

TOWN OF ALTAVISTA

Notice of Public Hearing

1. Charges for town services to be stated in newly established Master List of Town Charges.
2. Changes in certain charges related to sewer and water service.

The Altavista Town Council will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Altavista Town Hall.

The purpose of the hearing will be to hear public comment upon the following proposed amendments to the Town Code **to be effective on December 1, 2018**, with regards to sewer and water charges which are promulgated pursuant to authority contained in Virginia Code Sections 15.2-2119, 15.2-2122 and 15.2-2143 as follows:

1. Amend Section 78-81, Section 78-82 and Section 78-85 to remove from the Town Code specific amounts for rates and charges and set forth the rates and charges in a new *Town of Altavista Master List of Rates, Fees and Charges* which will not be a part of the Town Code but will be incorporated therein by reference. The purpose of these changes is to avoid changing the text of the Town Code to show the rates, fees and charges each time they are modified and to provide a single reference point for citizens to find all fees, rates and charges imposed by the Town.
2. Proposed Ordinance Establishing the *Town of Altavista Master List of Rates, Fees and Charges*. The proposed ordinance will set forth in the Master List all rates, fees and charges for town utility and other services. **The Master List will reflect the following changes in utility rates proposed by Town Council as part of the 2018-2019 budget:**

RATES & FEES

New rate structure to be in two components which are: 1. Monthly Fixed Charge and 2. Monthly Consumption Charge:

1. Monthly Fixed Charge:
This charge is based on the size of the water meter at the customer's home or business and is applied to water/sewer accounts. The customer will pay only one monthly charge per account whether the customer has either water or sewer or both. The monthly fixed charge is a new charge not previously imposed and the amount of the proposed charge is as follows:

Meter Size	Capacity Factor*	New Charge: Monthly Fixed Charge (Base: \$6.50)
5/8"	1	\$6.50
3/4"	1.5	\$9.75
1"	2.5	\$16.25
1 1/2"	5	\$32.50
2"	8	\$52.00
2 1/2"	11	\$71.50
3"	15	\$97.50
4"	25	\$162.50
6"	50	\$325.00
8"	80	\$520.00
10"	115	\$747.50

2. Monthly Consumption Charge

These charges are based on the amount of water/sewer used by the customer.

Water Rates:

- Business & Residential - Current charge \$2.18 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new charge \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons, 8% increase.
- Industrial – Current charge \$2.14 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$2.31 per 1,000 gallons, 8% increase.
- Town of Hurt Water System – Current charge \$3.27 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$3.53 per 1,000 gallons, 8% increase.
- Business & Residential Customers Outside of Town (other than the Town of Hurt water system) - Current charge \$4.36 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$4.70 per 1,000 gallons, 8% increase.
- Industrial Outside of Town - Current charge \$4.28 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$4.62 per 1,000 gallons, 8% increase.

Sewer Rates (based on 85% of water consumption):

- Business & Residential - Current charge \$3.07 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons, 4% increase.
- Industrial – Current charge \$3.14 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$3.27 per 1,000 gallons, 4% increase.
- Town of Hurt Sewer System – Current charge \$3.07 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons, 4% increase.
- Business & Residential Customers Outside of Town (other than the Town of Hurt sewer system) – Current charge \$6.14 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$6.38 per 1,000 gallons, 4% increase.

- Industrial Outside of Town – Current charge \$6.28 per 1,000 gallons, proposed new rate \$6.54 per 1,000 gallons, 4% increase.

Connection and Supply Charges. Charges for connection to the water and sewer systems and for the availability of sewer service will be based upon the meter size and the Capacity Factor*.

WATER/SEWER CONNECTION & AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

Meter Size	Capacity Factor*	Water Connection Fee (Base: \$1,500)	Sewer Connection Fee (Base: \$2,000)	Sewer Availability Fee (Base: \$600)
5/8"	1	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$600
3/4"	1.5	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$900
1"	2.5	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$1,500
1 1/2"	5	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$3,000
2"	8	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$4,800
2 1/2"	11	\$16,500	\$22,000	\$6,600
3"	15	\$22,500	\$30,000	\$9,000
4"	25	\$37,500	\$50,000	\$15,000
6"	50	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$30,000
8"	80	\$120,000	\$160,000	\$48,000
10"	115	\$172,500	\$230,000	\$69,000

Due to the proposed change to basing all connection and availability fees on meter size and Capacity Factor it is not possible to state the current charges in all cases. The water connection fee is currently \$350 for 3/4" meter, \$250 plus cost for 1" meter and \$400 plus cost for over 1" meter. The current sewer connection fee is \$500 payable upon connection and \$600 availability fee totaling \$1,100.

Availability fees are due on all sewer lines constructed after July 1, 1989. All users who have paid an availability fee for lines constructed past their premises on or after July 1, 1989 will receive, upon connection, a credit for the availability fee previously paid.

 *The Capacity Factor is a value published by the American Waterworks Association (AWWA) calculated to account for costs associated with the connection and the availability of flow through the meter.

Miscellaneous Water/Sewer Charges:

Application for Service/New Account Fee	\$25.00.
Security Deposit (Owner)	\$50.00.
Security Deposit (Landlord)	\$125.00.
Cut-Off Charge Fee for Non-payment	\$35.00.
Service Request during work hours (7:00 am – 3:30 pm) M-F	\$25.00.
Service Request after work hours (after 3:30 pm M-F; Sat and Sun)	\$50.00.

The text of the proposed changes in the water and sewer charges and information concerning the documentation and justification for increases may be examined at the Altavista Town Hall during normal business hours.

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