1   **..Title**
2   **Public Services – Title 16 Code Amendments –** For the purpose of transferring the
3   charges for water service from Chapter 16.08 of the Code of the City of Annapolis to the
4   Fees Schedule; transferring the charges for sewer service from Chapter 16.16 of the Code
5   of the City of Annapolis to the Fees Schedule; clarifying the Council approval process for
6   any rate increases determined to be necessary to cover the cost of water and sewer
7   service; and matters generally relating to charges for water and sewer services.
8   **..Body**
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10   **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
11   *City of Annapolis*
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13   **Ordinance 18-18**
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15   **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**
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17   **Referred to**
18   Environmental Matters Committee
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21   **AN ORDINANCE** concerning
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23   **Public Services – Title 16 Code Amendments**
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25   **FOR**   the purpose of transferring the charges for water service from Chapter 16.08 of
26   the Code of the City of Annapolis to the Fees Schedule; transferring the charges
27   for sewer service from Chapter 16.16 of the Code of the City of Annapolis to the
28   Fees Schedule; clarifying the Council approval process for any rate increases
29   determined to be necessary to cover the cost of water and sewer service; and
30   matters generally relating to charges for water and sewer services.
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32   **BY**   repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of
33   the City of Annapolis, 2018 Edition
34   16.08.040
35   16.16.010
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38   **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
39   **CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as
40   follows:
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42   **TITLE 16 – PUBLIC SERVICES**
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44   **Chapter 16.08 – WATER SERVICE**
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46   **Section 16.08.040 - Charges—Users within City.**

A. A minimum fixed charge shall be based on water meter size <u>and shall be established by Resolution of the City Council.</u> ~~as follows:~~

~~Meter Size~~	~~Fixed Charge~~
~~1 inch or less~~	~~$10.70~~
~~1½ inch~~	~~$53.47~~
~~2 inch~~	~~$85.54~~
~~3 inch~~	~~$171.10~~
~~4 inch~~	~~$267.34~~
~~6 inch~~	~~$534.66~~

B. Consumption shall be billed to each connection each quarter<u>. The charge shall be established by Resolution of the City Council.</u> ~~at the following rates~~:

~~Residential Usage Charges Per Thousand Gallons~~	
~~1 to 7,000 gallons~~	~~$3.37~~
~~7,001 gallons to 20,000 gallons~~	~~$6.76~~
~~Over 20,001 gallons~~	~~$10.13~~

~~Non-Residential and Multifamily Usage Charges Per Thousand Gallons~~	
~~All usage~~	~~$5.03~~

Prior to June 30 each year, the City shall complete a cost of service rate study and report the results to the Council. If the rate study indicates an increase of rates is necessary to cover the cost of service, ~~and the increase is less than five percent, the rate increase will automatically occur and no Council action will be required. If the necessary rate increase is five percent or greater,~~ the Council shall be required to act affirmatively by establishing and adopting a rate increase prior to the start of each fiscal year.

C. A resident may request in writing to make monthly payments. There shall be a four percent surcharge for this service.

D. A charge ~~of forty dollars~~ shall be billed each time for non-payment or when a customer requests the City to turn on, turn off, or reconnect any water supply system<u>. The amount of the charge shall depend on whether</u> ~~and~~ that service is performed during <u>or outside</u> normal business hours <u>and shall be established by Resolution of the</u>

1   City Council. ~~If the service is performed outside normal business hours, the charge~~
2   ~~shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars.~~
3   E.   A charge, as established by Resolution of the City Council, ~~of fifteen dollars~~ shall be
4   billed for any special water meter readings requested by a customer.
5   F.   A charge, as established by Resolution of the City Council, ~~of fifty dollars~~ shall be
6   billed for any testing of a water meter requested by a customer; provided, that if it is
7   determined that the meter is defective, the charge shall be waived.
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Chapter 16.16 – SEWER SERVICE
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Section 16.16.010 - Rate.
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13   A. 1.   The charge for sewer service to users within the City shall be based on water
14   consumption, as defined in Subsection (A)(2) of this Section as follows:
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16   a.   A minimum fixed charge shall be billed each connection each quarter for water
17   consumption and shall be based on water meter size. The charge shall be established
18   by Resolution of the City Council. ~~as follows:~~
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~~Meter Size~~	~~Fixed Charge~~
~~1 inch or less~~	~~$12.18~~
~~1½ inch~~	~~$60.92~~
~~2 inch~~	~~$97.48~~
~~3 inch~~	~~$194.94~~
~~4 inch~~	~~$304.60~~
~~6 inch~~	~~$609.20~~

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21   b.   Consumption shall be billed to each connection each quarter. The charge shall be
22   established by Resolution of the City Council. ~~at the following rates:~~
23

~~Residential Usage Charges Per Thousand Gallons~~	
~~All usage~~	~~$5.36~~

26
~~Non-Residential and Multifamily Usage Charges Per Thousand Gallons~~	
~~All usage~~	~~$5.36~~

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30   Prior to June 30 each year, the City shall complete a cost of service rate study and
31   report the results to the Council. If the rate study indicates an increase of rates is
32   necessary to cover the cost of service, ~~and the increase is less than five percent, the~~

1 ~~rate increase will automatically occur and no council action will be required. If the~~
2 ~~necessary rate increase is five percent or greater,~~ the Council shall be required to act
3 affirmatively by establishing and adopting a rate increase prior to the start of each
4 fiscal year.
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6 2. For the purposes of this Section, "water consumption" is determined by the actual
7 water consumption in each quarter.
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9 B. A resident may request in writing to make monthly payments. There shall be a four
10 percent surcharge for this service.
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12 C. Sewer service shall not be extended to any user outside of the City except by written
13 agreement approved by ordinance. The ordinance shall expressly find, upon a
14 determination issued by the Director of Public Works, that existing and/or funded
15 facilities, capacity and infrastructure are sufficient to serve the user outside the City
16 in addition to existing and reasonably foreseeable City users. The terms of each such
17 agreement shall bind the user, its successors and assigns, according to its terms
18 which shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of this chapter. The agreement
19 shall make specific reference to the ordinance authorizing it and be recorded in the
20 land records for Anne Arundel County. The charge for sewer service to users outside
21 the City shall be twice that charged to users within the City.
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23 D. In addition to the charge required by the provisions of Subsection C. of this Section,
24 sewer service to users outside the City shall make annual payments to the City in
25 amounts equivalent to City real property taxes which would be imposed if the
26 property were in the City.
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28 E. All costs incurred in extending sewer service to users outside the City, including but
29 not limited to costs incurred in extending existing sewer mains, shall be paid by the
30 user. All improvements to existing public infrastructure made in extending sewer
31 service to users outside the City, shall be built to City standards and shall be
32 transferred to public ownership upon such terms and conditions as the Director of
33 Public Works shall require.
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35 F. Whenever property outside the City receiving City sewer service is annexed into the
36 City, the charge for such service shall be reduced to that charged for users in the City
37 and the payments required under Subsection D. of this Section shall abate as of the
38 date of annexation.
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41 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY**
42 **THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date
43 of adoption of the FY2019 Fees Schedule.
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                                  EXPLANATION

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Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

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~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

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[Brackets] indicate amendments.

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