

**RESOLUTION # WWB-109-2025**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A REVISED SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE WATER AND WASTEWATER BOARD OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA (dba MADISON UTILITIES) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BOARD AND TO REPEAL ANY PRIOR RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison is empowered by Ala. Code §11-50-314(1975) to adopt a schedule of rates, fees, and charges for the services it provides to its customers<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to further amend its schedule of rates, fees and charges as set out in this resolution below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison that the following schedule of rates, fees, and charges is adopted as of the effective date stated below:

**ARTICLE I. WATER SERVICE**

**SECTION 1.1. WATER RATES.**

The Board hereby establishes a schedule of monthly rates for water service from the water system of the Board as shown below.

**Base charge per month per meter (by meter size)**

<b>Effective on first day of month shown:</b>	<b>Oct 2024</b>	<b>Oct 2025</b>	<b>Oct 2026</b>
5/8" Meter	\$ 8.82	9.61	10.38
1" Meter	22.04	24.03	25.95
1 ½" Meter	44.09	48.05	51.90
2" Meter	70.49	76.88	83.04
3" Meter	140.99	144.15	155.70
4" Meter	220.29	240.25	259.50
6" Meter	440.59	480.50	519.00
8" Meter	704.58	768.80	830.40
10" Meter	1,014.53	1,015.15	1,193.70
12" Meter	1,896.30	2,066.15	2,231.70

**Commodity Charge per month per meter per 1,000 gallons:**

<b>Effective on first day of month shown:</b>	<b>Oct 2024</b>	<b>Oct 2025</b>	<b>Oct 2026</b>
• <b>Inside Madison Corporate Limits:</b>			
○ Residential and Commercial:			
■ Regular	\$ 4.99	5.09	5.17
■ Irrigation <sup>2</sup>			
• Up to 15,000 gallons	5.88	5.99	6.08
• 15,001 to 50,000 gallons	6.48	6.61	6.71
• Above 50,000 gallons	7.49	7.64	7.75

<sup>1</sup> For a history of rates established by the Board since June 1991, see the following resolutions: WWB-120-91, 125-91, 101-94, 105-95, 101-97, 105-95, 101-97, 112-97, 119-00, 101-01, 140-01, 109-04, 126-05, 127-05, 141-05, 102-06, 109-07, 117-08, 120-08, 122-08, 141-08, 144-08, 106-09, 118-09, 131-09, 116-10, 124-10, 109-12, 140-13, 128-14, 145-14, 147-14, 109-15, 142-15, 134-16, 140-16, 143-16, 103-17, 158-17, 105-19, 102-20, 107-20, 126-20, 106-22, 117-22, and 119-23

<sup>2</sup> Irrigation rates apply to water delivered through separate irrigation meters installed by the Board. Irrigation meters are not used to measure consumption of sewer services. Applies to all classes of customers.

• Conservation rate (> 50,000 gallons) <sup>3</sup>	7.56	7.72	7.83
○ Senior <sup>4</sup> and School/City <sup>5</sup> :	4.49	4.58	4.65
• <u>Outside Madison Corporate Limits<sup>6</sup>:</u>			
○ Residential and Commercial:	5.99	6.11	6.20
○ Senior:	5.39	5.49	5.58
• <u>Raw Water (only by agreement with Board):</u>			
○ All consumption	1.50	1.50	1.50

**SECTION 1.2. SERVICE DEPOSIT**

(a) Deposits Generally. Each person desiring to become a water customer of the Board shall, before receiving water service, make a deposit as provided herein to the Board guaranteeing to the Board payment of charges for such water service. The established service deposit (except as indicated) shall also serve as a deposit for sewer service obtained under Article II of this Resolution and may be used by the Board to guarantee payment of charges for sewer service.

(b) Residential Service Deposits.

Standard 5/8" Household Meter (w/sewer)	\$200.00 non-refundable cash deposit
Standard 5/8" Household Meter (w/o sewer)	100.00 non-refundable cash deposit
Standard 5/8" Irrigation Meter	150.00 non-refundable cash deposit

Cash deposits are required for all new accounts including transfers, new services, and additional meter sets.

If service is terminated for failure to pay amounts due the Board, full payment of the amount due, plus amounts to bring deposit amount to current levels, will be required prior to reconnection of service.

A Letter of Reference is not acceptable in lieu of a cash deposit. Deposits for all residential accounts will be maintained with the Board for as long as the account is active.

(c) Non-Residential Service Deposits.

