



## Barrow County Utilities Department

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# WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES – FY2026

## EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2025

Final Version June 24, 2025

These rates and fees shall remain in effect from July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026 unless amended by the Barrow County Board of Commissioners and shall continue in effect beyond June 30, 2026 if not otherwise replaced by another rate resolution or amendment.

### FEE SCHEDULE

Barrow County shall assess the following fee for each instance described below:

FEET TYPE	CHARGE
Late Fee	\$2.00 or 10% (whichever is greater)
Disconnection Fee – due to non-payment	\$25.00
After Hours Water Meter turn-on fee	\$75.00
Returned Check Fee	\$35.00
Convenience Fee (Credit/Debit Card Processing Fee)	\$2.00 or 3.95% (whichever is greater)
Customer Account Transfer Fee	\$50.00
Meter Re-Read Fee – Customer Requested	\$50.00
Meter Re-Installation Fee – Customer Requested	\$400.00
Meter Testing Fee – Customer Requested	\$75.00
Raise or lower water meter and/or meter box to grade	\$200.00
Raise or lower fire hydrant to manufacturer's requirement	\$500.00
Raise or lower valve box to grade	\$200.00
Relocate water meter and meter box – No New Tap	\$500.00
Relocate water meter and meter box – New Tap	\$2400.00
Damaged or broken water meter – Replacement	\$400.00
Damaged or broken meter box lid – Replacement	\$45.00
Damaged or broken meter box and lid - Replacement	\$75.00
Damaged or broken turf box with lid - Replacement	\$52.00
Damaged or broken Register – Replacement	\$240.00
Damaged or missing valve marker - Replacement	\$100.00
Damaged, broken or missing valve box - Replacement	\$75.00
Turn water on / off for home inspection	\$50.00
BacT Testing per sample location	\$75.00
BacT Testing delivery fee	\$100.00
Leak Adjustment Program – Voluntary Participation	\$0.70 per month



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## RATE SCHEDULE TANNERS BRIDGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BARBER CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS													
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL NEW METER								WATER VOLUME MONTHLY CHARGES					
WATER METER SIZE	NEW CONSTRUCTION OR IRRIGATION ONE-TIME CHARGES						BASE WATER CHARGE PER MONTH	BASE SEWER CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER LEVEL 1	WATER LEVEL 2	WATER LEVEL 3	SEWER LEVEL 1	
	ACCOUNT DEPOSIT FEE	CONNECTION FEE COUNTY INSTALLED		CONNECTION FEE SELF INSTALLED		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CHARGES			1 to 2000 GALLONS	2001 to 9000 GALLONS	9001+ GALLONS	1+ GALLONS	
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER		CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS				
3/4"	\$100	3,120.00	4,965.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	12.00	17.00 *	6.10	7.75	9.75	6.15
1"		5,201.00	7,943.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	22.50					
2"		16,638.00	25,411.00	12,799.00	9,599.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	48.00					

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS													
COMMERCIAL NEW METER								WATER VOLUME MONTHLY CHARGES					
WATER METER SIZE	NEW CONSTRUCTION OR IRRIGATION						BASE WATER CHARGE PER MONTH	BASE SEWER CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER		SEWER		
	ACCOUNT DEPOSIT FEE	CONNECTION FEE COUNTY INSTALLED		CONNECTION FEE SELF INSTALLED		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CHARGES			COMMERCIAL MULTI-FAMILY	DEVELOPER			
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER		CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS				
3/4"	\$100	3,120.00	4,965.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	12.00	17.00*	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.15
1"		5,201.00	7,943.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	22.50					
2"		16,638.00	25,411.00	12,799.00	9,599.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	48.00					
3"		Variable	50,828.00	25,600.00	19,200.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	98.00					
4"		Variable	79,418.00	40,000.00	30,000.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	160.00					
6"		Variable	158,831.00	79,999.00	59,999.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	278.00					
8"		Variable	254,131.00	127,999.00	95,999.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	300.00					
10"		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	Variable					
12"		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	Variable					

