant and Consulting Engineer, the Board has proposed an increase in the Schedule of Rates, and adjust various miscellaneous maintenance and service fees. To offset some of these increased costs to residential consumers, the Board has retained a Residential Water Affordability Program to assist low income and very low income residential consumers. The proposed Schedule of Rates continues a benchmark for future adjustments that will refer to increases in the Consumer Price Index each fiscal year. The on-going meter, leak abatement and line service protection programs, and the use of water blocks are designed to encourage water conservation and minimize loss. The Schedule of Rates is designed to spread the cost of the water system more fairly to all consumers and users of the system. Based on the EAF Part 2 criteria, the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
Buffalo Water Board	September 10, 2025
_____ Name of Lead Agency	_____ Date
Peter J. Merlo, P.E.	Secretary
_____ Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	_____ Title of Responsible Officer
 _____ Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	_____ Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

**PRINT FORM**

**EXHIBIT B**

**AMENDMENT TO THE BUFFALO WATER BOARD SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND  
CHARGES**

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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 OCTOBER 01, 2025

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 City of Buffalo Commissioner of Public Works, Parks and Streets (the “Commissioner”), subject to the approval of the Buffalo Water

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: CUURX100SA0LE, CUUSX100SA0LE, 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 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), may apply to the Buffalo Water Board, by use of such 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 \$153.00 per year, or \$38.25 per quarter, which will be applied against the capacity charge set

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forth herein, or (2) a very low income consumer, such person shall be entitled to receive a credit not to exceed \$192.00 per year, or \$48.00 per quarter which will be applied against the capacity charge 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 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. The current Annual Income Limits are provided below.

Section 8 – Income Limits: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#year2025>

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NON-METERED RATES

**Regular Rates**  
**Yearly Dwelling Rates:**

<b><u>1 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$178.39
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$200.76
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$245.15
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$289.77
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$311.84
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$334.27
<b><u>1.5 Story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$200.76
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$245.15
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$289.77
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$311.84
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$334.27
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$378.66
<b><u>2 Story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$245.15
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$289.77
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$311.84
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$334.27
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$378.66
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$422.92
<b><u>2.5 Story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$289.77
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$311.84
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$334.27
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$378.66
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$422.92
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$467.37
<b><u>3 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$311.84
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$334.27
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$378.66
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$422.92
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$467.37
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$489.67
<b><u>4 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$334.27
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$378.66
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$422.92
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$467.37
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$489.67
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$511.68
<b><u>5 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$378.66
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$422.92
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$467.37
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$489.67
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$511.68
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$557.53

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**NON-METERED RATES (continued)**

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rate  
Yearly Dwelling Rates:**

<b><u>1 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$115.42
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$128.62
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$157.36
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$185.48
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$199.61
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$214.10
<b><u>1.5 Story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$128.62
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$157.36
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$185.48
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$199.61
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$214.10
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$242.33
<b><u>2 Story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$157.36
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$185.48
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$199.61
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$214.10
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$242.33
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$270.70
<b><u>2.5 Story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$185.48
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$199.61
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$214.10
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$242.33
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$270.70
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$299.25
<b><u>3 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$199.61
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$214.10
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$242.33
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$270.70
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$299.25
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$313.49
<b><u>4 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$214.10
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$242.33
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$270.70
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$299.25
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$313.49
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$327.61
<b><u>5 story</u></b>	Under 25 feet	\$242.33
	From 25 - 30 feet	\$270.70
	From 31 - 35 feet	\$299.25
	From 36 - 40 feet	\$313.49
	From 41 - 45 feet	\$327.61
	From 46 - 50 feet	\$356.31

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**NON-METERED RATES (continued)**

**Regular Rates**

When more than 1 family in house	\$178.39
Bathtubs	\$45.00

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rate**

When more than 1 family in house	\$115.42
Bathtubs	\$28.98

**Shower baths**

Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$45.00
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**Qualified Senior Citizen Rate**

Regular Rates - if not attached to bathtub	\$28.98
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**Water Closets**

**Regular Rates**

First self-closing valve	\$89.56
Each additional self-closing valve	\$68.35
Evasive closets	\$134.06
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$666.95
Urinals in private dwellings	\$89.56

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rate**

First self-closing valve	\$57.59
Each additional self-closing valve	\$43.89
Evasive closets	\$89.56
Antifreezing or hopper closet	\$426.83
Urinals in private dwellings	\$57.59

**Lawn Sprinklers**

**Regular Rates**

Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$222.31
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**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

Lawn sprinklers, hose at rest or perforated hose	\$142.25
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**NON-METERED RATES (continued)**

**Swimming Pools**

**Regular Rates**

Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$111.38
Pools larger than above, per season	\$222.31

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

Portable pools 12 feet diameter or length by 30 inches deep and smaller, per season	\$71.12
Pools larger than above, per season	\$171.23

**Garage and Automobiles**

**Regular Rates**

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$89.23
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$44.59

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

Autos in garage with water connection, per car, per season	\$57.04
Autos in garage without water connection, per car, per season	\$28.55

