



LINCOLN COUNTY FEES & CHARGES
WATER AND SEWER
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

Table 1-Residential Water Tap Fees and Meter Fees

Meter Size	Tap Fee	Meter Fee
3/4-inch	\$ 1,280	\$ 265
1-inch	\$ 1,460	\$ 355
2-inch	\$ 2,840	\$ 1,550
3/4-inch irrigation tap on service line	\$ 480	\$ 265
3/4-inch irrigation tap on water main	\$ 1,280	\$ 265
1-inch irrigation tap on water main	\$ 1,460	\$ 355

Commercial taps to be done by a NC Licensed Contractor at the applicants expense.

Table 2-System Development Fees for All Water Connections

Water Meter Size	System Development Fee
3/4-inch	\$ 3,592.80
1-inch	\$ 5,988.00
2-inch	\$ 19,161.60
3-inch	\$ 38,323.20
4-inch	\$ 59,880.00
6-inch	\$ 119,760.00
8-inch	\$ 191,616.00
10-inch	\$ 502,992.00
12-inch	\$ 634,728.00

Notes

- 1) System Development Fees must be fully paid before the issuance of the Building Permit for the property being served by the Planning and Inspections Department.
- 2) Any applicants under the Deferred Payment Plan will be subject to the Policy at the time of application.

Table 3-Monthly Volumetric Charges for Water

Residential In-County Rates	
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$ 25.24
Each additional 1,000 gallons up to 12,000 gallons	\$ 5.95
Each additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons without drought restrictions	\$ 7.21
Each additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons under voluntary restrictions	\$ 9.03
Each additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons under mandatory restrictions	\$ 14.45
Bulk Water Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.10
Commercial In-County Rates	
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$ 25.24
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$ 7.21
Interruptible Agricultural Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$ 5.04
Bulk Water Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.10

Industrial In-County Rates

Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	25.24
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	5.95

Residential Out-of-County Rates

Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	50.48
Each additional 1,000 gallons up to 12,000 gallons	\$	11.90
Each additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons without drought restrictions	\$	14.43
Each additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons under voluntary restrictions	\$	18.06
Each additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000 gallons under mandatory restrictions	\$	28.90
Bulk Water Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$	20.20

Commercial Out-of-County Rates

Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	50.48
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	14.43
Interruptible Agricultural Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$	10.09
Bulk Water Rate per 1,000 gallons	\$	20.20

Industrial Out-of-County Rates

Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	50.48
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	11.90

Table 4-Sewer Tap Fees

1 1/2-inch Low Pressure Sewer Tap	\$	3,200
2-inch Low Pressure Sewer Tap	\$	3,200
4-inch Gravity Sewer Tap	\$	4,000
6-inch Gravity Sewer Tap	\$	4,500

Table 5-System Development Fees for All Sewer Connections

Water Meter Size	System Development Fee
3/4-inch	\$ 1,788.41
1-inch	\$ 2,980.68
2-inch	\$ 9,538.16
3-inch	\$ 19,076.33
4-inch	\$ 29,806.77
6-inch	\$ 59,613.53
8-inch	\$ 95,381.65
10-inch	\$ 250,376.83
12-inch	\$ 315,951.71

Notes

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Table 6-Monthly Volumetric Charges for Sewer

Residential In-County Rates		
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	36.15
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	8.53
Commercial In-County Rates		
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	36.15
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	9.72
Industrial In-County Rates		
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	36.15
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	9.72
Residential Out-of-County Rates		
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	72.28
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	17.06
Commercial Out-of-County Rates		
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	72.28
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	19.45
Industrial Out-of-County Rates		
Minimum billing (0-2,500 gallons)	\$	72.28
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$	19.45
Sewer Only (non-metered flat rate)	\$	57.46

Table 7-Reimbursement Fees

The purpose of Table 7 fee structure is to reimburse for staff time and management for all Residential/ Non-Residential Subdivision/Subdivision Technical Review Committee(STRC) Fees/Commercial/Industrial/ Institutional Review and Inspections for new, existing, temporary use, and building upfit, including pools. All applicable fees shall be paid in full at the time of submittal and/or scheduled inspection.

Public Utilities Engineering Review:

Subdivision Review (each submitted phase)	\$300.00 plus \$20.00 per lot	
Pump Station Review	\$	300.00 each
Offsite Review	\$300.00 plus \$10.00 per 100 LF	
STRC Preliminary Review	\$	300.00
Requested Hydrant Flow Test	\$	150.00 each
Final Plat Review (each submitted phase)	\$	75.00 each
Deed of Easement (each submitted phase)	\$	100.00 each

Note: Public Utilities Design Manual noncompliant submittals of more than three(3) re-review submittals shall be charged duplicate fees for each submittal thereafter.

Commercial Review:

Single Parcel Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Plan Review Fee	\$	150.00
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Inspection:

Water Subdivision Inspection	\$125.00 plus \$20.00 per lot	
Sewer Subdivision Inspection	\$125.00 plus \$20.00 per lot	
Offsite Inspection	\$125.00 plus \$20.00 per 100 LF	
Final Public Utilities Sewer Pump Station Inspection	\$	350.00 per connection
Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Inspection	\$	150.00 per connection
Additional Charge for Inspection	\$	150.00 per connection
Scheduled with less than 3 days notice		

Any item not otherwise addressed in this schedule that requires inspection, based upon Director's discretion

\$ 75.00 per inspection

Note: Inspection Fees are due prior to scheduling of inspection.

Wasted Trip/Re-Inspection Fee

\$ 100.00 per trip

Note: To be used to prevent unnecessary trips to jobsite and to recoup money lost on wasted visits. Will be charged at time of a scheduled Wasted Trip/Re-Inspection with no further inspections conducted and/or scheduled until paid in full.

