



SUMMARY: Adopts a uniform schedule of charges for sewer connection fees within the unincorporated area of Washoe County. Amends sewer rate ordinance No. 802.

BILL NO. 1005

ORDINANCE NO. 830

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR SEWER CONNECTION FEES WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WASHOE COUNTY; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, UTILITY DIVISION, TO COLLECT THESE CHARGES FROM PERSONS DESIRING CONNECTION TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS OF WASHOE COUNTY. THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 802 (ARTICLE 6).

Adopted 8-13-91

## ARTICLE 6. OTHER CHARGES, FEES AND DEPOSITS

- 6.1 Connection Charges. The following connection charges are hereby established and shall be collected prior to connection to the sanitary sewer collection system, final map approval by the Board, or at the time of issuance of the permit for a sewer connection, whichever occurs first:

## ALL SERVICE AREAS:

- A. Single Family Unit: Persons desiring connection to the sanitary sewer system of the service area shall pay to the County, a connection charge as follows:

<u>PAYMENT MADE PRIOR TO</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE FOR ONE SINGLE FAMILY UNIT</u>
January 1, 1992	\$3,600.00
January 1, 1993	\$3,850.00
January 1, 1994	\$4,050.00
January 1, 1995	\$4,200.00
January 1, 1996	\$4,350.00
January 1, 1997	\$4,450.00
January 1, 1998	\$4,550.00
January 1, 1999	\$4,600.00
January 1, 2000	\$4,650.00
January 1, 2001	\$4,700.00

This connection fee shall entitle the customer to treatment plant capacity. It will be the customer's responsibility to obtain a bonded contractor to: cut the street, tap the main, install a service wye and extend the service lateral to the point of service. All work will be to County specifications and inspected by County personnel. When a sewer collection main does not exist adjacent to property requesting service, the customer shall be responsible for all costs related to the extension of the existing collection system to a point adjacent to property to be serviced which is at least ten (10) feet beyond an extension of the closest property line.

- B. Commercial Unit - All Classes. Persons desiring connection to the sanitary sewer system of the service area shall pay to the County a connection charge based on the weighted fixture units. A minimum connection fee shall be set the same as a single family unit and an additional fee per weighted fixture unit for all units in excess of 25 as follows:

<u>PAYMENT MADE PRIOR TO</u>	<u>CONNECTION FEE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FIXTURE UNIT</u>
January 1, 1992	\$145.00
January 1, 1993	\$155.00
January 1, 1994	\$165.00
January 1, 1995	\$170.00
January 1, 1996	\$175.00
January 1, 1997	\$180.00
January 1, 1998	\$185.00
January 1, 1999	\$190.00
January 1, 2000	\$195.00
January 1, 2001	\$200.00

Each connection fee for each separate commercial unit, as calculated above, shall entitle the customer to treatment plant capacity under the same conditions stated above for single family unit.

- C. Persons desiring connection to the sanitary sewer system for a mobile home, condominium or apartment shall pay to the County a connection charge as follows:

IDENTIFICATION CATEGORY	CONNECTION FEE PERCENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY UNIT CHARGE, PARAGRAPH A ABOVE:
Mobile Home	91%
Per Condominium or Apartment	84%

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- D. Connection fee and cash restrictions. All connection fees collected from persons in the South Truckee Meadows service area are to be restricted and made available as follows:

IDENTIFICATION CATEGORY in SIM SERVICE AREA:	HOOK-UP FEE PERCENT PER DWELLING UNIT BASED ON SINGLE FAMILY UNIT CHARGE, PARAGRAPH A ABOVE:		
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>EXPANSION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Single Family Dwelling Unit	26.33%	73.67%	100%
Mobile Home (Space or Park)	26.33%	73.67%	91%
Condominium	26.33%	73.67%	84%
Apartment	26.33%	73.67%	84%

The debt service component of the hook-up fees described above are to be made available annually to off-set the general fund operating transfer required to meet debt service payments on the \$12,115,000 GO Bond issue used to finance portions of this project.

The general fund shall be made whole for the entire amount of debt service payments made during the life of the \$12,115,000 GO Bond issue before this restriction is waived.

