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The Board of Water Commissioners **approves the proposed schedule of Detroit Retail Water and Sewerage Rates and Fees consistent with the FY 2025-2026 Revenue Requirements and Water and Sewer System Budgets approved by the Board of Water Commissioners on March 19, 2025** and also authorizes the Director and the Chief Financial Officer to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

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**Agenda of March 19, 2025**

**Item No.**

**Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**

**Schedule of Rates and Fees FY 2026**

**TO:** The Honorable  
Board of Water Commissioners  
City of Detroit, Michigan

**FROM:** Gary Brown, Director  
Water and Sewerage Department

**RE: Resolution Adopting the Rates and Fees Structure to Support DWSD FY 2026 Revenue Requirements**

**MOTION**

Upon recommendation of Istakur Rahman, Chief Financial Officer of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, the Board of Water Commissioners approves the proposed schedule of Detroit Retail Water and Sewerage Rates and Fees consistent with the FY 2025-2026 Revenue Requirements and the Water and Sewer System Budgets approved by the Board of Water Commissioners on March 19, 2025 and also authorizes the Director and the Chief Financial Officer to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

The proposed schedules of Rates and Fees are based on the approved Operating Revenue Requirements of \$149,172,400 for the Retail Water System and \$372,141,400 for the Retail Sewer System in FY 2026; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners approves the attached schedule of Rates and Fees to support DWSD FY 2026 Revenue Requirements; and be it finally;

**RESOLVED** That the Director and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution.

**Schedule of Rates and Fees**

<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Budget FY 2026</b>
<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
Volumetric Rate per Mcf	
Tier 1 (upto 0.6 Mcf)	\$ 27.61
Tier 2 (> 0.6Mcf)	\$ 49.50
Service Rate/equivalent unit per month	\$ 8.38
Fireline Rate/equivalent unit per month	\$ 88.02
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Budget FY 2026</b>
<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
Volumetric Rate per Mcf	\$ 61.01
Service Rate/equivalent unit per month	\$ 6.99
Drainage Rate per Billable acre per month	\$ 742.88

Service Type	Proposed Fee FY 2026
<b>Water and /or Sewer Services Permit Plan Review Fees</b>	
<b>Residential Zoning*</b>	\$150.00/ 1st Cycle; \$ 75.00/ Subsequent Cycles
<b>Non-Residential Zoning</b> <b>*Four (4) Units or Less</b>	\$700.00/ 1st Cycle; \$ 350.00/ Subsequent Cycles
<b>Stop Box Replacement</b>	\$2,000.00
<b>Water Turn On/Off</b> ( <i>Maintenance &amp; Repair and Meter Operations</i> )	\$45.00
<b>Real Estate Closing Fee</b> (Non-AMR Accounts Only)	\$45.00
<b>Water Service Line Reconnection Permit Inspection</b>	\$650.00
<b>Sewer Permit Inspection</b> (fee relative to scope of work) <i>Permit valid for one year from issue date</i>	\$650.00
<b>Water Permit Inspection</b> (fee relative to scope of work) <i>Permit valid for one year from issue date</i>	\$650.00
<b>Demolitions</b>	
Water line disconnection ( <i>restoration not included*</i> )	\$1,000.00
Hydrant water use for residential demolition	\$450.00
Hydrant water use for commercial demolition	\$2,450.00
<b>Stormwater Management Plan Review Fees</b>	
Preliminary plan review, and initial review of plans and comment letter, as-built plan review, and an inspection of the as-built project	\$2,550.00
Additional plan reviews (per plan review beyond initial)	\$400.00
Additional inspections (per inspection beyond initial)	\$750.00
<b>*Cost for restoration by DWSD will vary based on type of restoration required, estimate will be provided</b>	
o Grass	Up to \$500
o Sidewalk	Up to \$1,500
o Road	Up to \$15,000
Hydro excavation (NEW)	\$400.00

Penalty Type	Proposed Fee FY 2026
<b>NSF</b> (non-sufficient funds)	\$40.00
<b>Missed Appointment</b> (any type)	\$45.00
<b>Illegal Turn-on</b>	
1st Offense	\$250.00
2nd Offense	\$500.00
On the second offense, unless full payment of all fees is made or a payment plan is initiated, the service line will be disconnected, and an additional fee will be assessed.	\$660.00
<b>Tampered/Cut Cable (AMR)</b>	
1st Offense	\$50.00
2nd Offense	\$100.00
3rd Offense	\$150.00
<b>Illegal dig Up or Illegal Water and/or Sewer Taps</b>	
1st Offense	\$1,000.00
2nd Offense	\$3,000.00
3rd Offense	\$5,000.00
<b>Meter Operations</b>	
Damaged Meter Equipment	
Meter sizes 5/8" - 1"	\$165.00
Meter sizes 1.5" - 2"	\$675.00
Meter sizes 3" - 12"	\$2,435.00
Damaged AMR equipment (MIU)	\$180.00
Unrecovered Meter	Per unrecovered meter depreciation charge table
<b>Late Fee</b> (assessed for each bill on previous ending balance)	5%
<b>Tampering with lock</b> (if digging is necessary)	\$800.00