Table 8- Fats, Oils, and Grease Program (F.O.G)

Fees

Annual Permitting Fee	\$ 200.00
Additional Trip Fee	\$ 50.00
Sampling Fee	\$ 135.00
Variance Review Fee	\$ 300.00

The fines provided in this section are not exclusive and do not prohibit the POTW Director from using any other remedy provided by the law. See SUO 51.999

Minor Violations

1st Offense

Failure to submit/maintain on-site records	Notice of Non-compliance
Inspection hindrance (equipment related)	Notice of Non-compliance
Failure to pump & clean interceptor/trap on assigned schedule	Notice of Non-compliance

2nd Offense (within 12 months of 1st offense)

Failure to submit/maintain on-site records	\$100 + NOV
Inspection hindrance (equipment related)	\$100 + NOV
Failure to pump & clean interceptor/trap on assigned schedule	\$250 + NOV

3rd Offense (within 6 months of 2nd offense)

Failure to submit/maintain on-site records	\$200 + NOV
Inspection hindrance (equipment related)	\$200 + NOV
Failure to pump & clean interceptor/trap on assigned schedule	\$500 + NOV

4th Offense (within 3 months of 3rd offense)

Failure to submit/maintain on-site records	\$400 + NOV
Inspection hindrance (equipment related)	\$400 + NOV
Failure to pump & clean interceptor/trap on assigned schedule	\$1,000 + NOV

Intermediate Violation: Failure to maintain necessary equipment in proper working order

(T's, baffles, watertight, etc.)

1st Offense	Notice of Non-compliance
2nd Offense	\$200 + NOV
3rd Offense	\$500 + NOV
4th Offense	Sewer Service Disconnected

Major Violation

1st Offense

Falsification of records	\$500 + NOV
Source of sewer blockage	\$500 (min.) + NOV
Source of sanitary sewer overflow	\$500 (min.) + NOV

2nd Offense	
Falsification of records	\$1,000 + NOV
Source of sewer blockage	\$1,000 (min.) + NOV
Source of sanitary sewer overflow	\$1,000 (min.) + NOV
3rd Offense	
Falsification of records	Sewer Service Discontinued
Source of sewer blockage	Sewer Service Discontinued
Source of sanitary sewer overflow	Sewer Service Discontinued

Failure to pay all related fees and/or fines and remediation costs may result in sewer discontinuance.

Any user whose permit is denied, or is granted subject to conditions they deem unacceptable, or assessed a fine shall have the right to an adjudicatory hearing (see SUO 51.051 (I) Hearings)

Table-9-Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

New Account Activation Fee (applied to all new accounts)	\$ 25.00
Renter Deposit	\$ 75.00
Same Day Service Connection	\$ 50.00
Default Fee	\$ 50.00
After Hours Fee (lock list only)	\$ 150.00
Late Payment Penalty (\$5.00 or 5%, whichever is higher)	\$5.00/5%
Meter Activation Fee (applied if inactivated/finaled within the previous 12 months by the same customer)	\$ 200.00
Broken Lock Fee	\$ 25.00
Broken Meter Box Ears Fee	\$ 60.00
Tampering Cost Recoupment	
First Offense	\$ 100.00
Second Offense	\$ 250.00
Third and Subsequent Offenses	\$ 500.00
Civil Penalty (for irrigation violations during mandatory drought restrictions)	
First Offense	\$ 50.00
Second Offense	\$ 250.00
Third and Subsequent Offenses	\$ 500.00
Residential Water Service:	
Relocate 3/4" or 1" Water Meter Box (Max. 10' either direction on Private Property) (Farther than 10' require a new Water Tap Fee based on size) (2" or larger services require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	\$ 350.00
Raise/Lower 3/4" or 1" Water Meter Box (2" or larger services require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	\$ 250.00
Repair/Replace 3/4" or 1" Water Meter Box (2" or larger services require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	\$ 450.00
Repair/Replace 3/4" or 1" Water/Irrigation Poly Box (only)	\$ 75.00
Repair/Replace 3/4", 1", or 2" Meter Box Lid (only)	\$ 120.00

Meter Test Fee, if no error found (3/4" or 1") (2" or larger meters require a licensed 3rd Party Tester at Requestor's cost)	\$ 75.00
Meter Replacement Fee, if no malfunction	\$ 265.00
Repair/Replace damaged 3/4", 1", or 2" Meter (only) (3" or larger meters require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	Cost based on size
Water Service Fee (No Fault of Lincoln County) (Any requested service request/call that is determined to be no fault of Lincoln County equipment and/or appurtenances will be charged this fee)	\$ 125.00

Residential Sewer Service:

Relocate 1.5" Low Pressure Sewer Service (Max. 10' either direction on Private Property) (Farther than 10' require a new Sewer Tap Fee based on size) (Larger services require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	\$ 650.00
Raise/Lower 1.5" Low Pressure Sewer Service Box (Larger services require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	\$ 250.00
Repair/Replace 1.5" Low Pressure Sewer Service Box (Larger services require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost)	\$ 250.00
Sewer Service Fee (No Fault of Lincoln County) (Any requested service request/call that is determined to be no fault of Lincoln County equipment and/or appurtenances will be charged this fee)	\$ 125.00

Non-Residential Request and/or Repairs require a licensed Utility Contractor at Requestor's cost.

Requestor's Cost: All other requests or emergency repairs to any Lincoln County equipment, structure, and/or Appurtenances, that are caused by any party, are charged on the Basis of Cost as determined by material used, equipment used, administrative burden, clean-up services, and any related contracted service costs required to complete the repair to the Public Utility Design Manual Requirements and Specifications.