

## SEWER SURCHARGE CW#7 SRF

In addition to other sewer charges, the City of Fort Pierre establishes a surcharge of \$10.50 payable by each residential customer, \$17.50 payable by each small commercial customer, and \$85.00 payable by each large commercial customer of its system who receives or benefits from the services of the project financed by the CW#7 SRF loan with the borrower bond.

## ONE-TIME CONNECTION FEES

The following one-time connection fees must be paid in full before the service can be provided:

### A. Electrical Connection Fees:

(1.) Residential Electric Connection Fee. A non-refundable, one time fee in the amount of \$500 shall be paid for a 200 amp, single phase electric service, prior to the connection of a new service. The actual cost for labor and materials shall be paid by the residential customer for modifying or altering an existing service. A non-refundable, one-time fee in the amount of \$850 shall be paid for a 400 amp, single phase electric service. Electric service greater than a 400 amp, single phase electric service will follow the same cost participation as the commercial electric connection fee.(Ord. 883 H-5-2)

(2.) Commercial Electric Connection Fee. Prior to the connection of a new service or upgrade, a written estimate of the cost, including but not limited to wire, transformer, trenching, labor, and miscellaneous materials, shall be prepared by the Director of Public Works, or his designee, and presented to the owner, or his designee, for approval. One hundred percent (100%) of the actual cost of installation, along with the appropriate deposit as required by H-5-3, shall be paid prior to the connection or reconnection of the service. (Ord. 883 H-5-2)

### B. Water connection fees.

(1.) Water connection fees shall be set by resolution duly adopted by the City Council. (Res 2011-04)

### C. Sewer connection fees.

(1.) Sewer connection fees shall be set by resolution duly adopted by the City Council. (Res 2009-07)

Notwithstanding and in addition to any other fee prescribed in this chapter, a non-refundable utility account connection fee of Ten Dollars (\$10) shall be paid in addition to the refundable meter deposit as prescribed in H-5-3 prior to the connection or the transfer of the utility account. (Ord. 883 H-5-2)

In all cases where the City must expend more than the connection fee to obtain a connection satisfactory to the City, such additional expense shall be borne by the owner & paid prior to approval of connection. (Ord.883 H-5-2)

## REFUNDABLE METER DEPOSITS

A. A refundable deposit for security on the utility meters shall be paid prior to the connection or transfer of the utility account. The deposits shall be:

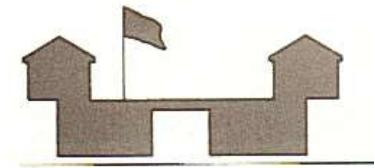
1. Residential – \$100 plus applicable taxes with favorable credit reference or \$200 plus applicable taxes without a favorable credit reference.
2. Small commercial – \$150 plus applicable taxes.
3. Large commercial – \$400 plus applicable taxes.

Ord. 1017 H-5-3

B. Subject to H-6-6 and H-6-8, when a utility customer terminates service without a transfer to a new service address within thirty (30) days and all City property associated with the terminated service is accounted for, the deposit imposed under this section shall be returned or applied to the utility customer's final bill.

C. Any deposit, subject to SDCL 43-41B-8 and 43-41B-18, for which no request for refund has been made within one (1) year after termination of service, shall be turned over to the South Dakota State Treasurer in accordance with statute. The Finance Officer or his designee shall follow guidelines established in SDCL 43-41B to determine the procedures necessary to conform with state statute.

# UTILITY RATES & POLICIES



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## UTILITY BILLING POLICY

All fees and charges for municipal utilities services not received by the City prior to the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month shall be declared delinquent and a late charge of 5% of the total amount appearing on the bill or one dollar, whichever is greater, will be applied to the utility account. (Ord. 797, 809)

All utility accounts must be paid in full by 5:00 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Accounts outstanding after the 27<sup>th</sup> will be subject to disconnection for nonpayment. Reconnect fee is \$40.00 plus tax during office hours and \$60.00 plus tax after office hours. (Ord. 942 H-6-6)

If there is a question pertaining to the Utility Billing, please call 223-7690.

