

**ORDINANCE 75-1  
AMENDMENT 45  
WATER AND SEWER RATES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DAHLONEGA AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF THAT THE FOLLOWING RATES HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR IMPLEMENTATION TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 1, 2016, BY VIRTUE OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTION APPROVED THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016, THE SAME ARE HEREBY RATIFIED; AND IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH ORDINANCE 75-1 IS HEREBY AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

The following Water and Sewer Rates as well as other referenced charges are hereby adopted --

**WATER RATES - RESIDENTIAL 1 & 2**

BASE RATE	\$21.91	(for ¾ inch meter)
1-5,000 gal	\$ 7.09	(per 1,000 gal.)
5,001-12,000 gal.	\$ 9.48	(per 1,000 gal.)
12,001 gal & over	\$14.18	(per 1,000 gal.)

**COMMERCIAL ¾ INCH METER**

1-8,000 gal	\$7.09	(per 1,000 gal.)
8,001-50,000	\$8.27	(per 1,000 gal.)
50,001 & over	\$9.48	(per 1,000 gal.)

**COMMERCIAL 1 INCH METER**

1-16,000 gal	\$7.09	(per 1,000 gal.)
16,001-60,000	\$8.27	(per 1,000 gal.)
60,001 & over	\$9.48	(per 1,000 gal.)

**COMMERCIAL 1.5 INCH METER**

1-50,000 gal	\$7.09	(per 1,000 gal)
50,001-100,000	\$8.27	(per 1,000 gal)
100,001 & over	\$9.48	(per 1,000 gal)

**COMMERCIAL 2" AND 3" METER**

1-110,000 gal	\$7.09	(per 1,000 gal.)
110,001-750,000	\$8.27	(per 1,000 gal.)
750,001 & over	\$9.48	(per 1,000 gal.)

**INDUSTRIAL**

1-215,000 gal	\$7.32	(per 1,000 gal)
215,001-1,000,000	\$7.32	(per 1,000 gal)
1,000,001 & over	\$7.32	(per 1,000 gal)

**HEAVY INDUSTRIAL**

1-215,000 gal	\$6.97	(per 1,000 gal)
215,001-1,000,000	\$6.97	(per 1,000 gal)
1,000,001 & over	\$6.97	(per 1,000 gal)

\*Base fee will be charged whether the meter is active or not  
Customers can choose to have meter taken out but they will be charged \$125.00 for reinstallation

**MONTHLY MINIMUM FEE FOR METERS ABOVE ¾ INCH WILL BE AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1 inch meter	\$34.27
1 ½ inch meter	\$49.43
2 inch meter	\$93.25
3 inch meter	\$112.35
4 inch meter	\$156.17
6 inch meter	\$186.50
8 inch meter	\$311.21

**SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT**

Upon proper application a discount will be given of \$15.00 monthly to be applied to the base fee for account in which the head of the household is 65 years of age or older. Applicant must also verify through their latest tax return that total household income is less than \$20,650 annually.

**WATER FEE FROM HYDRANTS**

A fee of \$5.00 per thousand gallons for water from all city hydrants. Minimum fee of \$50.00 (up to 10,000 gal.) A permit must be obtained at City Hall to withdraw water from hydrant. A deposit fee of \$600.00 will be required for hydrant meter.

**WATER DEPOSIT FEE**

A deposit fee of \$250.00 will be charged for all premises occupied by someone other than the owner. A Deposit fee of two (2) times the average previous water bill for the account will be charged for all commercial accounts. Deposit refunds will be mailed after final bill is processed.

**WATER ACCOUNT ESTABLISHMENT FEE & PENALTIES**

An account establishment fee of \$25.00 shall be required for all new water department hook-ups and transfers. A penalty of 10% or a minimum amount of \$2.00 will be added each month to any delinquent utility bill that has not been paid by the tenth of each month. If the tenth of the month falls on a day that City Hall is not open for business, the penalty deadline will be extended to noon of the next working day. Any utility bill delinquent on the 20th of the month will result in service being discontinued and a service charge of \$75.00 will be added to the bill. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged if the water meter has been tampered with in any way by the customer. A fee of \$30.00 will be charged for return checks.

