

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
September 10, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William L. Sunderlin
Debbie Lombardo
Scott Billman
Bill Hanley
Tim Donovan
Brian Gould*(remote)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter J. Merlo
John D. McMahon
David Hill
Fouad Arab
Charles C. Martorana
Stephen Waldvogel
Doug Fultz
Damond Rand
Kelly Leeb
Christine Wingo
Lisa Foti
Bill Ferguson
Damon Sykes
Dustin Steiner
Connor Bannochie
Matthew Adam
Nolan Skipper
Zachary Cox
Jeff Mays
Pat Thornton
Mike Wolasz
Spectrum News
Alexa Wajed

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board (BWB) was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. Motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Hanley, to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Lombardo, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: After the Vice Chair offered an opportunity for public comments, Ms. Alexa Wajed of Eat Off Art inquired about the status of the Kensington and Grider Water Tower public art project. Mr. Martorana, legal counsel for the Buffalo Water Board, provided Ms. Wajed with a project update.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Donovan to reinstate the Buffalo Water Board Notification and Discontinuance of Service Policy for Buffalo Water ratepayers. This policy ensures that customers receive timely and proper communication prior to any service interruption, while maintaining compliance with applicable regulations and established guidelines. Approved. (See attached Policy).
5. The Vice Chair of the Buffalo Water Board opened the Public Hearing regarding the proposed revision of the Buffalo Water Board's Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. An opportunity for public comments was offered; no comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed.

6. Motion by Mr. Billman, seconded by Ms. Lombardo to approve a Resolution of the Buffalo Water Board on SEQRA Determination, and Amendment and Adoption of Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. Approved. (See attached resolution).
7. Staff Update: Mr. Hill, with Veolia Water, provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
8. Election of Officers: Mr. Gould, pursuant to Mayoral appointment, as authorized by law, will be Chair of the Buffalo Water Board. Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Billman to nominate and elect Mr. Sunderlin as Vice Chair of the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.
9. Election of Officers: Motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Lombardo to nominate and elect Mr. Merlo as Secretary and FOIL Officer of the Buffalo Water Board. Approved. Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Billman to nominate and elect Mr. McMahon as Assistant Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board. Approved. The City Comptroller continues pursuant to the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority Act as the Chief Financial Officer of the Buffalo Water Board.
10. Governance Committee: Motion by Mr. Billman, seconded by Ms. Lombardo to nominate and elect Mr. Hanley as Chair, Ms. Lombardo as Vice Chair and Ms. Jackson as member of the Governance Committee of the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.
11. Audit Committee: Motion by Mr. Billman, seconded by Ms. Lombardo to nominate and elect Mr. Donovan as Chair, Mr. Billman as Vice Chair and Mr. Sunderlin as member of the Audit Committee of the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.
12. Motion made by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Billman, to authorize and fund an increase for services as part of the Management Agreement dated as of July 1, 2020, with Veolia Water, specifically the Specialty Preventive Maintenance Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 (bringing the total allocation to \$1,143,173.32) to extend through June 30, 2026. These projects and services will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, as part of the Management Agreement with Veolia Water. Approved.
13. Mr. Waldvogel of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a report of GHD's on-going professional services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on several projects, including: (a) GHD is working with City of Buffalo and Veolia Water staff addressing issues that were identified in a recent inspection by the Erie County Department of Health of the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility ; (b) GHD is working with the City of Buffalo Rate Consultant on the Buffalo Water Board Fiscal and Capital Plan in preparation for a proposed bond issuance later this year. This includes calculating required transfers to close out the current fiscal year, reviewing current revenue figures, developing a fiscal plan for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and evaluating the rate changes needed for the coming year; (c) GHD is continuing to update the Get Water Wise web site with important Buffalo Water related information; (d) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the electrical upgrades at the plant, and construction of the Berm project to protect the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility including the repair of Outfall No 6. GHD continues to participate in weekly contractor meetings for work at Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park.
14. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly Management Report. Mr. Hill reported that Customer Service Center Agents continue to process applications for the Pathways to Affordable Water programs that guide customers to options that may reduce their water bills. At the end of August 2025, 2,030 customers received reduced bills from the

Residential Affordable Water Programs (RAWP) and 4,426 senior citizens are receiving assistance from the Senior Discount Program. Mr. Hill reported that 110 customers are enrolled in a payment plan originated by Promise Pay and 487 customers are enrolled in a payment plan originated by Buffalo Water. Mr. Hill identified that 36 residential water services were replaced in the month of August under the Replace Old Lead Lines (ROLL) Program. Mr. Hill reported that actual revenues were \$5.68 million in August 2025 as compared to budgeted estimates of \$5.62 million for August 2025. Plant staff are completing the annual cleaning of the sludge from the storage basins. Mr. Hill reported that telephone service has been updated at both the Exchange Street office and Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility. This will assist the Customer Service agents with anticipated increased call volume soon. The Emergency Response Plan for the Water Treatment Facility, that is required by the USEPA to be updated every 5 years, has been completed.

Motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Billman to adjourn at 9:54 A.M. Approved.

*Note: Brian Gould participated for a portion of the meeting remotely.

The Buffalo Water Board members and staff will be present in person at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

Buffalo Water Board meetings are held in accordance with the New York State Open Meetings Law, Article 7 of the Public Officers' Law. The agenda will be posted on www.Buffalowater.org in advance of the meeting and will provide time for public comment. The public are invited to attend in person or by remote video and audio conference. A computer access "MS Teams" link and a Toll-Free Conference Call Telephone Number will be provided in advance of the meeting. See www.Buffalowater.org or call 716-851-9626 for more information.

Buffalo Water

Notification and Discontinuance of Service Policy – September 2025

1. Title

Notification Process (Discontinuance of Service)

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the steps and requirements for reinstating the notification and discontinuance of service process for Buffalo Water ratepayers. This policy ensures that customers receive timely and proper communication prior to any service interruption, while maintaining compliance with applicable regulations and established guidelines.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all Buffalo Water customers and covers:

- The framework and established steps within the notification and discontinuance of service process.
 - The expected timeframe and key technology considerations necessary to reinstitute the program.
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4. Process Overview

4.1 Pre-Notification Review – Ensure proper billing and meter reading/estimating procedures have been completed.

- Review customer accounts to identify those eligible for discontinuance based on non-payment or other qualifying criteria. Current criteria include accounts that have a balance that is greater than 360 days old and a total balance of \$1000 or greater. See attached listings of accounts that meet these criteria.
- Validate billing accuracy and account status prior to initiating notifications.

4.2 Initial Invoice (Day 1)

- Provide the customer with an invoice outlining the current balance, water/sewer usage, and payment due date. Due date is 30 days from invoice date. See attached example of Initial Invoice.
- Deliver notification via mail or email.

4.3 Reminder Notification – Second Notice (Day 31)

- Issue a second notice if payment has not been received. See attached example of second notice.
- Reinforce the payment deadline and provide clear instructions to avoid service disruption.

4.4 Final Notice of Discontinuance (Day 61)

- Provide a final written notice specifying the scheduled discontinuance date. See attached example of final written notice. Regulations require a 15-day notice of shut-off. Does this have to be a house posting/doorhanger?
- Include customer service contact information and available payment options.

4.5 Field Notification (Day 76)

- Dispatch field staff to leave a door hanger or deliver an in-person notice, when applicable.
- Disconnect water service if no resolution is achieved by the stated deadline.
- Provide clear instructions for restoring service upon payment.

4.6 Reinstatement of Service

- Restore service once full payment, or an approved payment arrangement, has been confirmed. See attached description of payment plan options – need to develop written policy for payment plans.
- Record reinstatement in the customer information system for tracking and compliance purposes.

5. Technology Considerations

To reinstitute the program, the following technology measures must be in place:

- **System Integration:** Work with billing and customer information systems reinstatement notification process. Training provided to customer service staff.
- **Vendor Alignment:** Coordinate with print/mail vendors and digital communication platforms.

- **Tracking & Reporting:** Develop dashboards to monitor notification stages and compliance metrics.
- **Implementation Timeline:** Estimated 3–6 months, depending on system readiness and vendor coordination.



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 Buffalo, NY 14240-0018
 716-847-1065

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS	
Account Number	
Name	
Service Address	
Bill Date	
Bill Period	
Date of Last Payment	
Amount of Last Payment	

Go Green Receive your bill via E-Mail / Visit www.BuffaloWaterAuthority.com or call 716-847-1065 for details

~~~ PAYMENT MADE EASY ~~~
On-Line: <a href="http://www.BuffaloWaterAuthority.com">www.BuffaloWaterAuthority.com</a> Phone-in: (716) 847-1065 Mail: PO Box 18, Buffalo, NY 14240-0018
~~~ FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL ~~~
Regular Business Hours Monday to Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM Water Emergencies 24/7 (716) 847-1065

METER READING		
PRIOR READING	CURRENT READING	USAGE
BILL TYPE	METER SIZE	SERIAL NUMBER
CHARGES	WATER	SEWER
TOTALS		
Current Water and Sewer		
Previous Balance		
Total Amount Due		
Due Date		

To avoid interest charges pay total amount due on or before due date

SPECIAL MESSAGES

----- Detach and return remittance portion with your payment in envelope provided -----



Buffalo Water Board
 281 Exchange Street
 Buffalo, NY 14204
 716-847-1065

managed by VEOLIA

Please write account number on your check or money order	
Account Number	
Service Address	
Due Date	
Total Amount Due	
Amount Enclosed	

Make checks payable to and mail to:



PO BOX 18
Buffalo, NY 14240-0018
716-847-1065

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Name:

PAST DUE REMINDER

ACCOUNT NUMBER	SERVICE ADDRESS	NOTICE DATE	DUE DATE
FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL		716-847-1065	PAST AMOUNT DUE ►

Dear Valued Customer:

Our current records indicate that we have not received payment on your most recent billing statement. Please note that this Past Due Reminder only reflects your most recent quarterly or monthly billing. To avoid interruption of service, it is important to remit payment by the date noted on this statement above.

