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## **Water Capacity Fees**

Effective August 1, 2018, development projects requesting a water connection to the City of East Palo Alto's water system will be subject to payment of a Water Capacity Fee to the City to cover the cost of a water supply increase and future water system improvement projects (Resolution No. 5004). Refer to the attached Water Capacity Fee Schedule. Additional water service permit, plan review and inspection fees may also apply as described in the City's Water Application and Permit Form.

Water Capacity Fees apply to all potable water and landscape irrigation connections to the City's water system, excluding water meter connections for fire service. Water Capacity Fees are a one-time charge that shall be paid prior to building permit issuance, or as otherwise agreed upon by the City. Fees will be those in effect at the time of building permit issuance. The fee applies to all qualifying development projects as summarized below. *(Exceptions: projects with a valid building permit or recognized by the City as a vested development project on August 1, 2018.)*

### **RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS**

The Water Capacity Fee is assessed for each new single-family, townhouse and multi-family housing unit pursuant to the Fee Schedule. Residential remodels/additions with or without an upgraded water meter are not subject to the fee. Credit may be provided for an existing active water meter on the property (e.g. serving a dwelling unit that will be demolished.) Accessory dwelling units are subject to the fee (multi-family rate) only if a separate water meter will be installed to serve the unit.

### **SMALL NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS** *(water connections with a 2-inch or smaller meter)*

The Water Capacity Fee is assessed on applicable projects that require a new water meter or an increase in meter size. The fee is determined by the size of the meter to be installed pursuant to the Fee Schedule. Credit can be considered for an existing active water meter on a site that will be redeveloped or for an existing use that will be expanded or intensified (Example: an upgrade from a 1-inch to a 2-inch meter is a fee of \$51,598.)

### **LARGE NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS** *(water connections with a larger than 2-inch meter)*

The Water Capacity Fee will be calculated based on the estimated water demand for each new, expanded or intensified project. As determined by the Public Works Director, the applicant shall either obtain a City-approved licensed engineer to calculate the water demand, or shall fund an independent assessment under the City's direction. For a redeveloped site or an existing use that will be expanded or intensified, the analysis can consider the historic or existing water use to estimate the net increase in water demand to calculate the fee.

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**WATER CAPACITY FEE SCHEDULE**  
(effective August 1, 2018)

		Average Water Demand (GPD)	Water Capacity Fee Components		
			Water System Buy-In	Water Supply for Growth	Total Water Capacity Fee
Unit Cost per gallons per day (GPD)			\$25.90	\$5.43	<b>\$31.33</b>
<b>Residential Water Capacity Fee</b> <i>Fee applied per residential dwelling unit</i>					
Single-Family/Townhouse		260	\$6,734	\$1,413	<b>\$8,147</b>
Multi-Family/Apartment		160	\$4,144	\$870	<b>\$5,014</b>
Accessory Dwelling Unit (1)		160	\$4,144	\$870	<b>\$5,014</b>
<b>Non-Residential Water Capacity Fee for Meters up to 2-inch</b> <i>Fee applied based on meter size</i>					
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Capacity Ratio</u>				
3/4-inch	1.00	380	\$9,842	\$2,065	<b>\$11,907</b>
1-inch	1.67	633	16,403	3,442	<b>19,845</b>
1.5 inch	3.33	1,267	32,807	6,884	<b>39,691</b>
2-inch	5.33	2,027	52,491	11,014	<b>63,505</b>
<b>Non-Residential Water Capacity Fee for Connections with Larger Meters</b> <i>Fee applied based on estimated water demand (\$ per GPD)</i>					
Capacity Fee per GPD		tbd	\$25.90	\$5.43	<b>\$31.33</b>
(1) ONLY applies if a separate new meter will be installed to serve the unit.					
<i>Note: Standard capacity fees are shown. City reserves the right to calculate alternative charges on a case-by-case basis to ensure charges reflect estimated water demand and/or recover the full costs of facilities benefitting new or expanded water service connections.</i>					

\*For questions, please contact \_\_\_\_\_