

**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
WATER DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED GENERAL FIRE SERVICES RATES**

308.0 FIRE SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Fire service connection charges shall consist of a monthly service charge and a quantity charge.

308.1 Charges

(a) Monthly Service Charges

(1) The monthly service charges for the furnishing of water for the purpose of fire protection for the one year period from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 shall be as follows:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Monthly Service Charge</u>
Up through 4-inch	\$16.82
6-inch	30.49
8-inch	45.00
10-inch	66.63
12-inch	99.58

(2) Effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, the service charges in Sub-section 308.1(a)(1) of these Regulations shall be increased to the following levels:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Monthly Service Charge</u>
Up through 4-inch	\$17.91
6-inch	32.47
8-inch	47.92
10-inch	70.96
12-inch	106.05

(3) Effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the service charges in Sub-section 308.1(a)(2) of these Regulations shall be increased to the following levels:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Monthly Service Charge</u>
Up through 4-inch	\$18.42
6-inch	33.40
8-inch	49.29
10-inch	72.99
12-inch	109.07

(4) Effective July 1, 2007, and thereafter, the service charges in Sub-section 308.1(a)(3) shall be increased to the following levels:

<u>Connection Size</u>		<u>Monthly Service Charge</u>
Up through	4-inch	\$19.38
	6-inch	35.14
	8-inch	51.86
	10-inch	76.80
	12-inch	114.77

(b) The City may permit fire service connections to its water system out-side the City of Philadelphia only in properties contiguous to the City where in the opinion of the Water Commissioner water service for fire protection may be furnished without interference with water service to properties within the City.

(c) Pipe connections to the Philadelphia water system, meters and other service requirements shall be in accordance with the standard fire service requirements of the Philadelphia Water Department.

(d) No charge shall be made for water used through fire service connections in actually fighting fires. However, water and, if applicable, sewer service, used through fire service connection for testing the fire protection system, fire drills or similar fire protection purposes shall be charged at the rate(s) for quantity charges to general customers as shown below. Water used through fire service connections for other purposes shall be charged at the current rates applicable to water used by general customers.

(e) Quantity Charges

(1) Effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005:

<u>Monthly Water Usage</u>	<u>Charge per Mcf</u>
First 2 Mcf (0 to 2 Mcf)	\$16.62
Next 98 Mcf (2.1 to 100.0 Mcf)	15.03
Next 1,900 Mcf (100.1 to 2,000 Mcf)	13.38
Over 2,000 Mcf	9.99

(Mcf = 1,000 cubic feet)

(2) Effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

<u>Monthly Water Usage</u>	<u>Charge per Mcf</u>
First 2 Mcf (0 to 2 Mcf)	\$18.00
Next 98 Mcf (2.1 to 100.0 Mcf)	15.90
Next 1,900 Mcf (100.1 to 2,000 Mcf)	14.15
Over 2,000 Mcf	10.57

(3) Effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

<u>Monthly Water Usage</u>	<u>Charge per Mcf</u>
First 2 Mcf (0 to 2 Mcf)	\$20.88
Next 98 Mcf (2.1 to 100 Mcf)	17.65
Next 1,900 Mcf (100.1 to 2,000 Mcf)	14.63
Over 2,000 Mcf	10.93

(4) Effective as of July 1, 2007, and thereafter:

<u>Monthly Water Usage</u>	<u>Charge per Mcf</u>
First 2 Mcf (0 to 2 Mcf)	\$25.12
Next 98 Mcf (2.1 to 100 Mcf)	18.01
Next 1,900 Mcf (100.1 to 2,000 Mcf)	15.92
Over 2,000 Mcf	11.89

(f) The City shall bill the fire connection charges on a monthly basis, and it may bill for water used through fire service connections on the same basis as bills rendered general customers. Bills for the connection charges and water used shall be subject to the same penalties as bills rendered general customers.

(g) Billing of Advance Service Charge

A one (1) time three (3) month advance service charge will be assessed and collected on every property when the property is initially connected to the water and/or sewer system. Thereafter, the three (3) month advance service charge will be maintained by the payment of monthly service charges as required under Sub-section 309.1(a) of these Regulations. The remaining pro rata portion of the three (3) month advance service charge will be refunded to the property owner when he/she permanently disconnects service from the water and sewer system.

(h) This regulation applies to all fire service connections

(i) This regulation will become effective July 1, 2004

Approved as to Form and Validity:

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