

CHAPTER 65

WATER MAIN CONNECTION CHARGES

1. **PERMIT REQUIRED.** Before any water main or lateral water main of the City is tapped, or any connection is made therewith, a permit shall be obtained from the City upon application made upon forms furnished by the City accompanied by the payment, or proof of payment, of such connection charges, if any, as may be provided herein. Water service may only be provided in accordance with Section 12 of Chapter 64 of the City Code of Decatur.

(Amended, Ordinance No. 2013-23)

2. **CONNECTION CHARGE NOT REQUIRED.** If the water main or lateral water main to be tapped or connected to was constructed at the cost of the then owner of the property to be served by such tap or connection, whether by special assessment or otherwise, a connection charge shall not be required. In all other cases a connection charge in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid. (Amended, Ordinance No. 2013-23)

3. **CHARGE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAIN.** If the main or lateral was constructed by special assessment against property other than that to be served by such tap or connection, the connection charge shall be computed upon the same basis and rate as that used to spread the special assessment by which said main or lateral was constructed.

4. **COMPUTATION OF CHARGE.** If the main or lateral to be tapped or connected to is a city main or lateral, whether the same was constructed by the City, or others, the connection charge shall be as follows:

<i>Water Connection Size</i>	<i>Water Main Connection Charge</i>	<i>Water Connection Size</i>	<i>Water Main Connection Charge</i>
1"	\$3,500	3"	\$10,500
1 ½"	\$5,250	3 ½"	\$12,250
2"	\$7,000	4"	\$14,000
2 ½"	\$8,750	Greater than 4"	See Note 1

Note 1: As approved by the City Manager

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Properties within the City Corporate Limits at the time of application will receive a seventy-five percent (75%) discount to the water main connection charge.

The required connection charge may be paid as a single payment, or may be paid in installments by making a down payment of forty percent (40%) and six subsequent annual payments, including simple interest at a rate to be determined by the Director of Financial Management and agreed upon by owner and permittee prior to connection. The down payment shall accompany the application for the permit to tap or to connect to the main or lateral. The succeeding annual installments shall become due, and are payable, on or before the annual anniversary date of the application. (Amended, Ordinance No. 2013-23)

5. CONNECTION CHARGE ADJUSTMENT. The Water Main Connection Charge shall be adjusted annually, at the beginning of each fiscal year. The adjustment shall be based on the Construction Cost Index for Midwestern cities, as published by Engineering News-Record. (Amended, Ordinance No. 2013-23)

6. SERVICE SHUT OFF. If any connection is made with, or any such main or lateral is tapped, without the payment of the applicable connection charge as herein provided, or if any such connection charge, or installment thereof, is provided, or if any such connection charge, or installment thereof, is not timely paid upon the due date thereof, a delinquency notice shall be directed to the owner or occupant of the premises served by the connection to which such charge is applicable, and unless such delinquent charge, or charges, is, or are, paid in full within ten (10) days of the date of such notice, the Public Works Department shall turn off the supply of water to such service. Both delinquent payments and deferred installments shall be a lien upon the premises served by the service to which such payments or installments are applicable. (Amended, Ordinance No. 2017-08, February 6, 2017) (Amended, Ordinance No. 2013-23)

7. **EXISTING WATER WELLS ON PROPERTY.** Prior to connecting to a City of Decatur water main, properties with existing and operable wells must comply with all conditions of this section.

- A. Except as set forth in Section 7(B), the existing and operable well must be abandoned in accordance with all applicable statutes, codes, ordinances and other laws and requirements of the State of Illinois, City of Decatur and Macon County.
- B. Existing and operable wells may be used solely for irrigation purposes only and not for potable water. The existing and operable well must be disconnected from any structure which will be supplied water by a City of Decatur water main. All work must be done in accordance with all applicable statutes, codes, ordinances and other laws and requirements of the State of Illinois, City of Decatur and Macon County.

(Amended, Ordinance No. 2013-23)

8. **PENALTY.** Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense and each day upon which a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Amended, Ordinance No. 2011-73)