**Boarders and Roomers**

**Regular Rates**

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$34.06
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**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

In addition to regular family rates for each boarder or roomer	\$21.76
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**NON-METERED RATES (continued)**

**Boilers and Heating**

**Regular Rates**

Private dwelling, water system per season \$44.59

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

Private dwelling, water system per season \$28.55

**Regular Rates**

Private dwelling, steam system per season \$44.59

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

Private dwelling, steam system per season \$28.55

**Closets**

**Regular Rates**

In tenements used by more than one family - per family \$89.31

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

In tenements used by more than one family - per family \$57.59

**Offices**

**Regular Rates**

With Water fixtures \$197.14

Without water fixtures \$89.31

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

With Water fixtures \$114.19

Without water fixtures \$57.59

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**NON-METERED RATES (continued)**

**Sprinkling Connections**

**Regular Rates**

For lawns over 5,000 sq.ft. per sq.yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.68
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$2.63
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$3.70
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$66.76
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$92.47

**Qualified Senior Citizen Rates**

For lawns over 5,000 sq.ft. per sq.yd. of lawn sprinkled	\$0.48
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and over 30-ft. frontage, in block, per lineal foot	\$1.74
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. on corner lots, measured on frontage, per lineal foot	\$2.50
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot block	\$42.89
For lawns under 5,000 sq.ft. and under 30 feet of lot corner	\$60.06

**Fire Sprinkler Connections (Billed Quarterly)**

**Regular Rates**

Fire pipelines or sprinkler connections, per year	
4" and under connection	\$597.19
6 - 8" connection	\$1,194.38
10 - 12" connection	\$5,016.40
>12" connection	\$6,807.98

**Capacity and Infrastructure Charges (Billed Quarterly)**

**Regular Rates**

Capacity Flat Rate Charge	\$19.07
Infrastructure Flat Rate Charge	\$15.00

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**METER RATES**

**Monthly Consumption Rates**

<u>Monthly Blocks</u>	<u>\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.</u>
0-10,000 Cu. Ft.	\$29.03
>10,000 Cu. Ft.	\$31.92

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

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
5/8 Inch	\$21.15
3/4 Inch	\$31.71
1 Inch	\$52.86
1 1/2 Inch	\$105.72
2 Inch	\$169.15
3 Inch	\$338.30
4 Inch	\$528.60
6 Inch	\$1,057.21
8 Inch	\$1,691.52
10 Inch	\$4,440.26

**Monthly Infrastructure Charge** - Each meter has an infrastructure charge plus associated meter and capacity charges as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
5/8 Inch	\$5.00
3/4 Inch	\$7.50
1 Inch	\$12.50
1 1/2 Inch	\$25.00
2 Inch	\$40.00
3 Inch	\$79.99
4 Inch	\$124.99
6 Inch	\$249.99
8 Inch	\$399.98
10 Inch	\$1,049.94

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**METER RATES**

**Quarterly Consumption Rates**

**Quarterly Blocks**

<b><u>Quarterly Blocks</u></b>	<b><u>\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.</u></b>
0-30,000 Cu. Ft.	\$29.03
>30,000 Cu. Ft.	\$31.92

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

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Quarterly</u></b>
5/8 Inch	\$63.44
3/4 Inch	\$95.15
1 Inch	\$158.58
1 1/2 Inch	\$317.16
2 Inch	\$507.45
3 Inch	\$1,014.92
4 Inch	\$1,585.81
6 Inch	\$3,171.62
8 Inch	\$5,074.58
10 Inch	\$13,320.78

**Quarterly Infrastructure Charge** - Each meter has an infrastructure charge plus associated meter and capacity charges as follows:

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Quarterly</u></b>
5/8 Inch	\$15.00
3/4 Inch	\$22.50
1 Inch	\$37.49
1 1/2 Inch	\$74.99
2 Inch	\$119.99
3 Inch	\$239.98
4 Inch	\$374.98
6 Inch	\$749.96
8 Inch	\$1,199.93
10 Inch	\$3,149.83

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**METER RATES**

**Qualified Senior Citizen Consumption Rates**

<u>Quarterly Blocks</u>	<u>\$/1,000 cu.ft.</u>
0-60,000 Cu. Ft.	\$17.42
>60,000 Cu. Ft.	\$15.67

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

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8 Inch	\$38.06
3/4 Inch	\$57.09
1 Inch	\$95.15
1 1/2 Inch	\$190.29
2 Inch	\$304.47

**Qualified Senior Citizen Quarterly Infrastructure Charge** - Each meter has an infrastructure charge plus associated meter and capacity charges as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8 Inch	\$9.00
3/4 Inch	\$13.50
1 Inch	\$22.50
1 1/2 Inch	\$45.00
2 Inch	\$72.00