If you have any additional unpaid balances, please contact our offices 716-847-1065 to speak with a Customer Service Representative to discuss additional payment options to avoid interruption of service.

For your convenience, we have several payment options that you may use as follows:

- Via phone 716-847-1065 (option # 1)
- On-line at www.buffalowater.org
- Via mail PO BOX 18
- 24/7 Drop Box at 281 Exchange Street
- Walk-in at 281 Exchange Street Monday – Friday, 8:30AM to 4:00PM
- At City Hall (1st Floor)

If you have any additional question please contact us at 716-847-1065 to speak with a Customer Service Representative.

IF THE PAST DUE AMOUNT HAS BEEN PAID SINCE THE STATEMENT DATE, PLEASE CALL 716-847-1065 FOR CURRENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY.

Detach and return remittance portion with your payment in envelope provided



Buffalo Water Board
281 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14204
716-847-1065

Please write account number on your check or money order	
Account Number	
Service Address	
Due Date	
Total Amount Due	
Amount Enclosed	

Make checks payable to and mail to:



281 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14204
(716) 847-1065 Press 1

**PAY YOUR
WATER
BILL
TODAY**

MARCUS HALL -

You are now on a list of properties **scheduled to have your water turned off** due to lack of payment. We use these payments to keep your water clean and reliable.

We do not want you to lose your water and pay additional fees - pay by 02/12/20 to avoid these consequences.

You owe → \$

Account → - Account #:

Pay here → 1. Online: buffalowater.org or bit.ly/buffalowater-billpay



2. Phone: 716-847-1065 (press 1)

3. In-person: A. Buffalo Water
B. City Hall (65 Niagara Square Room 114)
C. Tops grocery stores

If you have any questions please call us at 716-847-1065.



Buffalo Water Operated by Veolia
281 Exchange Street
Buffalo, NY 14204

FIRST CLASS MAIL
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US POSTAGE PAID
NIAGARA FALLS, NY
PERMIT NO. 1

URGENT NOTICE: immediate action is required

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**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.

3. The Board Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Secretary are authorized to publish such notices and other documents and to execute and deliver all instruments and documents as required by applicable law for the completion of all requirements prescribed by New York Public Authorities Law and other applicable law with respect to compliance with SEQRA and the adoption, amendment, filing and publication of the Board's Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges as part of 21 NYCRR Part 10085 *et seq.*

At a meeting of the Buffalo Water Board, convened in public session at Room 210 City Hal, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York on the foregoing resolution was offered by SCOTT C. BILLMAN and seconded by DEBBIE LOMBARDO, and with a quorum present throughout such resolution was duly adopted by the Buffalo Water Board.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF ERIE)

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Board, including the resolution contained therein, held the 10th day of September, 2025 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting, (B) said meeting was duly held, (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7 and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Board present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of September, 2025.



Peter J. Merlo, P. E.
Secretary of the Board

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.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information																		
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: pmerito@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.			<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">NO</th> <th style="width: 50%;">YES</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	NO	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>											
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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.																		
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<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>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Buffalo Water Board</u> Date: <u>August 13, 2025</u></p> <p>Signature: <u><i>[Handwritten Signature]</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"/>

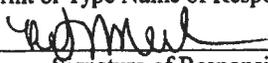
Project:	Adoption of Rates
Date:	September 10, 2025

**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.

- 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.
- 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**

BUFFALO WATER BOARD
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

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:

<u>1 story</u>	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
<u>1.5 Story</u>	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
<u>2 Story</u>	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
<u>2.5 Story</u>	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
<u>3 story</u>	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
<u>4 story</u>	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
<u>5 story</u>	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:**

<u>1 story</u>	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
<u>1.5 Story</u>	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
<u>2 Story</u>	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
<u>2.5 Story</u>	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
<u>3 story</u>	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
<u>4 story</u>	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
<u>5 story</u>	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

<u>Quarterly Blocks</u>	<u>\$/ 1,000 cu.ft.</u>
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:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
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:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
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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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

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

Tap Sizes

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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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

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.
 <u>Meter Labor Repair Charges</u>		
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%
 <u>Water Meters</u>		
Meter		Material Cost + 20% Admin.

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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

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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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

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 & 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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MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES (continued)

Warning Barricades and Lights:

Regular:

Standard Double

Double High Intensity

Rate per Day

Material Cost + 20% admin.

Material Cost + 20% admin.

Material Cost + 20% admin.

\$/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.