

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COLONIAL COURTHOUSE AT 6504 MAIN STREET, GLOUCESTER, VIRGINIA ON A MOTION MADE BY \_\_\_\_\_, AND SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

Phillip N. Bazzani, \_\_\_;  
Ashley C. Chriscoe, \_\_\_;  
Kenneth W. Gibson, \_\_\_;  
Christopher A. Hutson, \_\_\_;  
Michael A. Nicosia, \_\_\_;  
Robert J. Orth, \_\_\_;  
Kevin M. Smith, \_\_\_;

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 19-4.4 TO ADD AN EQUIPMENT FEE TO ACCOUNTS, AND TO REVISE CERTAIN UTILITY FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES IMPOSED BY GLOUCESTER COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 19 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Gloucester County is authorized to charge and set water and sewer utility fees pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2119; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Gloucester County's Code governing water, sewers and sewage are contained in Gloucester County Code, Chapter 19; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-107, utility fees, rates, and charges are required to be set by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that an amendment to Chapter 19, Article 1, In General, Section 19-4.4 to add an equipment fee to customer accounts is appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is also desirous of revising certain utility fees, rates, and charges associated with Chapter 19 of the Gloucester County Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, that Gloucester County Code Chapter 19, Article I, In General, Section 19-4.4 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-4.4. Fees and charges.

All fees, charges and assessments authorized and set forth in this chapter, the amounts of which are not otherwise designated herein, shall be as set by

ordinance of the board of supervisors. **Such fees, charges and assessments shall include an equipment fee for each account.**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** that the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors hereby sets the fees, rates, and charges associated with Chapter 19 of the Gloucester County Code as follows, to be effective July 1, 2024 (rates in bold are modified; rates in regular typeface remain the same):

<b>CHAPTER 19 - FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year 2025</b>				
<b>Section</b>	<b>Fee/Charge</b>		<b>Current Fee/Charge</b>	<b>Fee / Charge to be set by Ordinance of the Board:</b>
<b>19-4.4</b>	<b>Equipment Fee</b>	<b>Per Consumer Account</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
19-50	Sewer Service Application for Service:	Application Fee 3/4 in. Meter:	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
		Application Fee 1 in. Meter:	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		Application Fee 1 1/2 in. Meter:	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
		Application Fee 2 in. Meter:	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
		Application Fee 3 in. Meter:	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,500.00
		Application Fee 4 in. Meter:	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
		Application Fee 6 in. Meter:	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
		Application Fee 8 in. Meter:	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
		Application Fee - Multifamily dwellings, duplexes, condominiums, apartments, townhouses:	\$ 3,300.00 [per unit]	\$ 3,300.00 [per unit]
19-50	Sewer Service Development Fee:	Development Fee 3/4 in. Meter:	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
		Development Fee 1 in. Meter:	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
		Development Fee 1 1/2 in. Meter:	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		Development Fee 2 in. Meter:	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00

		Development Fee 3 in. Meter:	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
		Development Fee 4 in. Meter:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
		Development Fee 6 in. Meter:	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
		Development Fee 8 in. Meter:	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
		Development Fee - Multifamily dwellings, duplexes, condominiums, apartments, townhouses:	\$ 1,200.00 [per unit]	\$ 1,200.00 [per unit]
19-52.4	Deposit:	Deposit required when property owner not to be billed for sewer.	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
19-52.6	Charge:	Charge for discontinuance of sewer service due to violation.	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Charge:	Charge for discontinuance of sewer service due to property owner/tenant request.	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
	After Hours:	Charge for renewal of discontinued service outside of normal working hours(before 8am or after 4:30 Monday - Friday or on Saturday or Sunday	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
19-55(a)	Monthly Sewer Service Rate:	Monthly nonuser service charge:	\$ 11.17	\$ 11.17
		First 2,000 gallons or less:	\$ 11.17	\$ 11.17
		Next 2,000 <b>gallons</b> , per 1,000 gallons:	\$ 4.92	\$ 4.92
		Next <b>Over 4,000 gallons</b> , per 1,000 gallons:	\$ 4.68	\$ 4.68
		Next <del>3,000</del> per 1,000 gallons:	<del>\$ 4.38</del>	<del>\$ 4.38</del>
		Next <del>64,000</del> gallons, per 1,000 gallons:	<del>\$ 4.18</del>	<del>\$ 4.18</del>
		Next <del>15,000</del> gallons, per 1,000 gallons:	<del>\$ 3.82</del>	<del>\$ 3.82</del>
		Over <del>90,000</del> gallons, per 1,000 gallons:	<del>\$ 3.27</del>	<del>\$ 3.27</del>