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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. Billed directly to the plumber. If the pipe is not ready for the tap at the time	\$252.63
Turn On Service Fee for any reason	\$48.38
Turn Off Service Fee for any reason	\$48.38
Turn On 4" or Larger Supply Valve	\$193.50 RT / \$295.63 OT
Turn Off 4" or Larger Supply Valve	\$193.50 RT / \$295.63 OT
Theft of service Turn Off Fee	\$215.00
Failure of customer to keep scheduled appointment. Customer must cancel 24 hours before appointment.	\$59.13
Shut off and turn on water Service for repairs, 1 trip charge (wait less than 15 minutes)	\$82.62 RT / \$221.88 OT
Shut off and turn on water Supply Valve 4" or larger for repairs, 1 trip charge (wait less than 15 minutes)	\$241.53 RT / \$413.13 OT

**Hydrant permits for use of water**

Daily rate per hydrant	\$338.93
Weekly rate per hydrant	\$1,016.78
Monthly rate per hydrant	\$2,033.55
Seasonal (4/15 - 11/15)	\$8,134.21
Pumping out charge (11/16 - 4/14)	\$193.34
Additional charge to thaw hydrant if required	\$193.34
Failure to have hydrant permit fee	\$2,542.38
Failure to comply with hydrant permit conditions	\$254.24 per violation
Failure to get service work inspected charge	\$255.31 per location
Unauthorized operation of a curbstop or supply charge	\$256.39 per occurrence

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**Connection and Disconnection Fees**

All billings for disconnection and reconnections will be billed as follows:

Disconnection fee to pull meter and turn water off 2" meter or less	\$175.87
Disconnection fee to pull meter and turn water off 3 meter or larger	\$224.58
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on 2" or less	\$117.11 + Meter & Material Cost + 20%
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on 3" - 4".	\$207.5 + Meter & Material Cost + 20%
Connection fee to reinstall meter & turn on 6" - 8" or larger	\$466.12 + Meter & Material Cost + 20%

**Charges for Plugs and Taps**

Termination Fee \$549.53

**Tapping charges - With or Without Meter**

<b><u>Tap Sizes</u></b>	
Under 1"x1-1/4"	\$572.04 + material cost + 20% admin.
1-1/4" and above	\$1112.29 + material cost + 20% admin.

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

<u>Main Pipe Size</u>	<u>New Installation/Replace Existing</u>	<u>Removal</u>
Under 10"	\$1,509.76	\$1509.76 + material cost + 20% admin.
10" and above	\$2,139.06	\$2139.06 + material cost + 20% admin.
 <b><u>Meter Labor Repair Charges</u></b>		
2" meter and less		\$67.82 + meter & material cost + 20%
3-inch meter		\$213.96 + meter & material cost + 20%
4-inch meter		\$213.96 + meter & material cost + 20%
6-inch meter		\$213.96 + meter & material cost + 20%
8-inch meter		\$466.51 + meter & material cost + 20%
10-inch meter		\$466.51 + meter & material cost + 20%
 <b><u>Water Meters</u></b>		
Meter		Material Cost + 20% Admin.

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**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.

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**Charges for Use of Equipment:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate per Hour</u>
Service repair trucks	Includes 2-way radio, valve turner, crane, tools, pumps	\$73.51
Compressor trucks	Includes 2-way radio, pavement breaker, pumps, diesel engine, tools, 185 cubic feet	\$99.33
Portable compressor	Includes pavement breaker, pumps 3-wheel trailer, 185 cu./ft./min.	\$22.85
6-wheel flat deck	2 WD diesel	\$103.08
Large crane Truck	6-wheel, 15-ton telescoping	\$279.78
6-wheel 4x4 with Vactor	Includes 2-way radio Vac tools and keys	\$122.01
3/4-ton pickup trucks	Includes 2-way radio	\$24.83
3/4 Van	Includes 2-way radio	\$24.83

**DUMP TRUCKS - Includes 2-way Radio:**

<u>Wheel, Door</u>	<u>Yard</u>	<u>Diesel/Gas</u>	<u>Rate per Hour</u>
4-wheel, 4WD	1-2	Gas	\$54.63
6-wheel, 4WD	2-3	Gas	\$76.50
6-wheel, 2WD	8-10	Diesel	\$76.50
10-wheel, 2WD	14-18	Diesel	\$149.01

**BACKHOES:**

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

<u>Wheel/Drive</u>	<u>Bucket 4 &amp; 1</u>	<u>Diesel/Gas</u>	<u>Rate per Hour</u>
4-wheel 2WD	7/8 cu. Yd. 1 cu. Yd. heaped	Diesel	\$82.62
Excavator 10,000 lbs with Trailer and Truck		Diesel	\$82.62
Excavator 20,000 lbs with Trailer and Truck		Diesel	\$108.05

**\$/Sq.Ft**

**Concrete Replacement:**

Plus cost of gravel to fill excavation.

Material Cost + 20% admin.

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**Warning Barricades and Lights:**

Regular:

Standard Double

Double High Intensity

**Rate per Day**

Material Cost + 20% admin.

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**\$/Sq.Ft.**

**Street Asphalt Cut**

Includes new concrete base, binder, and asphalt,  
plus cost of gravel to fill excavation

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 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 \$2.00 fee 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.