## POLICY ON RETURNED CHECKS

1. Service charge of \$40.00 payable at the time that the check is made good. (Res 2011-05) Additionally, the City will assess a service charge in the amount of \$16.50 plus 43¢ per mile if the Stanley County Sheriff's office serves this Certified Letter, only in the event that the Certified Letter is not signed at the U.S. Post Office.
2. Five days after the return receipt of the certified letter the check is turned over to the State's Attorney, if restitution is not made.
3. If the City receives a returned check at two (2) separate instances within a six (6) month period, the City will no longer accept a check for payment of a utility account. The City will accept only CASH OR CREDIT/DEBIT CARD.
4. If you do not reconcile your returned check prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the current month (Disconnect Day) then the City will disconnect the respective utilities.

## UTILITY RATES

### RESIDENTIAL

Energy Rates:	\$13.50 customer charge \$.095 All kWh (June-Aug) \$.082 (Sept-May) 0-1000kWh \$.074 (Sept-May) over 1000kWh (Ord. 1047 H-5-5)
Water Rate:	\$26.50 minimum plus \$2.50 per 1,000 gal. for 0 to 40,000 gal/month. \$3.00 per 1,000 gal. above 40,000 gal/month. (Ord. 1047 H-5-6)
Sewer Rates:	\$26.50 minimum/month Plus .85 surcharge \$2.00/1000 gallons. (Ord. 1038 H-5-10.5)

Based on the average gallons of water used in each dwelling during the months of November, December, January, February, and March of each calendar year. If no gallons of water are used during November-March for a residential dwelling unit, a fee based on 3000 gallons of water used in lieu of a usage for any given month. (Ord. 1047)

Security Light: Single Usage \$12.00/month/light.  
(Ordinance No. 1047 H-5-5)

### ACCOUNT FEE SETUP

A non-refundable utility account connection fee of \$10 shall be paid in addition to the meter deposit prior to the connection or the transfer of a utility account.

### SALES TAX

On all residential & commercial electric charges.  
Including deposits, taps and connection fees.  
4.5% = State Tax / 2% = City Tax

### COMMERCIAL

#### Small Commercial:

Energy Rates: \$19.50 customer charge on single phase  
\$26.00 customer charge on three phase  
\$.097 for all kWh (June-Aug)  
\$.083 for all kWh (Sept-May)  
(Ord. 1047 H-5-5)

Water Rates: \$26.50 minimum plus  
\$2.50 per 1,000 gal. for  
0 to 40,000gal/month.  
\$3.00 per 1,000 gal. above  
40,000 gal/month.  
(Ord. 1047 H-5-6)

Sewer Rates: \$26.50 minimum/month  
plus .85 surcharge  
\$2.50/1000 gal/month  
(Ord. 1047 H-5-10.5)

#### Large Commercial:

Energy Rates: \$35.50 customer charge  
\$.035 for all kWh

#### Demand Charge: per KW

June-Aug \$16.70

Sept-May \$12.90

Customers whose usage exceeds 5,000 kWh in three (3) or more months during a 12-month period will be placed in the Large Customer Class for a minimum of one (1) year (Ord. 1047H5-5-5)

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\$2.50 per 1,000 gal. for  
0 to 40,000gal/month.  
\$3.00 per 1,000 gal. above  
40,000 gal/month.  
(Ord No. 1047 H-5.6)

Sewer Rates: \$26.50 minimum/month  
plus .85 surcharge  
\$2.50 per 1000 gal/month  
(Ord. 1047 H-5-10.5)

### OUTSIDE CITY BOUNDARIES

Electric: Same as In City Rates, PLUS a distribution surcharge of \$.027 per kWh. (Ord. 1047-H-5-5)

Water \$39.75 minimum plus same usage rates as In-City Rates (Ord.1047 H-5-6)

Sewer Rates: Base Rate \$39.75 plus \$.85 surcharge plus same usage as In-City Rates (Ord. 1047 H-5-10.5)