**Sewer Capacity Fee 1 ERU = 250 GPD Minimum**

**Sewer Base Charge\*** – Customers served by Pump Stations will have an additional O&M charge of \$5.00 per month.



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## RATE SCHEDULE CEDAR CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL NEW METER								WATER VOLUME MONTHLY CHARGES					
WATER METER SIZE	NEW CONSTRUCTION OR IRRIGATION ONE-TIME CHARGES						BASE WATER CHARGE PER MONTH	BASE SEWER CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER LEVEL 1	WATER LEVEL 2	WATER LEVEL 3	SEWER LEVEL 1	
	ACCOUNT DEPOSIT FEE	CONNECTION FEE COUNTY INSTALLED		CONNECTION FEE SELF INSTALLED		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CHARGES			1 to 2000 GALLONS	2001 to 9000 GALLONS	9001+ GALLONS	1+ GALLONS	
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER		CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS				
3/4"	\$100	3,120.00	5,165.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	12.00	17.00 *	6.10	7.75	9.75	9.00
1"		5,201.00	7,943.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	22.50					
2"		16,638.00	25,411.00	12,799.00	9,599.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	48.00					

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS													
COMMERCIAL								WATER VOLUME MONTHLY CHARGES					
WATER METER SIZE	NEW METER						BASE WATER CHARGE PER MONTH	BASE SEWER CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER		SEWER		
	ACCOUNT DEPOSIT FEE	CONNECTION FEE COUNTY INSTALLED		CONNECTION FEE SELF INSTALLED		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CHARGES			COMMERCIAL MULTI-FAMILY	DEVELOPER			
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER		CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS				
3/4"	\$100	3,120.00	5,165.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	5,500.00	12.00	17.00*	6.10	6.10	6.10	9.00
1"		5,201.00	7,943.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	22.50					
2"		16,638.00	25,411.00	12,799.00	9,599.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	48.00					
3"		Variable	50,828.00	25,600.00	19,200.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	98.00					
4"		Variable	79,418.00	40,000.00	30,000.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	160.00					
6"		Variable	158,831.00	79,999.00	59,999.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	278.00					
8"		Variable	254,131.00	127,999.00	95,999.00	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	300.00					
10"		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	Variable					
12"		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	1,200.00	\$22.00/gal	Variable					

**Sewer Capacity Fee 1 ERU = 250 GPD Minimum**

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## RATE SCHEDULE MULBERRY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL NEW METER							WATER VOLUME MONTHLY CHARGES						
WATER METER SIZE	NEW CONSTRUCTION OR IRRIGATION ONE-TIME CHARGES						BASE WATER CHARGE PER MONTH	BASE SEWER CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER LEVEL 1	WATER LEVEL 2	WATER LEVEL 3	SEWER LEVEL 1	
	ACCOUNT DEPOSIT FEE	CONNECTION FEE COUNTY INSTALLED		CONNECTION FEE SELF INSTALLED		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CHARGES			CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS				
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER		6.10	7.75	9.75	10.30	
3/4"	\$100	3,120.00	4,965.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	9,000.00	12.00	18.00 *				
1"		5,201.00	7,943.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	9,000.00	22.50					
2"		16,638.00	25,411.00	12,799.00	9,599.00	1,200.00	9,000.00	48.00					

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS													
COMMERCIAL NEW METER							WATER VOLUME MONTHLY CHARGES						
WATER METER SIZE	NEW CONSTRUCTION OR IRRIGATION						BASE WATER CHARGE PER MONTH	BASE SEWER CHARGE PER MONTH	WATER		COMMERCIAL MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPER IRRIGATION		
	ACCOUNT DEPOSIT FEE	CONNECTION FEE COUNTY INSTALLED		CONNECTION FEE SELF INSTALLED		SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY CHARGES			CHARGE PER 1000 GALLONS				
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER		6.10	6.10	6.10	10.30	
3/4"	\$100	3,120.00	4,965.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	9,000.00	12.00	18.00*				
1"		5,201.00	7,943.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	22.50					
2"		16,638.00	24,411.00	12,799.00	9,599.00	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	48.00					
3"		Variable	50,828.00	25,600.00	19,200.00	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	98.00					
4"		Variable	79,418.00	40,000.00	30,000.00	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	160.00					
6"		Variable	158,831.00	79,999.00	59,999.00	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	278.00					
8"		Variable	254,131.00	127,999.00	95,999.00	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	300.00					
10"		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	Variable					
12"		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	1,200.00	\$36.00/gal	Variable					

**Sewer Capacity Fee ERU = 250 GPD**

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### MUNICIPAL NON-CONTRACT WATER USAGE RATES MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGES

\$6.10

Large volume water user rates shall be reviewed at development submission.