(i) Service deposits for all non-residential customers of the Board shall be posted and maintained in amounts equal to at least two (2) times the actual highest monthly billing to the customer over the previous twelve (12) months, or if no billing history is available, then in an amount determined by the General Manager of the Board. In making such a determination, the General Manager may rely on information provided or available, based on which the deposit may be established as close as possible to an amount equal to the projected two (2) highest months billing for water and sewer service to the customer.

(ii) Deposits may be reviewed annually on or about the anniversary date of the posting of a service deposit with the Board pursuant to this Resolution. The General Manager may, from time to time, in his sole discretion, modify a utility service deposit based on the two (2) highest monthly billings, or two (2) times the General Manager's estimate of water and sewer services to the customer, based on full capacity use of the customer's location, whichever is greater.

(iii) The General Manager will have sole discretion in calculating, establishing, or modifying a service deposit under subsection 1.2(c), and his decision shall be final.

<sup>3</sup> Conservation rates for irrigation meters apply whenever the Board has adopted a resolution declaring a water emergency.

<sup>4</sup> Residential accounts for which the Board has been provided with proof of age establishing that the customer in whose name the account is maintained, or the customer's spouse residing in the same household, is 65 years of age or older, shall be billed at the senior rate. Does not apply to irrigation rates.

<sup>5</sup> Accounts maintained by the City of Madison or any public school of the City of Madison Board of Education, shall be billed at the School/City rate. Does not apply to irrigation rates.

<sup>6</sup> Irrigation meters, and School/City rates are not available outside Madison corporate limits

- (iv) A deposit posted under subsection 1.2(c) shall be in the form of (a) cash or other certified funds; or (b) an irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a financial institution with an office located in Madison County, Alabama (or Limestone County with respect to customers located there) in a form acceptable to the General Manager.
- (v) Any present customer of the Board who or which posted a utility service deposit under previous policies or resolutions of the Board may be required to post an additional deposit in a form approved by subsection 1.2(c) (iv) if the General Manager determines that the amount of the existing deposit is insufficient to protect the interests of the Board. Such additional deposit shall be posted (a) within six (6) months from the date of notice to the customer of the requirement for additional deposit; (b) immediately when the account becomes thirty (30) days delinquent; or (c) upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or other indication of insolvency of the customer, whichever shall first occur.

In the event that any non-residential customer (not in default on any payment to the Board) desires to substitute an acceptable Letter of Credit as a replacement for a previously posted cash bond, the cash bond shall be refunded to the customer in full.

- (d) The service deposit for a fire hydrant meter shall be \$4,000.00 and will be refunded after the final bill is paid and the meter is returned without damage. Any damages incurred or repairs required will reduce the amount of deposit refunded.
- (e) A failure to post and maintain an adequate service deposit pursuant to this Section 1.2 shall serve as a basis for termination of service in the same manner that service may be terminated for failure to pay charges due to the Board.
- (f) Deposits for all non-residential accounts will be maintained with the Board for as long as the account is active.
- (g) Governmental and non-profit entities or agencies may be exempted from service deposits required by this section.

**SECTION 1.3. NEW WATER INSTALLATION SERVICE (TAP) FEES**

- (a) There is hereby imposed the following schedule of service (tap) fees (by size of meter with appropriate backflow preventer and AMR device) for new water service installations. Fees for meter sizes greater than 1" shall be based on actual costs.

Size of Meter:	Amount of Fee:
5/8" Meter (Short Side)	\$ 1,250.00
5/8" Meter (Long Side)	2,750.00
1" Meter (Short Side)	1,350.00
1" Meter (Long Side)	2,850.00

- (b) Determination of size of meters to be required for all such new water service installations, and the required type of backflow preventer, for purposes of applying the schedule adopted in this section, shall be within the sole discretion of the Board.
- (c) Service provided upon payment of the water installation service charges outlined in the schedule in Section 1.3(a) above will include tapping the main, installing a corporation stop, installing a meter box and service line to a point adjacent to the customer's property line within a dedicated right-of-way or easement, and installation of the appropriate meter and backflow preventer, including the cost of the meter and backflow

preventer. The described service, however, shall not include system availability fees imposed by this Resolution.

**SECTION 1.4. METER SET; WATER SERVICE FEES**

(a) There is hereby imposed the following schedule of water service fees (by meter size with back flow preventer and AMR devices) for setting a meter for new service where the main has been tapped and service lines previously installed to customer's property line. Fees for meter sizes greater than 1" shall be based on actual costs.

