# UTILITIES RATE & FEE SCHEDULE (Adopted February 15, 2022)

ALL RATES BELOW APPLY TO BILLS GENERATED January 1, 2026 OR LATER

WATER RATES ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026. NEXT INCREASE WILL OCCUR ON JANUARY 1, 2027

***Establishing Service*** *New customers please completed an ON-LINE application and upload a valid Georgia Driver's License or picture ID with date-of-birth and proof of property ownership / rental (deed, lease, or rental agreement). Residential security deposit of $125.00 per customer (refundable upon service termination with final bill paid in full). Minimum commercial security deposit of $125.00 per customer (Ord of 2-18-2014 , § 111- 58)*

## Billing Charges

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Credit card processing fee on monthly bill payments | 0% | of payment amount (one-time payment or auto draft) |
| Credit card processing fee on all other charges | 3% | of payment amount (water meter, sewer capacity. Etc) |
| Auto Draft from Checking | 0 | No Charge |
| Late Payment Fee | 10% | of total past due amount per month |
| Reconnection Fee | $40.00 | Contact us during business hrs M-F 8am-4pm |
| Returned Check (Insufficient Funds) | $25.00 | Contact us during business hrs M-F 8am-4pm |

## RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES *Inside or Outside refers to Corporate City Limits - See Service Area Map

| CATEGORY | TIER | GALLONS USED | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RESIDENTIAL 3/4"-5/8" METER (INSIDE) | Base Fee | 0-1000 | $11.84 | FLAT FEE |
| | Tier 1 | 1000-6000 | $3.34 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 2 | 6000-12000 | $4.52 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 3 | 12000-24000 | $6.32 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 4 | 24000-36000 | $8.96 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 5 | 36000+ | $13.03 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| RESIDENTIAL 3/4"-5/8" METER (OUTSIDE) | Base Fee | 0-1000 | $15.80 | FLAT FEE |
| | Tier 1 | 1000-6000 | $4.46 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 2 | 6000-12000 | $6.02 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 3 | 12000-24000 | $8.45 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 4 | 24000-36000 | $11.97 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 5 | 36000+ | $17.37 | PER 1000 GALLONS |

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS: 62-years and older with a photo ID - eligible for a reduced residential bill - call (770) 781-2020

SR discount inside city limits: 60% reduction in water rates and 5% discount on sewer rates.

SR discount outside city limits: $3.00 reduction on base water rate (to $15.80/month) only and no discount on sewer.

## BASE WATER RATES - COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL IN/OUT BY METER SIZE

| METER SIZE | 3/4-5/8 | 1-INCH | 2-INCH | 3-INCH | 4-INCH | 6-INCH | 8-INCH | 10-INCH | 12-INCH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Includes use of first 1000 GALLONS /Mo | $15.80 | $19.11 | $24.96 | $115.91 | $154.92 | $315.57 | $579.50 | $717.20 | $946.71 |

## COMMERCIAL WATER RATES *Inside or Outside refers to Corporate City Limits - See Service Area Map

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| COMMERCIAL | Base Fee | 0-1000 | see above | FLAT FEE |
| AND INDUSTRIAL (IN AND OUT) | Uniform Rate | 1000-any | $4.89 | PER 1000 GALLONS |

***Note: Per the most recent Water and Sewer Rate Resolution dated February 15, 2022, the annual water rate increase shall be 3.5% and the annual sewer rate increase shall be 5% of the prior year's rate. These annual rate increases (on January 1st of each year) will be effective through January 1, 2028 with the final increase being on January 1, 2028, unless changed by the Cumming City Council. These rate increases will serve to cover the costs associated with operations, maintenance, and***

***replacement of depreciated assets.***

| *IRRIGATION BASE WATER RATES - BY METER SIZE | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| METER SIZE | 3/4-5/8 | 1-INCH | 2-INCH | 3-INCH | 4-INCH | | | | |
| Includes use of first 1000 GALLONS /Mo | $15.80 | $19.75 | $39.50 | $118.50 | $164.62 | | | | |

| IRRIGATION WATER RATES – RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CATEGORY** | **TIER** | **GALLONS USED** | **COST** | **COST APPLIED** |
| IRRIGATION (ALL RES OR COMM) | Base Fee | 0-1000 | *see irrigat base rates above | FLAT FEE |
| | Tier 1 | 1000-6000 | $8.90 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 2 | 6000-12000 | $13.36 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 3 | 12000-24000 | $17.81 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| | Tier 4 | 24000-36000 | $22.26 | PER 1000 GALLONS |

