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## Connection Fee/ Demolition Fee/ Tap Fee Schedule

Adopted by Regional Water Resource Agency

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**CONNECTION FEE**- A connection fee is a one-time charge per sewer connection to the Regional Water Resource (RWRA) System. The connection fee is a charge assessed to off-set the cost of administering RWRA functions including maintaining customer records for billing purposes; recording and mapping locations for connection of the sewers; providing sewer information and connection locations to contractors, developers and property owners; engineering and pre-treatment review; inspection of sewer construction; etc.

Connection fees shall be assessed for all new sewer connections whether or not a physical connection exists between the property line or right-of-way limit and the collector sewer.

<u>CONNECTION FEE SCHEDULE</u>	Effective Date	Cost
<b><u>RESIDENTIAL</u></b> - Single Family & Mobile Home	Feb. 1, 1995	\$300.00
- Multi-Family	Feb. 1, 1995	\$300.00/unit (\$1,000.00 max/tap)

Note: Approved exemption for Habitat for Humanity for Connection & Tap Fees up to \$800.00

<b><u>COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/ INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY</u></b>	Feb. 1, 1995	\$1,000.00
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<b><u>COMMERCIAL STRIP BLDG</u></b>	Aug. 8, 1994	\$1,000.00 for first unit (50% charge for each additional unit permitted along with the first unit. Units added at a later date will be charged the full rate.)
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<b><u>ACCESSORY BLDG</u></b>	Oct. 16, 2000	\$150.00
This fee applies to accessory buildings that are added to a current RWRA customer's property, which are not intended for regular occupancy and generate negligible flow. This applies solely to the Connection fee.		

<b><u>REPAIR/MODIFICATIONS</u></b>	May 15, 1995; rev Oct 16, 2000	
Same Tap – repair/rebuild residential lateral with same use and owner		\$25.00
- repair/rebuild comm./ind. lateral with same use and owner		\$100.00
- repair/rebuild lateral with new owner and/or new usage		50% full fee

<b><u>DEMOLITION PERMIT FEE</u></b>	Mar. 1, 2005	\$25.00
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A demolition permit fee is a one-time charge for the demolition of any building that is connected to the RWRA system. The permit fee is a charge assessed to off-set the cost of administering RWRA functions, including inspection of the sewer tap, inspection of the capping of the tap at the right of way, and updating record information related to the tap location and condition.

**TAP FEE** – A Tap Fee is a charge assessed by RWRA to recover the costs associated with providing a physical sewer connection for the facility, from the property line or right-of-way limit to the collector sewer. This fee includes labor and materials provided by the RWRA for the necessary street and sidewalk cuts and replacement, and sewer lateral pipe installation. The Tap Fee is in addition to the Connection Fee.

**TAP FEE SCHEDULE**

	<b>Cost</b>
Residential	\$500
Commercial (6" Connection)	\$500
Commercial (larger than 6")	To be determined on an individual basis
Industrial/Institutional	To be determined on an individual basis

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**REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY  
LATERAL MAINTENANCE AND  
TAP CONNECTION POLICY**

**MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY:**

- 1) Generally, Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) accepts responsibility for the cleaning, maintenance and structural integrity of the sewer mains in the public right-of-way (ROW) and easements.
- 2) Generally, RWRA accepts responsibility for the structural integrity of the sewer tap (the portion of the lateral that is within the ROW/easement). However, RWRA is not responsible for the building sewer (the portion of the lateral that is outside the ROW/easement).
- 3) The property owner is held responsible for the cleaning and clearing of any obstruction of the building sewer and tap to the sewer main. The property owner will be held liable for any inappropriate and/or unauthorized discharges to the RWRA system, or any blockage or damage caused by such discharges. These discharges may include, but are not limited to, grease, debris, or other contaminants regulated in RWRA's *Wastewater User Regulation*. The property owner shall also maintain their building sewers in such a manner so as to prevent groundwater intrusion. Further, the property owner is prohibited from making any direct storm water connections (i.e. roof drains, foundation drains, sump discharges) to their building sewer (or any other portion of the sewer system), or reconnections unless specifically approved by the RWRA engineer in writing.

**BUILDING SEWER CONNECTIONS, RE-CONNECTIONS OR REPAIRS:**

The following steps shall be taken prior to making a new connection, re-connection or repair:

- 1) RWRA requires that a permit be obtained from RWRA for the construction, reconnection or repair of any building sewer that is significant enough in scope to require a State Plumbing Permit, or that is within 10 feet of a ROW/easement line. RWRA reserves the right to inspect any and all repairs, alterations or reconnections to the RWRA system including all building sewers and connections to the building sewers.
- 2) The Permit must be issued to a licensed, bonded plumber. The permit is required for the acceptance of the sewage from the property. It is the responsibility of the plumber to make the correct physical connection of the building sewer to the tap (See #6 below). Adjustments in the alignment/ profile (i.e. usage of bends) needed to correctly tie into a sewer tap shall be made outside of the ROW/easement line.
- 3) Prior to connecting on to the tap, the plumber shall expose the existing building sewer /tap at the ROW, and contact RWRA for a pre hook-up inspection. If the tap can not be found at the ROW, or if it was found to be in a deteriorated state, then RWRA may allow for excavation behind the curb. Once exposed, the plumber should properly clean the tap to remove any debris, and cut and remove any roots with proper equipment, so that the RWRA inspector can see the point of connection and/or televise the tap if deemed necessary, or requested by the owner. If it is apparent to the RWRA inspector, that the tap has not been cleared, re-inspection fees may be charged. If it is necessary for the RWRA inspector to enter the excavation to access or adequately see the point of

connection, trenching and shoring safety access measures per OSHA standards must be provided by the plumber.