Size of Meter:	Amount of Fee:
5/8" Register Meter	\$ 275.00
5/8" Register Meter (Second Meter on Existing Service Line)	550.00
1" Single Register Meter	375.00
1" Single Register Meter (Second Meter on Existing Service Line)	650.00

(b) Determination of size of meters to be required for all such new meter installations shall be within the sole discretion of the Board.

(c) Service provided upon payment of the service charges outlined in the schedule in Section 1.4(a) above will include only installation of the necessary meter and backflow preventer. The described service, however, shall not include system availability fees imposed by this Resolution.

**SECTION 1.5. WATER SYSTEM AVAILABILITY FEES**

(a) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them herein.

Residential Single-Family:

A residential development or property consisting of single-family units, commonly found in subdivision development. The individual units are independent structures with no interconnectivity with other similar units.

Residential Multi-Family:

A residential development consisting of multi-family units, commonly found in apartments, town homes, or condominiums. Property can be owner occupied, rental, or leased.

Commercial Development:

A commercial development consisting of a single business, public or educational facility, or other non-residential use or purpose, whether existing as a separate building or as part of a larger building or complex.

Irrigation Accounts:

Irrigation accounts are seasonal use accounts typically used for outdoor water applications. Interconnectivity with the wastewater system is not allowed for Irrigation Accounts.

(b) There is hereby imposed a schedule of system availability fees for tying onto water mains of the Board as follows:

Residential Single-Family:

- o \$1,500.00 per lot or unit

- Due at the time Board approves construction drawings or before pre-construction meeting for utilities

Residential Multi-Family:

- \$1,100.00 per unit
  - Due at the time Board approves construction drawings or before pre-construction meeting for utilities

Commercial:

- Fees based on water meter size
  - 1" or less - \$2,000.00
  - 2" - \$12,000.00
  - 3" - \$28,000.00
  - 4" - \$35,000.00
  - 6" - \$52,000.00
  - 8" - \$95,000.00
  - 10" - \$138,000.00
  - 12" - \$195,000.00
  - Fees are per meter and are due at the time Board approves construction drawings or before pre-construction meeting for utilities

Irrigation Accounts (Residential and Commercial):

- Fees based on water meter size
  - 5/8" - \$800.00
  - 1" - \$2,000.00
  - 2" - \$6,400.00
  - All fees are due before meter is set
  - Residential accounts that add irrigation meter after the home is occupied can enter into an interest free payment agreement and pay fees over an eight-month period.

**SECTION 1.6. FEES FOR WATER SAMPLING**

There is hereby imposed the following schedule of fees for water sampling services provided to customers:

<u>Type of Sampling</u>	<u>Amount</u>
(a) Simple bacteria test for coliform (including new subdivision line testing)	\$ 55.00
(b) Test to identify undetermined substances (per substance) (plus cost of test)	100.00
(c) Test for chlorine and pH content	25.00
(d) Test to identify mineral content of water (per mineral)	75.00
(e) Test for volatile organic chemicals	250.00
(f) Test for radiological sampling	180.00
(g) Test for trihalomethanes	180.00

**SECTION 1.7 FEES FOR NON-FULLY METERED FIRE LINES (Availability fees)**

There is hereby imposed the following schedule of fees for unmetered fire lines provided to customers.

Non-fully metered fire line fees, when required, will be based on the following guidelines:

- Charges by fire line Pipe Size as follow:
  - 4" \$8,000.00
  - 6" \$12,000.00
  - 8" \$16,000.00

10"	\$24,000.00
12"	\$30,000.00

**ARTICLE II. WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SERVICE**

**SECTION 2.1. WASTEWATER DISPOSAL RATES**

The Board hereby establishes a schedule of monthly rates for wastewater disposal service by the sanitary sewer system of the Board based on water usage as shown below. Rates for residential sewer disposal shall apply to any customer to whom residential water rates apply. Commercial sewer disposal rates shall apply to provision of sewer disposal services to all other customers of the Board.

**Base Charge per month per service (by meter size)**

(In addition, Limestone County sewer only customers are charged the actual per account fee for which the Board is charged by the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority for billing customers on behalf of the Board.)