| SEWER RATES | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CATEGORY** | **TIER** | **GALLONS USED** | **COST** | **COST APPLIED** |
| RESIDENTIAL | Base Fee | 0 | $10.49 | FLAT FEE |
| | Uniform Rate | 0 - ANY | $8.74 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL | Base Fee | 0 | $45.60 | FLAT FEE |
| | Uniform Rate | 0 - ANY | $9.31 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| SEPTIC WASTE DUMP FEE @ AWRF | | | $0.15 | PER GALLON RECEIVED |
| (Note: The City reserves the right tor reject septic waste or other hauled wastes) | | | | |

| GARBAGE RATES (Effective April 1, 2023) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Garbage Service-Residential 1 p/u per wk | No Recycling $19.50/mo | W/Recycling $23.50/mo | Additional pickups are $15/ea |
| Garbage Service-Commercial 1 p/u per wk | No Recycling $24.50/mo | W/Recycling $28.50/mo | Additional pickups are $15/ea |

| STORMWATER (INSIDE City Limits Only) | |
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| STORMWATER ASSESSMENT FEE | (Reserved for Ord. of 2-18-2014 , § 111- 342) |

| HYDRANT METER | | GALLONS USED | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3/4"-5/8" HYDRANT METER | Base Fee | 0 | $15.80 | FLAT FEE |
| | | 0 - ANY | $8.90 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| 3" HYDRANT METER | Base Fee | 0 | $118.50 | FLAT FEE |
| | | 0 - ANY | $8.90 | PER 1000 GALLONS |
| **Water Meter-Fire Hydrant Deposit**** | 3/4-inch | $250.00 | | PER METER |
| $225.00 refundable less water used at current rates and when returned in good condition | | | | |
| **Water Meter-Fire Hydrant Deposit**** | 3-inch | $1,000.00 | | PER METER |
| $750.00 is refundable less water used at current rates and when returned in good condition | | | | |

*****FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL CONTRACT MUST BE RENEWED EACH MONTH ON THE 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH.***

***Hydrant bill will be generated and payment must be remitted each month for water used per 1000-gallons plus base fee (see above)***

## SPECIAL WATER SERVICE FEES

| CATEGORY | METER SIZE | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|
| Water meter test at customers request | 3/4-inch | $100.00 | PER METER |
| | 1-inch or larger | $350.00 | PER METER |
| Water meter relocation at customer request | 3/4-inch | $2,200.00 | PER METER |
| | 1-inch or larger | $3,800.00 | PER METER |
| Water Laboratory Testing | | $35.00 | PER METER |
| (Coliform Bacteria test by City Potable Water Production Facility Laboratory) | | | |
| Water Meter (Stolen-Damaged-Moved-Misplaced) | | $2,200.00 | PER METER PER DAY |
| (including but not limited to damage to meter, register, antenna, backflow, meter box, lid, curb stop) | | | |
| Water Meter & Lock (Tampering-Lock Removal) | | $300.00 | PER METER PER DAY |
| (including but not limited to tampering with lock, meter box, meter, antennea, lid, curb-stop, or other appurtenances) | | | |
| Reprint a water bill | | $5.00 | PER BILL |

## WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY FEES

**MULTI-UNIT** property water capacity fee is calculated as number of units X 3/4-inch meter cost per unit

All sub-metered customers will incur a water, sewer, and garbage base fee for each metered unit

## WATER SYSTEM CAPACITY FEES CONTINUED

| SINGLE-UNIT | METER SIZE | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|
| WATER METER CHARGE | 3/4-5/8-INCH | $2,200.00 | PER METER |
| (Installation costs not included) | 1-INCH | $3,800.00 | PER METER |
| | 2-INCH | $11,500.00 | PER METER |
| | 3-INCH | $22,000.00 | PER METER |
| | 4-INCH | $37,000.00 | PER METER |
| | 6-INCH | $75,000.00 | PER METER |
| | 8-INCH | $119,000.00 | PER METER |
| Above Elevation 1280 MSL - see elevation map | 3/4-5/8-INCH | $6,250.00 | PER METER |

## SEWER SYSTEM CAPACITY FEES

| CATEGORY | Settingdown Basin | All Other Basins | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|
| RESIDENTIAL | $15,000 | $7,500.00 | per residential unit |
| COMMERCIAL* | $60.00 | $30.00 | per gpd daily avg water use |
| INDUSTRIAL | $60.00 | $30.00 | per gpd daily max water use |

* Commercial High Water Users capacity fee will be based on maximum daily gpd water usage.