- 4) When performing repairs outside the ROW/easement, the plumber must contact RWRA for inspection, prior to connecting the repaired section to the existing building sewer, so that RWRA can see the point of connection and/or televise the line if deemed necessary, or requested by the owner. If it is necessary for the RWRA inspector to enter the excavation to access or adequately see the point of connection, trenching and shoring safety access measures per OSHA standards must be provided by the plumber.
- 5) If the tap, is found by RWRA to be in acceptable condition, the inspector may choose to remain at the site until the connection is made, and then make the final inspection. RWRA's inspector must visually inspect the connection that is made. If the tap is determined to be in unsatisfactory condition, a work order will be implemented by RWRA for the reconstruction and/or repair of said tap.
- 6) The connection shall be performed with the approved fittings listed below:
  - i) Clay to Plastic–Donut or Fernco fitting(or approved equal),shrouded in 3,000psi conc
  - ii) Plastic to Plastic – S/35 to S/40 Glue on Coupling

**NOTE:** All connections and/or repairs to any building sewer or tap shall be made with RWRA approved water-tight fittings.

#### **RWRA ASSISTANCE:**

##### **Relating to Cleaning, Maintenance, and Structural Integrity of the building sewer and/or tap:**

- 1) Upon notification, RWRA will provide inspection and cleaning services of blocked sewer mains as soon as possible, based on availability of RWRA personnel and/or equipment.
- 2) Before digging, the property owner and/or plumber is required by State Law to notify the Kentucky Underground Protection Inc. ("BUD") (800-752-6007) of intentions to dig.
- 3) Following the BUD phone call, RWRA shall attempt to perform the field tap locates within two (2) business days (unless emergency noted). RWRA will locate the taps to the best of the Agency's ability, based on available information.
- 4) If a property owner or the plumber believes that a building sewer/ tap has been cleared as well as possible, but it appears that a problem remains due to structural failure of the tap (portion within the right-of-way or easement), assistance may be obtained from RWRA by observing the following procedures, in their respective order:
  - Step 1) An attempt must first be made to clear the line with conventional cleaning and root-cutting equipment.
  - Step 2) Expose the lateral at the ROW/easement and verify that blockage or back-up still exists at this location. If blockage still exists, again, use proper cleaning and/or proper-sized root-cutting equipment through the line in the direction of the main.
  - Step 3) If blockage still remains, contact RWRA to request assistance. If the property owner desires to have the portion of the lateral outside the ROW/easement televised, the property owner's written consent/waiver must be received by RWRA prior to performing the inspection. RWRA tv inspection is dependent on the availability of equipment and staff and acceptable condition of lateral.

- Step 4) If RWRA determines that a structural problem exists within the ROW/easement, a work order will be implemented by RWRA for reconstruction and/or repair of the tap at its original location.
- Step 5) However, if RWRA determines that the problem is not structural, and requires additional cleaning, RWRA will then notify the property owner or plumber of their findings, and require the additional cleaning at the expense of the plumber/property owner.

**Relating to Sewer Connections or Re-connections:**

- 1) Before digging, the property owner is required by State Law to notify the Kentucky Underground Protection Inc. ("BUD") (800-752-6007) of intentions to dig.
- 2) Following the BUD phone call, RWRA shall attempt to perform the field tap locates within two (2) business days (unless emergency noted). RWRA will field locate the tap to the best of the Agency's ability, based on available information. Plumbers must be prepared to excavate along the entire property line(s) as is necessary to locate the tap.
- 3) After exposure and cleaning of the tap by the plumber, RWRA must be called by the plumber for inspection. If requested by the owner, or if deemed necessary by RWRA, a camera inspection may also be performed on the tap, dependent on the availability of equipment and staff.
- 4) Plumbers are strongly encouraged to expose the tap at the right-of-way to verify location, elevation and condition of the tap before constructing the facility plumbing and building sewer.

**DEMOLITION PERMITS:**

During the demolition of any building that connects to the RWRA wastewater collection system, a permit must be acquired from RWRA. The demolition contractor shall expose the building sewers just outside the ROW/easement and contact RWRA for inspection prior to capping, so that RWRA can record the location of the tap, visually inspect the tap and/or televise the line if deemed necessary, and inspect the proper cap being placed on the line. If it is necessary for the RWRA inspector to enter the excavation to access or adequately see the point of connection, trenching and shoring safety access measures per OSHA standards must be provided by the demolition contractor.

**RWRA INSPECTION RIGHTS:**

RWRA's *Wastewater System User Regulation* states that RWRA has the right to inspect any connection/tie-in to the public system, in order to check the condition of the tap, gather information on tap locations, and/or to discourage illegal taps into the system by non-qualified persons.

**GENERAL:**

This Policy will not cover all situations and/or issues that may occur. In these instances, RWRA shall determine the correct and proper resolution, and the RWRA Engineer or his/her delegate's decision shall be deemed final.