<b><u>Effective on first day of month shown:</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>
	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2026</u></b>
5/8" Meter	\$ 9.40	10.06	10.66
1" Meter	23.49	25.15	26.65
1 1/2" Meter	47.01	50.30	53.30
2" Meter	75.18	80.48	85.28
3" Meter	150.37	150.90	159.90
4" Meter	234.94	251.50	266.50
6" Meter	469.88	503.00	530.00
8" Meter	751.76	804.80	852.80
10" Meter	1,128.12	1,156.90	1,225.90
12" Meter	2,021.00	2,162.90	2,291.90

**Commodity Charge per month per meter per 1,000 gallons<sup>7</sup>:**

<b><u>Effective on first day of month shown:</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>
	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2026</u></b>
<b><u>• Inside Madison Corporate Limits:</u></b>			
o Residential and Commercial:	\$ 7.68	7.83	7.95
o Senior and School/City:	6.88	7.02	7.13
o Sewer only customers:	9.19	9.51	9.65
o Sewer only Senior:	8.27	8.44	8.56
<b><u>• Outside Madison Corporate Limits</u></b>			
o Residential and Commercial:	9.19	9.37	9.51
o Senior:	8.27	8.44	8.56

**Flat Rate Charge for Residential and Commercial per month per meter - Sewer Only customers:**

(Flat rate billing includes commodity charges, billing fees, and base fees and is not based on monthly water consumption)

<b><u>Effective on first day of month shown:</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>
	<b><u>2024</u></b>
<b><u>• Limestone County Sewer Only</u></b>	
o Residential and Commercial:	58.01
o Senior:	52.99

**Flat Rate Charge for Multi-Family per month per unit – Sewer Only customers:**

(Flat rate billing includes commodity charges and is not based on monthly water consumption)

<sup>7</sup> Sewer service commodity usage is measured by gallons of water purchased through the sewer customer's non-irrigation water meter(s). Flat rate billing is not based on the actual monthly water consumption.

<b><u>Effective on first day of month shown:</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>
	<b><u>2024</u></b>
• Limestone County Sewer Only	
○ Multi-Family (per unit)	49.98

**Flat Rate Charge per month per Dumpster Pad Drain:**

<b><u>Effective on first day of month shown:</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b><u>Oct</u></b>
	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2026</u></b>
• Dumpster Pads	20.00	20.00	20.00

**SECTION 2.2. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO WASTEWATER DISPOSAL RATES**

- (a) Secondary Meters. The schedule of rates established above shall be inapplicable and shall not serve as a basis for calculating a wastewater disposal service charge for water supplied through a secondary meter installed by the Board to provide water not serviced by the Madison Utilities Sanitary Sewer System.
- (b) Mandatory Charge. The foregoing schedule of wastewater disposal rates shall be charged and imposed against any customer connected with the sanitary sewer system and any residence or business establishment required by law to be connected to the sanitary sewer system, whether or not such establishment has actually been connected with the sanitary sewer system as required.

**SECTION 2.3. NEW WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM INSTALLATION SERVICE (TAP) CHARGES**

- (a) There is hereby imposed the following schedule of new wastewater disposal system installation service (tap) charges for new wastewater disposal service installations:

<u>Type of Installation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Residential (for each single family residence tapped to sewer)	\$2,630.00
Commercial (all other taps to sewer, including apartment complex and other multifamily residential connections)	Actual estimated cost of labor and materials plus 30%

- (b) The Board may establish such reasonable guidelines as it deems necessary for determining, in its sole discretion, the type of installation required and the actual estimated costs of labor and material for commercial taps.
- (c) Services provided upon payment of the wastewater disposal system installation service charges outlined in Section 2.3(a) above will include all services necessary to tap the sewer line in a dedicated easement or right-of-way and to make a connection between such sewer line and a service line provided and installed by the customer. The described service, however, shall not include system availability fees imposed by this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.4. WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM AVAILABILITY FEES**

- (a) Definitions. The definitions applicable to Water System Availability Fees under Section 1.5(a) above, also shall be applicable to Wastewater Disposal System Availability Fees under this Section.
- (b) There is hereby imposed a schedule of system availability fees for tying onto wastewater mains of the Board as follows:
- Residential Single-Family

- \$1,500.00 per lot or unit
  - Due at the time Board approves construction drawings or before pre-construction meeting for utilities
- Residential Swimming Pool connection
  - \$150 per connection
    - Due at the time of connection following submittal of Swimming Pool Permit Application to the City of Madison Alabama
- Residential Multi-Family
  - \$1,100.00 per unit
    - Due at the time Board approves construction drawings or before pre-construction meeting for utilities
- Commercial
  - Fees based on water meter size
    - 1" or less - \$2,000.00
    - 2" - \$12,000.00
    - 3" - \$28,000.00
    - 4" - \$35,000.00
    - 6" - \$52,000.00
    - 8" - \$95,000.00
    - 10" - \$138,000.00
    - 12" - \$195,000.00
    - Fees are per meter and due at the time Board approves construction drawings or before pre-construction meeting for utilities

**ARTICLE III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 3.1. MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES**

There is hereby imposed the following miscellaneous fees, and charges for services provided by the Board.