## NOTES

### Irrigation Meters

$\frac{3}{4}$ " Irrigation meters purchased at time of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " domestic meter purchase, that do not require a new tap on the water main = \$800.00.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Irrigation meters purchased alone that do not require a new tap on the water main = \$1200.00. The price for a Larger Irrigation Meter will be determined by the Utilities Manager. Irrigation meters have no monthly base meter charge. Residential monthly usage rates shall be charged at the Water Level 1 rate.

### 3" to 8" Meter Variable One Time Fees

Self-installed price plus materials and labor costs

### System Development Charges

A fee to cover the customer's pro-rated share of the costs incurred by Barrow County Utilities for the construction of the water and sewer infrastructure. Any System Development Charge for a meter larger than 8" is determined by the Utilities Department.

### Base Charge

A monthly minimum charge, regardless of volume used.

### Sewer Base Charge\*

Customers served by Pump Stations will have an additional O&M charge of \$5.00 per month.

### Volume Charge

Rates for water passing through the water meter, based on the monthly billing cycle.

**Commercial Master Meter** – shall be calculated based on total Amount of GPD capacity requested.

**Multi-Family Residential Unit - Base Water and Sewer Charge** - For Multi-Family Residential Unit (townhome / apartment housing), an account receiving both water and sewer service shall be charged a base charge of \$10.00 per unit per billing period. Multi-Family housing on water only or sewer only accounts will be charged a base charge of \$7.50 per unit per billing period.

**Multi-Family Residential Units Water and Sewer Capacity Fee** – refers to a one-time charge imposed for water or wastewater utility) for new or expanded multifamily developments. Capacity fee shall mean the number of residential units, which the water demand of a customer is equivalent, where a Single-family residential unit is calculated to have an average demand of 250 gpd, per the number of ERU's assigned to a master meter. Master Meter Units shall be determined by the total number of residential units served by the Master Meter.

**Example** - Capacity Fee= ERU Rate  $\times$  Total Number of Units.

**Multifamily Residential Units Sewer Connection Fee** – A multifamily sewer connection fee is a one-time charge that a property developer or owner pays to connect a multifamily residential unit. Connection fee shall be determined by the  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch sewer connection fee multiplied by .75 by the total number of residential units

**Example** -Connection Fee - Per-unit fee: \$2,400 \* .75 – 1,800 per dwelling unit  $\times$  10 units = \$18,000.



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### FIRE PROTECTION METER

Fire Line Meter Size	Monthly Base	Fire Related Usage per 1000 gallons	Non-Fire Related Usage per 1000 gallons
4" and smaller	\$5.15	\$3.50	\$12.18
6"	\$10.30	\$3.50	\$12.18
8"	\$15.45	\$3.50	\$12.18
10"	\$20.60	\$3.50	\$12.18
12"	\$25.75	\$3.50	\$12.18

Fire Protection Meter Connection Fee shall be 10% of the Domestic meter Connection Fee.

All water which passes through the fire line meter for purposes other than fire-fighting shall be billed for water and sewer. The volume charge for non-fire related water usage shall be equal to double (2 times) the respective residential charge. All customers with a fire line meter shall provide certification of the required annual testing and maintenance checks of the backflow prevention devices. This certification should state all parts and operations are without defect or deficiencies.

### WASTEWATER PUMPING STATION FEES

So that existing water and wastewater customers are not burdened by the cost of future operation and maintenance of developer-installed wastewater pumping stations, developers shall pay for such future operation and maintenance of wastewater pumping stations contributed to the Barrow County Utilities Department as follows:

#### Future Operations and Maintenance Costs Fee

Pump Station Category	Future Operations and Maintenance Costs Fee
0-49 HP	\$160,000
50-100 HP	\$200,000
Over 100 HP	\$240,000

The Fee for Future Operations and Maintenance Costs may be waived by the Department Manager only if an existing pump station is decommissioned and flows from said existing pump station are diverted to the new pump station at the Developers sole cost.

#### Pump Station Cost Recovery Fee

Pump Station	Cost Recovery Fee
6 <sup>th</sup> Street	\$10.00 per gallon
Freeman Johnson/Hwy 211 NW	\$10.00 per gallon
Harry McCarty	\$10.00 per gallon

All Cost Recovery Fees are a one-time Fee to recover the Barrow County cost of investment in infrastructure and shall remain in place until original investment is recovered.