**LANDLORD AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO RENTAL UNITS**

Landlords may request that water service be provided to rental units on a continuous basis between tenants. In order to establish continuous usage of water in rental units a landlord must fill out a

Landlord Agreement Application available at City Hall and it must be accepted. A turn-on fee of \$25.00 will be charged each time the account is re-established in the Landlord's name. This will happen at the time that a tenant requests service disconnection OR if the tenant account is closed for non-payment. Each time a new tenant applies for service for any of the service addresses listed in the Landlord Agreement Application, a turn-off fee of \$25.00 will be charged to the Landlord's account and said account will be final billed.

If the Landlord Agreement Application is accepted by the City of Dahlonga and an agreement is entered, it is understood that the landlord will be bound by City of Dahlonga's applicable Policies and Procedures, Ordinances and Resolutions for Water/Sewer Service fees where applicable.

#### **WATER TAPPING FEES\***

3/4 inch meter	\$4,780.00
1 inch meter	\$10,984.00
1 ½ inch meter	\$21,961.00
2 inch meter	\$35,139.00
3 inch meter	\$65,889.00
4 inch meter	\$109,817.00
6 inch meter	\$219,628.00
(over 6 inch meter would be negotiated price)	
Sprinkler meter	\$2,075.00

\*special requirements regarding multiunit residential buildings: Each unit within a multiunit residential building is required to have a separate ¾ inch water meter for each unit or alternatively a manifold multi-meter system approved by the city engineer. At the time of construction of a multiunit residential building and before the granting of a certificate of occupancy the owner shall be invoiced and payment shall be received for the minimum residential tap fee multiplied times the number of units contained within the multiunit residential building. All multiunit residential buildings previously permitted under Ordinance 75-1 Amendment 43, shall remain subject to the requirement that letters of credit approved by the city finance department shall be required to assure the payment of a minimum of six months of estimated water and sewerage usage fees for each master meter approved. Nothing herein shall in any way relieve the owner of any building constructed in the City of Dahlonga from compliance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-180.1.

\*any tap that requires to bore under road - additional \$4,000.00 charge.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES**

Inspection fee for new construction - \$1.25 per linear ft. for water lines and \$2.50 per linear ft. for sewer lines. Utility plan review - \$50.00. Hydrant testing – Flow test & 24 hr. pressure test-\$100.00 each.

#### **SEWAGE RATES**

\$7.36 PER 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER USED

A base fee of \$13.48 for sewer service will be charged monthly. All customers will be required to pay minimum fee whether the meter is active or not. Customers can choose to have meter removed and will be charged \$125.00 for reinstallation.

Meters above ¾ inch will be charged monthly base fee as follows:

1 inch meter	\$25.74
1 ½ inch meter	\$37.98
2 inch meter	\$71.13
3 inch meter	\$96.85
4 inch meter	\$142.24
6 inch meter	\$168.64
8 inch meter	\$258.86

**SEWER TAPPING FEES\***

¾ inch meter	\$5,975.00
1 inch meter	\$9,960.00
1 ½ inch meter	\$19,915.00
2 inch meter	\$31,865.00
3 inch meter	\$59,750.00
4 inch meter	\$99,985.00
6 inch meter	\$199,163.00

All meters above 6 inch negotiated price

\*BASED ON WATER METER SIZE

\*ALL TAPS THAT REQUIRE TO BORE UNDER ROAD –ADDITIONAL \$4,000 CHARGE

\*ALL MULTIUNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL SEWER TAP FEE (¾ INCH SEWER TAPPING FEE IN THE TABLE ABOVE) MULTIPLIED TIMES THE NUMBER OF UNITS

**SEWERAGE GRINDER PUMPS**

Monthly charge to all customers of \$16.50 for each pump	
Single grinder pump	\$5,197.00
Duplex grinder pump	\$11,088.00
Riser fee	\$385.00

\*all residential homes required to have a separate sewage grinder pump for each unit

**SEWER DUMP FEES**

The Sewer Dump Fee for pump tank trucks to dump and unload shall be \$175.00 for a ½ load and \$350.00 for a full load.

THESE RATES SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY CONFLICTING RATES EXISTING IN ANY OTHER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA.

IT IS SO ORDAINED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAHLONEGA.

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GARY MCCULLOUGH, MAYOR

Attest:

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KIMBERLY SMITH, CITY CLERK