(a)	Franchise Fee imposed by the City of Madison <sup>8</sup> (3% of total water and wastewater billed amount)	3%
(b)	Account Charge	
	(i) New Service	\$50.00
	(ii) New Service (Sewer Only – Limestone County)	25.00
	(iii) Transferred Service	50.00
	(iv) Seasonal connection for irrigation meters only	50.00
	(v) Seasonal disconnection for irrigation meters only	50.00
(c)	Fire Protection Services per Inch of Service Line:	
	(i) Monthly Availability Charge for Sprinklers (based on size of service line)	3.00
	(ii) Setting or Removing Fire Hydrant Meter	50.00
(d)	Returned Check Charge	25.00
(e)	Late Charge on Statement	10% of amount delinquent monthly
(f)	Termination Notice Letter	1.00

<sup>8</sup> Per City of Madison Ordinance 91-91 by which the City requires payment by the Board of a franchise fee equal to 3% of the Board's gross revenue from sales of utility service to its customers, both within and outside the corporate limits of the City.

(g)	Service Disconnect/Reconnect Fees	
	(i) Disconnect for non-payment	45.00
	(ii) Reconnect: Between hours of 4:00pm to 6:00pm	50.00
	(iii) Reconnect: After hours, weekends and holidays	85.00
(h)	Mapping Prints and Disks:	
	(i) Blue Line Printed Map (per sheet)	5.00
	(ii) Plotter Printed Map (city limits, streets, and subdivisions only) (per sheet)	50.00
	plus (for each additional overlay)	10.00
	(iii) Digitized Mapping Data on Computer Disk (per quarter quarter-section)	50.00
	(iv) Governmental entities or agencies may be exempted from the above charges.	
(i)	Construction Specifications	10.00
(j)	Commercial Waste Dumping Tickets	
	a. Portable Toilets	\$10.00 per month plus \$75.00/1,000 g (\$75.00 minimum)
	b. Septage	\$10.00 per month plus \$75.00/1,000 g (\$75.00 minimum)
	c. Grease	\$10.00 per month plus \$205.00/1,000g (\$205.00 minimum)
(k)	Return Trip Charges (caused by customer)	
	a. During business hours	25.00
	b. After hours, weekends and holidays	85.00
(l)	Meter Tampering	500.00
(m)	Fire Hydrant Tampering	1,000.00
(n)	Television inspection/cleaning sewer mains (per linear foot)	2.00
(o)	Mini Camera Inspection	150.00
(p)	Recording fees (per page)	10.00
(q)	Charges for replacement/installation of:	
	1. Backflow preventer 1" X 3/4"	60.00
	2. Single Meter box lid (plastic)	40.00
	3. Double Meter box lid (plastic)	85.00
	4. Meter box	65.00
	5. Meter lock	30.00
	6. Curb stop 3/4"	85.00
	7. Standpipe	95.00
	8. AMR Radio interface	145.00
	9. Though the lid adapter	30.00
(r)	Copy fees (per page 1-sided) (black only)	0.50
(s)	Same day Service Fee	75.00
(t)	Plan review fees	
	1. Initial plan review	500.00
	2. Additional review fees	250.00
(u)	Pool connection fee	7.00/month
(v)	Bond administrative fee	45.00
(w)	Expedited (1 day) Final Inspection fee (Res/Com single unit)	100.00

(x)	Plat review fee	100.00
(y)	Fire Hydrant monthly service charge	100.00
(z)	Non Standard Meter read charges (requested by customer)	
	(i) No problems found with original meter reading	50.00
	(ii) Corrections needed to original reading(s)	no charge
(aa)	All other services	50.00

**SECTION 3.2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS**

All resolutions or parts of resolutions previously adopted by the Board in conflict herewith are repealed as of the effective date of this resolution.

**SECTION 3.3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Resolution and the rates, fees, and charges set out herein shall become effective on June 1, 2025.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Terris Tatum, Chairman  
Water and Wastewater Board of the City of Madison  
dba Madison Utilities

ATTEST:

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Emory DeBord, Secretary-Treasurer