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### Infrastructure Cost Recovery Fee

Infrastructure	Cost Recovery Fee
Union Church Road Water Main	\$6.15 per gallon

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT SURCHARGES

A wastewater treatment surcharge rate schedule is in effect for high strength wastewater dischargers.

To calculate a surcharge for BOD5, TSS, P or Ammonia as Nitrogen NH3 –N , the analytical results of any composite sample for BOD5, TSS, P or NH3 – N shall be deemed representative of the User's discharge for the entire billing period in which the sample is taken, unless additional samples are taken either by Barrow County or the User during the same billing period in which event the average of each parameter's analytical results for that period shall be used to calculate the surcharge for that billing period.

Parameter	Surcharge Threshold	Surcharge Rate
	(mg/L)	(\$ per 1,000 gallons per each additional mg/L above surcharge threshold)
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5)	250	\$0.00212
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	250	\$0.00212
Total Phosphorus (TP)	10	\$0.085
Ammonia as Nitrogen (NH3 –N)	30	\$0.0212

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Please see the Utilities Department Project Submittal Check List on our website to ensure you complete them in order. The checklist can be found at [barrowga.org](http://barrowga.org) on the Utilities page.

## CAPACITY APPLICATION

Before submitting development plans, complete the appropriate Capacity Application and return it with payment. If appropriate capacity is available, you will be given the approval to submit development plans to the Barrow County Utilities Department for review.

Wastewater Capacity Application Fee	\$500.00 (pd by cash/check/money order)
Water Capacity Application Fee	\$500.00 (pd by cash/check/money order)
One - Five Homes	\$100.00 per unit (pd by cash/check/money order)



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### PLAN SUBMITTAL

The Utilities Department accepts plans on Tuesdays during normal business hours. Please allow two weeks for plan review. Larger developments may require additional time.

Submit the New Development Plan Application with Review Fee and provide two (2) hard copies and one (1) digital copy of the Development Plan to the Barrow County Utilities Department for review.

After the Development Plan is approved by the Utilities Department engineers, provide three (3) hard copies for stamping, one (1) digital copy and the AutoCAD file to the Utilities Department.

### FEES

Development Plan Type	1 to 67 Units	More than 67 Units
Residential - Water Review*	\$1000.00	\$15 per Unit
Residential - Wastewater Review*	\$1000.00	\$15 per Unit
Residential – Master Meter Review*	\$1000.00	\$1000.00

Development Plan Type	1 to 10 Units	More than 10 Units
Commercial - Water Review*	\$1000.00	\$1250.00
Commercial - Wastewater Review*	\$1000.00	\$1250.00

Wastewater Pump Station Review*	\$1400.00
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\*Includes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Plan Reviews and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Construction Testing.

Additional Plan Review – Water	\$5.00 per lot
Additional Plan Review – Wastewater	\$5.00 per lot
Additional Plan Review – Commercial Water	\$250.00 each
Additional Plan Review – Commercial Wastewater	\$250.00 each
Additional Plan Review – Master Meter	\$300.00 each
Additional Testing – Water	\$250.00 each
Additional Testing – Wastewater	\$250.00 each
Additional Wastewater Pump Station Review	\$200.00 each
Onsite Meetings with County Engineer	\$200 per hour
Master Planned Development and Industrial	Charged at Hourly Rate (\$1,000 Minimum)

(Paid by Cash, Check or Money Order)



### **WATER & WASTEWATER STANDARDS & DETAILS**

Utilities Standards and Details may be picked up at the Barrow County Utilities office located at 59 Lee Street, Winder, GA. 30680 during normal business hours, free of charge. You may also find them listed on our website at [barrowga.org/departments/wastewater.aspx](http://barrowga.org/departments/wastewater.aspx).

### **PAYMENTS**

Accepted methods of payment are cash, check and money order. Payments can be made in person, by mail or placed in our department drop box. Checks shall be made payable to the Barrow County Utilities Department.

Established customers receiving water or both water & wastewater services from our department may also utilize the online credit card portal, pay by phone or apply for automated bank draft. Fees may be applied based on payment method. Options and restrictions are noted on the Department's webpage.

### **USER CHARGES**

User charges and fees are presented by the Public Works Director within the annual budget for review and approval by the Board of Commissioners. User Charges are those as established by the County Board of Commissioners and shall be based on the quantity or volume consumed through the water meter discharged into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works.