**Notes:** Customers must comply with the City's Cross Connection Control Ordinance for backflow prevention.

Food Service Establishments require a minimum exterior 1000-gallon grease interceptor. See Cumming Utilities Ord.

## STORMWATER IMPACT FEES (INSIDE City Limits Only)

STORMWATER RATES (Reserved for Ord. of 2-18-2014 , § 111- 342)

## SEWER SYSTEM SURCHARGE FEES

**Additional surcharges may be levied against customers whose effluent strength or concentration is received at the City's AWRF or within the sewer system, and/or discharged directly to the environment. A pretreatment permit fee may apply** (Ord. of 2-18-2014 , § 111- 143)

| SURCHARGE CATEGORY | TIER | CONCENTRATION (mg/L) | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| $BOD_5$ (5-day BOD) | Tier 1 | 201-300 | $0.20 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (200 mg/L max. allowable) | Tier 2 | 301-400 | $0.45 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 401-500 | $0.90 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 500 above | $1.80 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |

## SEWER SYSTEM SURCHARGE FEES CONTINUED

| SURCHARGE CATEGORY | TIER | CONCENTRATION (mg/L) | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand) | Tier 1 | 501-800 | $0.20 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (500 mg/L max. allowable | Tier 2 | 801-1100 | $0.45 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 1101-1500 | $0.90 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 1500 above | $1.80 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| TKN (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen | Tier 1 | 41-60 | $0.60 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (40 mg/L max. allowable) | Tier 2 | 61-80 | $1.25 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 81-100 | $2.50 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 100 above | $5.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| P (Total Phosphorous) | Tier 1 | 4.1-5.0 | $0.50 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (4.0 mg/L max. allowable) | Tier 2 | 5.1-7.0 | $1.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 7.1-8.0 | $2.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 8.0 above | $4.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| NH-3 (Ammonia-as Nitrogen) | Tier 1 | 15.1-17.0 | $0.60 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (15.0 mg/L max. allowable) | Tier 2 | 17.1-19.0 | $1.25 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 19.1-20.0 | $2.50 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 20.0 above | $5.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| TSS (Total Suspended Solids) | Tier 1 | 221-300 | $0.20 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (220 mg/L max. allowable) | Tier 2 | 301-400 | $0.25 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 401-500 | $0.50 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 500 above | $1.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| FOG (Fats, Oils, & Grease) | Tier 1 | 51-65 | $0.50 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (50 mg/L max allowable) | Tier 2 | 66-80 | $1.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 81-100 | $2.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 100 above | $4.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| Chloride | Tier 1 | 101-600 | $0.50 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| (100 mg/L max. allowable) | Tier 2 | 601-999 | $1.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 3 | 1000-1200 | $2.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |
| | Tier 4 | 1200 above | $4.00 | per lb recvd. by AWRF |

***Surcharges are additional sewer user fees assessed when wastewater characteristics exceed established discharge limits. The fees provide cost recovery for added treatment at the City's Advanced Water Reclamation Facility.**

## CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES

A City of Cumming Utilities Ordinance Violation may incur a fee of $300 - $1,000.00 per day, per offense and/or as established in the City Ordinances. Includes, but is not limited to violations of the ordinances, any City issued permit (Industrial Pretreatment) or license, or violations which cause the City to violate any of its permits /licenses.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT FEES

| CATEGORY (Small Cell O.C.G.A 36-66C-1.) (Buried Fiber in the ROW O.C.G.A.46-5-1 ) | COST | COST APPLIED |
|---|---|---|
| Buried Cable - RATE CLASS "U" for urban roads & streets (Ord. of 1-20-2009, § 20-20.26) | $5,000 | per mile |
| Small-cell facility colocated on exiting pole in City of Cumming ROW | $250 | per facility per year |
| Small-cell facility on a new or replacement pole in City of Cumming ROW | $200 | per facility per year |
| Small-cell facility colocated on authority pole in City of Cumming ROW | $40 | per facility per year |
| Permit for Collocation on existing pole in City of Cumming ROW | $100 | one time per facility |
| Permit to install a repalcement pole & locate on new pole in City of Cumming ROW | $250 | one time per facility |
| Permit to insall a new pole and locate facility on pole in City of Cumming ROW | $1,000 | one time per facility |