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TITLE 21. MISCELLANEOUS
CHAPTER XXX. NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD
PART 1950. WATER REGULATIONS

Section 1950.20. Schedule of rates, fees and charges.

(a) This schedule sets forth the rates, fees and other charges applicable to the provision of water supply, wastewater and related services by the Niagara Falls Water Board to all property owners, users and other persons as of January 1, ~~[2026]~~ 2027. All property owners, users and other persons who receive services from the water board shall pay to the water board the rates, fees and charges set forth in this schedule.

(b) the following rates shall be charged and collected for the use of water within the city, supplied by the water board as hereby fixed and established:

First 20,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$4.74]~~ $4.88 per 100 cu. ft.
Next succeeding 60,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$4.11]~~ $4.23 per 100 cu. ft.
Next succeeding 120,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$3.48]~~ $3.59 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 200,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$2.88]~~ $2.97 per 100 cu. ft.

The minimum charge for water consumed in any premises within the city for any quarter or portion thereof shall not be less than ~~[$61.68]~~ $63.53.

(c) The following rates shall be charged and collected for the use of water outside the city for residential and commercial purposes supplied by the water board as hereby fixed and established:

First 20,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$12.68]~~ $13.06 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 60,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$11.07]~~ $11.40 per 100 cu. ft.
Next succeeding 120,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$9.21]~~ $9.49 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 200,000 cu. ft. per quarter, ~~[$7.76]~~ $7.99 per 100 cu. ft.

The minimum charge for water consumed in any premises located outside the city for domestic purposes for any quarter or portion thereof shall not be less than ~~[$164.80]~~ $169.74.

(d) Water used for testing fire hoses, filling tanks, swimming pools, testing sprinkler systems, and like use shall be billed at the highest residential unit rate enumerated in subdivision (b) of this section. The amount used may be either estimated in accordance with the size of the pipe through which taken at the pressure furnished, or determined by the use of a temporary meter rented to the user by the water board. The use of the latter method shall be at the discretion of the director and may require a refundable deposit.

(e) Use of hydrant for any purpose whatsoever shall be subject to a rental charge of $1.50 per day or partial day.

(f) The cost of hydrant use will include a fee of $35.00 for backflow device certification, payable at the time of hydrant use application. In addition, daily hydrant and meter rental rates and security deposit amounts shall be established by the director based upon the real cost to the water board.

(g) In addition to the above schedule rates for water consumed there shall be assessed a demand charge for each user's meter as set forth below.

Size and Type	Charge Per quarter
Under 1" Disc	$3.70
1" Disc	$25.00
1½" Disc	$30.00
2" Disc	$40.00
2" Compound	$40.00
3" Compound	$50.00
4" Compound	$100.00
6" Compound	$220.00
8" Compound	$250.00
10" Compound	$275.00
12" Compound	$400.00

(h) The rates set forth in this section, however, shall not apply to any user of water with whom there is now outstanding a valid and binding contract with the city and/or water board to supply water at a rate different than the rates stated in this schedule, or to users obtaining water service from the Village of LaSalle prior to May 4, 1927.

(i) In the event the water board or the director terminates water supply service to any property owner or user, such property owner, user or users located at such property shall pay a reactivation fee in the amount of $75.00 to the water board prior to the supply of water.

(j) There shall be small meter testing charge of $100.00 for the bench testing of any meter less than two inches in size.

(k) An account reactivation charge of $100.00 shall be applied whenever a meter is re-installed and an account reactivated.

(l) The water board shall charge a $25.00 final read fee for all owner requested meter reads.

(m) A hydrant flow test charge shall be applied whenever an owner, user or his agent requests a hydrant flow test.

(n) The annual availability charge for private fire protection service shall be:

Diameter of Service Connection	Annual Fee
2" or less	$66.00
3"	$95.00
4"	$168.00
6"	$380.00
8"	$670.00
10"	$1,050.00
12"	$1,510.00

(o) A backflow submittal fee of $25.00 shall be charged for all backflow plans submitted to the water board for approval and forwarding to the State Health Department.

