

## **WATER CONNECTION, APPLICATION, AND RATE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes revisions are needed to the Town's water connection, application and rate requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Charlotte Court House Town Council:

- 1. Connection to system required.** Every dwelling unit, residence, and commercial or government establishment including any structure or parcel with a sewage system located within the town shall be connected to the town water system, unless the water system is inaccessible to the parcel. It shall be the duty of the town clerk or town manger to determine whether or not the water system is accessible in each case; if he determines that it is inaccessible, he shall certify the finding in writing to the town council, which, if it approves the finding, shall cause a permanent record thereof to be recorded in its minutes.  
Parcels split between inside and outside the town which do not have a dwelling, places of business, or other structure located inside the town, may be permitted to connect to the water system if meter is located within town limits and with approval of town council.  
State Law reference— Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2143 Water supplies and facilities.
- 2. Application for service.** Every person desiring a supply of water shall make an application to the town clerk on such forms as may be prescribed by the council and provided for that purpose. The application shall state fully and truly all the uses to which the water is to be applied; no different or additional use will be allowed, except by written permission made therefor. Each dwelling unit, residence, commercial or government establishment shall have a separate connection. Not more than one structure or business shall be supplied through one (1) water tap or connection, except with written permission of town council, and not then in any case unless provision is made for each structure or business may be shut off independently of all others.
- 3. Water connection charge.** The basic connection fee is to cover the cost of the service tap with stop, service line, meter setter, and meter box. The basic connection fee shall be assessed on all residential, commercial, government, and other connectors and the payment shall accompany the application for water service as set forth in the schedule of basic connection fees below: Residential, up to 1" tap, per unit: \$2,000.00 Commercial and other greater than 1" and up to and including 2" tap , per unit: \$5,450.00 Commercial and other greater than 2" and up to and including 3" tap , per unit: \$10,900.00  
If the town's actual cost of installing water service is more than the applicable basic connection fee, the applicant shall pay such difference plus an administrative fee equal to ten (10) percent of total cost. Examples of additional costs the applicant must pay include the cost to bore under the road, extend the water line, or other facilities costs necessary to provide service.  
When water requirements of a connector exceed that originally applied for, the town shall require additional connection fees in accordance with the schedule of fees in effect at that time. All meter boxes shall be placed on Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way or other provisions made to provide town legal access to the meter and lines connecting to the meter.
- 4. All connection fees shall be paid before connection.**

This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2023.

A public hearing on the above proposed changes was held Monday, June 20, 2023.

No. 23-2

ADOPTED THIS 20th day of JUNE, 2023

Andrews	<u>Aye</u>	Arbogast	<u>Aye</u>
Braxton	<u>Aye</u>	Haskins	<u>Absent</u>
Michaelson	<u>Aye</u>	Ramsey	<u>Aye</u>

  
David C. Watkins, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council