

City of New Meadows Water / Sewer Rate Structure Changes

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Dear Property Owner –

As you are aware, the city promised you a connection to your property during the development approval process. In the past these promised connections have not been charged a maintenance fee. The city pays state regulators for each connection on an annual basis and the city maintains the system to make sure when your property is developed there will be a connection available. These maintenance costs have risen to a point that our regular monthly users can no longer afford to fully fund the routine maintenance for developments that are not tied directly to the system. Another great concern is these “Will Serves” are subtracted from our available connections, which limits further growth within the community.

The City Council instituted a new fee for all “Will Serve” customers that have been promised connections after several public meetings and a public hearing to develop these rates.

Property owners who have a “Will Serve” will be charged an annual assessment per connection promised for a total of \$240.72.

“Will Serve Customers”

Gallons Sold *	-0-	\$0.00	\$No Charge
Water Will Serve	12 x	\$6.50	\$78.00
Water Admin Fee	12 x	\$2.50	\$30.00
Water Capital Improvement Fee	12 x	\$0.85	\$10.20
Sewer Flat Fee *	-0-	\$47.10	\$No Charge
Sewer Will Serve	12 x	\$7.30	\$87.60
Sewer Admin Fee	12 x	\$2.50	\$30.00
Sewer Capital Improvement Fee	12 x	\$0.41	\$4.92
Total Due			\$240.72

*** Regular Monthly Customers are paying these fees in addition to the ones listed above.**

We understand that this new fee may catch you off guard. This is why we are billing annually. Accounts not paid in full by the end of July will be filed with the Adams County Treasurer’s Office to be collected in the same manner as property taxes, as provided by law.

The overall goal is to see the properties developed rather than to charge these fees, but we really must cover ongoing maintenance costs. City Hall discussions suggest that the city might be willing to allow the connection costs to be spread out over time, possibly including building permit fees. New connections costs are \$8,570 (Water - \$2,900 & Sewer - \$5,670). The revenues generated from these “Will Serve” fees will ensure that the connections are available when you are ready to develop your property.

You can help us to reduce costs too! We can email your bill to you monthly which helps the city save money. Nearly half of our monthly customers receive their bills in this manner already! Send an email to cityclerk@newmeadowsidaho.us with this request.

We do hope that you have a very **Happy Holiday Season.**