- 6.2 Work to be Inspected. All sewer construction work shall be inspected by the Department of Public Works, Utility Division, to insure compliance with all requirements of the Sewer Service Area. No sewer shall be covered at any point until it has been inspected and passed for acceptance. No sewer shall be connected to the sewer system until all work has been completed, inspected, approved and accepted by the Department of Public Works, Utility Division.

6.3 Wastewater Inspection Certificate and Monitoring Fees. The fees for a wastewater inspection certificate and monitoring shall be based on the actual time spent on inspection and monitoring. Fees for the wastewater inspection certificate shall be the actual cost of the wastewater inspection and certificate, as billed to Washoe County by the City of Sparks Industrial Waste Inspection Division, plus a billing and processing fee of \$15.00. The minimum charge for a wastewater inspection certificate shall be \$50.00.

Fees for monitoring shall be the actual cost of monitoring, as billed to Washoe County by the City of Sparks Industrial Waste Inspection Division, plus a billing and processing fee of \$15.00.

6.4 Checking Fee. Any applicant, customer or developer requiring approval of plans by the County Utility Division, or desiring plan checking shall pay to the Utility Division the following fee or fees:

A minimum of \$200 plus \$5 per lot for all lots in excess of 40 within the subdivision.

If any portion of the plans after being checked are required to be redrawn or rechecked, the applicant shall pay the additional cost of checking based upon the actual expense of the rechecking service. No plan checking will be done until the required fee is paid.

In the case of rechecking, the fee shall be based upon an estimated cost of the service, and payment in excess of costs will be returned to the Applicant.

6.5 Inspection Fee. Any applicant, customer or developer requiring construction of facilities to be inspected by the County Utility Division shall pay a minimum deposit per the following schedule:

No. Of Lots

Minimum Number	Maximum Number	Base Amount	Plus Amount Per Lot Above Minimum Number
1	10	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
10	25	\$ 1,000	\$150
25	50	\$ 3,250	\$120
50	80	\$ 6,250	\$100
80	120	\$ 9,250	\$ 80
120	200	\$12,450	\$ 60

The deposit shall be paid prior to approval of final map, issuance of building permit, and start of construction. Prior to final acceptance of the improvements an accounting of all costs including personnel time, fringe benefits, equipment, materials and overhead shall be made for the plan review and inspection of the improvements. If the total cost is greater than the deposit, the applicant must pay the difference prior to acceptance and use of the improvements.

6.6 Structure Under Construction. For the purposes of this ordinance, until a structure has installed plumbing fixtures the structure shall be considered under construction and disconnected from the sewer system of the County. No charges otherwise provided herein will be accrued during this period.

- 6.7 Review of Sewer User Charges. The Board, not less than every two years shall review the user charges set out in Article 5 and 6 and determine that the charges are adequate to meet the costs of operating the wastewater treatment facility.
- 6.8 Charge for Operation and Maintenance Costs for Extraneous Flows. The operation and maintenance costs attributable to infiltration and/or inflow will be apportioned among all users in the same manner that the sewer user charges are apportioned.
- 6.9 Public Agencies Exempted From Deposit Requirements. In lieu of cash deposits, or sureties, purchase orders will be accepted from public agencies.
- 6.10 Delinquent Accounts. There will be a charge for late payment. If payment is not received by the first day of the calendar month following the due date of payment specified on the bill, a late processing fee and a handling fee will be charged in accordance with Article 7.3.
- 6.11 Damage to County Property. Persons causing damage to County property by any willful or negligent act shall be responsible for payment of costs incurred.
- 6.12 Charges for Account Transfer and Special Reading. If the customer requests an account transfer or special meter reading, a processing charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be charged. Customers must give 24-hours or previous working day's notice for special reading.


Proposed on the 25th day of June, 1991

Proposed by Commissioners Conwall

Passed on the 13th day of August, 1991

Vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Conwall, Leighton, McDowell, & Reid.
Nays:	Commissioners:	Beck.
Absent:	Commissioners:	None.

  
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 RENE REID, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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 JUDI BAILEY, Washoe County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 27th day of August, 1991.

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