

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL – COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES RELATING TO WATER SUPPLY, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SERVICES

This Statement of Proposal is for a revised schedule of Council fees and charges for water supply, wastewater and stormwater and other three water services. This revised schedule is provided below. Some items, where 'No charge' is indicated, is for customer service information purposes only.

The 2006 – 2016 Long Term Council Community Plan sets out Council's Revenue and Financing Policy in Volume 4, page 7 to 43.

The Policy confirms that the "user pays" principle is appropriate for services that are of private good, such as the provision of service connections for new buildings.

Section 8 states that "The allocation of revenue needs to those who directly benefit from the services or those who are responsible for causing the costs to Council is considered to be an efficient and effective method of funding the services which have the characteristics of private goods. User pays methods generally contribute to the current and future environmental and economic wellbeing of the community through efficient use of scarce resources."

The revised schedule of fees is based on the "user pays" principle and provides for full cost recovery and includes the following:

- Tendered scheduled rates for connection work based on the successful bid for a recent publicly advertised contract for the connection work
- An allocation of contract overheads for this contract
- An average reinstatement allowance based on tendered contract rates
- An overhead allowance for application processing, contract administration and quality assurance, and for water supply connections, a water account administration cost.

The new fees will be effective from 1 November 2007.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR WATER SUPPLY, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND OTHER SERVICES

Water Supply Service Connections	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
1. Service pipe already provided		
(a) 15mm connection	\$275	\$540
(b) 20mm connection	\$300	\$600
2. Service pipe installed by the Council		
(a) First 15mm connection	\$520	\$765
(b) Additional 15mm connection	\$425	\$635
(c) First 20mm connection	\$540	\$805
(d) Additional 20mm connection	\$450	\$680
3. Special connections		
(a) 25mm	\$660	\$1,385
(b) 50mm	\$2,580	\$3,330
(c) Larger than 50mm	Full cost recovery	Full cost recovery

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Water Supply Service Connections	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
4. Water meter relocation		
(a) Requiring new tapping	\$450	\$660
(b) Without new tapping	\$90	\$190
5. Upgrading of water connection		
(a) Upgrade to 20mm		\$890
(b) Upgrade to 25mm		\$1,455
(c) Upgrade to larger than 25mm		Full cost recovery

Wastewater Service Connections	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
1. All excavation, backfilling and reinstatement carried out by private drainlayer		
(a) on 100mm dia sewer pipe	\$548	\$735
(b) on 150mm dia sewer pipe (PE & uPVC)	\$723	\$805
(c) on 150mm dia sewer pipe (AC & Ceramic)	\$723	\$1,400
(d) Manhole connection	\$548	\$995
(e) Disconnect and cap connection	\$296	\$455
2. All excavation, backfilling and reinstatement carried out by the Council's contractor; not including restoration of sealed, concreted or paved surfaces which will be charged separately.		
(a) Invert level 0 to 1.5 metres below ground level		
(i) on 100mm dia sewer pipe	\$726	\$1,400
(ii) on 150mm dia PVC or PE sewer pipe	\$927	\$1,505
(iii) on 150mm dia sewer pipe (AC & Ceramic)	\$927	\$2,200
(b) Invert level 1.5 to 2.5 metres below ground level		
(i) on 100mm dia sewer pipe	\$740	\$1,600
(ii) on 150mm dia PVC or PE sewer pipe	\$1,011	\$1,555
(iii) on 150mm dia sewer pipe (AC & Ceramic)	\$1,011	\$2,340
(c) Manhole connection	\$876	\$1,345
3. 100mm diameter service pipe extension	\$251 per metre	Full cost recovery
4. 150mm wastewater pipe replacement under buildings	\$262 per metre	Full cost recovery
5. Raising manholes, when buried by the property owner, or lowering manholes as requested by property owner	Full cost recovery	Full cost recovery

Stormwater Service Connections	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
1. All excavation, backfilling and reinstatement carried out by private drainlayer		
(a) 100mm dia connection	\$597	\$1,475
(b) 150mm dia connection	\$782	\$1,595
(c) Manhole connection	\$597	\$960
(d) Disconnect and cap connection	\$296	\$455

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Stormwater Service Connections	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
2. All excavation, backfilling and reinstatement carried out by the Council's contractor; not including restoration of sealed, concreted or paved surfaces which will be charged separately.		
(a) 100mm dia connection	\$1,020	\$2,220
(b) 150mm dia connection	\$1,389	\$2,360
(c) Manhole connection	\$1,020	\$1,310
3. 100mm diameter service pipe extension	\$222 per metre	Full cost recovery
4. Raising manholes, when buried by the property owner, or lowering manholes as requested by property owner	Full cost recovery	Full cost recovery

Other Network Services	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
1. Any other services (excluding rates funded work), which are not included in this schedule as standard services	Full cost recovery	Full cost recovery
2. Video Inspection	Full cost recovery	Full cost recovery

Billing and Customer Services	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
Special meter reading	\$25	\$25
Permanent disconnection	No charge	No charge
Testing of meter accuracy on site	No charge	No charge
Laboratory water meter accuracy test (refundable if found inaccurate)	\$160	\$180
Locating and raising meters for reading	No charge	Full cost recovery
Separation of shared meters	No charge	No charge

Water Supply Services	Current Schedule (including GST)	Revised Price (including GST)
Upgrading meter - other	quoted	At cost
Hydrant Permits plus volume @ \$1.48 /m3	min charge \$20 per day	\$25 plus cost of water
Metered Standpipe plus volume at \$1.48 /m3		\$1,000 Bond plus cost of water
Repair of damage to services	At cost	At cost
Install hydrant on existing watermain up to 150mm diameter in grass berm	\$1,800	\$2,475
Install hydrant on existing watermain up to 150mm diameter in carriageway	\$2,100	\$3,600
Install hydrant on existing watermain larger than 150mm diameter		Full cost recovery

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Revised Schedule of Fees for Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Service Connections and Other Services

Council proposes to prescribe a new schedule of fees for water supply, wastewater and stormwater service connections and other services.

The new fees will be effective from 1 November 2007. The fees have not been reviewed since 1 July 2004. The new fees are based on contract rates established through open tendering plus an allowance for overheads and calculated on the basis of the "user pays" principle established in the Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.

These fees apply mainly to new connections required for new buildings and development.

The Statement of Proposal may be obtained from the following locations:

- Waitakere City Council, Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson
- All libraries
- On Council's website, www.waitakere.govt.nz.

Submissions

The period of submissions is from 29 August 2007 to 29 September 2007. Submissions must be made in writing, preferably on the form supplied by Council, and must state if you wish to be heard by Council.

Submissions will be heard by Council at the Council meeting that will be held on 10 October 2007, starting at 9.30 am.

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