(p) There shall be a $120.00 inspection fee for each request for a cross-connection inspection.

(q) In addition to the above rates, fees and charges, the following rates shall apply to all users with respect to sewer or wastewater services prescribed in the water board's wastewater regulations in Part 1960 of this Title. There shall be two user classes as provided in Part 1960 of this title, to wit: commercial/small industrial/residential users (CSIRU) and significant industrial users (SIU).

(1) CSIRU. Sewer rates for the CSIRU class are determined by total metered water consumption in each quarter. The schedule of quarterly charges for the CSIRU class shall be as follows:

SCHEDULE I

Minimum charge per quarter: ~~[$81.64]~~ $84.09 with a usage allowance of up to 1,300 cubic feet

Additional usage in excess of 1,300**:** ~~[~~$6.28~~]~~ $6.47 per 100 cubic feet

The following rates shall be charged and collected for the use of sewer outside the city for residential and commercial purposes as determined by total metered water consumption per quarter. The schedule of quarterly charges for the users outside the city shall be as follows:

Minimum charge per quarter: ~~[$218.62]~~ $225.18 with a usage allowance of up to 1,300 cubic feet

Additional usage in excess of 1,300: ~~[$16.81]~~ $17.32 per 100 cubic feet

(2) SIU.

(i) Conventional pollutant parameter charges. Sewer rates for the SIU class each quarter are based on measured quantities of the actual discharge parameters: flow, suspended

solids and soluble organic carbon. Such determination shall be made by the water board and shall be based upon five representative 24-hour composite samples taken quarterly, at such locations as are adequate to provide proper representation. The schedule of charges for conventional pollutant parameters shall be as follows:

SCHEDULE II

Pollutant Parameters	Rate
Flow	~~[$4,415.18]~~ $4,547.63 per million gallons
Suspended Solids	~~[$1.42]~~ $1.46 per pound
Soluble Organic Carbon	~~[$2.44]~~ $2.52 per pound

(ii) Substances of concern parameter charges. SIU's, who have wastewater discharge permits which limit any substance of concern listed in Schedule III contained in this subparagraph, will be billed for discharge of these substances based on the unit rates shown in Schedule III. Discharge loading for billing purposes shall be determined by arithmetic average of the last six acceptable self-monitoring results. At the option of the SIU, increased self-monitoring can be performed. For billing purposes, when six or more acceptable results are obtained over the three month billing period, all such results shall be used in the computation of the arithmetic average, with a requirement that there be at least two sample results for each month. Average discharge loadings will then be multiplied by the corresponding unit rates from Schedule III to obtain total charges per quarter for each substance of concern listed in the SIU's wastewater discharge permit. All substances of concern charges will be added to the charges for conventional parameters, as specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, to compute the total quarterly sewer rate.

SCHEDULE III

SUBSTANCES OF CONCERN UNIT CHARGES

Parameters	Unit Rate
Benzene	~~[$487.24]~~ $501.85 per pound
Chloroform	~~[$86.77]~~ $89.37 per pound
Dichloroethylenes	~~[$530.14]~~ $546.04 per pound
Toluene	~~[$23.49]~~ $24.20 per pound
Trichloroethanes	~~[$110.17]~~ $113.48 per pound
Trichloroethylene	~~[$140.61]~~ $144.82 per pound
Vinyl Chloride	~~[$70.38]~~ $72.49 per pound
Monochlorotoluenes	~~[$4.76]~~ $4.91 per pound
Tetrachloroethylene	~~[$65.65]~~ $67.62 per pound
Total Phenols	~~[$10.72]~~ $11.04 per pound

(iii) Billing. SIU charges shall be billed on a monthly basis by the water board. The first and second monthly billings in each quarter shall be estimated and shall be one-third of the total billing in the immediately preceding quarter. The third monthly bill in each quarter shall be based upon actual discharge quantities for that quarter and shall reflect adjustments for the estimated billings in that quarter.

(r) Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, all terms contained herein shall have the meanings set forth in the regulations adopted by the water board in this Part and Part 1960 of this Title, as applicable.