19-55 (c)	Monthly non user service charges for multiple residential units:	Monthly nonuser service charge:	\$ 11.17 x See 19-55 (c) for formula	\$ 11.17 x See 19-55 (c) for formula
19-55 (d)	Monthly nonuser service charges for multiple business units:	Monthly nonuser service charge:	\$ 11.17 x See 19-55 (d) for formula	\$ 11.17 x See 19-55 (d) for formula
19-55.1 (c)	Overdue sewer accounts:	Late payment fee:	\$5.00 or 10% whichever is greater	\$5.00 or 10% whichever is greater
19-55.1 (d)	Overdue sewer accounts:	Collection fee:	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
19-66.	FOG Fees	FSE Registration fee:	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
		FSE annual inspection fee:	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
19-126	Water Service Application Fees:	Application Fee 3/4 in. Meter:	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
		Application Fee 1 in. Meter:	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
		Application Fee 1 1/2 in. Meter:	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
		Application Fee 2 in. Meter:	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
		Application Fee 3 in. Meter:	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 17,200.00
		Application Fee 4 in. Meter:	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 25,500.00
		Application Fee 6 in. Meter:	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
		Application Fee 8 in. Meter:	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 75,500.00
		Application Fee - Multifamily dwellings, duplexes, condominiums, apartments, townhouses:	10% of meter application fee	10% of meter application fee
	Water Service Development fees:	Development Fee 3/4 in. Meter:	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
		Development Fee 1 in. Meter:	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Development Fee 1 1/2 in. Meter:	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
	Development Fee 2 in. Meter:	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
	Development Fee 3 in. Meter:	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	

		Meter:		
		Development Fee 4 in. Meter:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
		Development Fee 6 in. Meter:	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
		Development Fee 8 in. Meter:	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
		Development Fee - Multifamily dwellings, duplexes, condominiums, apartments, townhouses:	None	None
	Master Meter or Fire Service Meter for Manufactured Park or Travel Trailer Parks:	Additional Application Fee:	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
		Additional Development Fee:	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
19-128	Deposit for Water Service	When water service is not billed to the owner of the premises:	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
19-133 (a)	Transfer Fee; renewal of water service	When establishing new accounts or when customer transfers from one location to another within the system.	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
19-133 (b)	Renewal of water service	When water discontinued for violation:	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
		Irrigation meters:	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
		Reinstating water service for customer outside of normal working houses:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
		Reinstating irrigation meter service for customer outside of normal working houses:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
19-133 (c)	Reestablishment without authorization.	Fee for reestablishment of water service without authorization.	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
19-137 (a)	Monthly rates for water service	Monthly nonuser service charge:	\$ 20.18	\$ 20.18
		First 2,000 gallons or less:	\$ 20.18	\$ 20.18
		Next 6,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
		Over 8,000 gallons, per 1000 gallons	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.40

19-137 (b)	Multiple residential units, manufactured home park or travel trailer park.	Monthly nonuser service charge.	\$ 20.18 x See 19-137 (b) for formula.	\$ 20.18 x See 19-137 (b) for formula.
19-137 (c)	Multiple business units.	Monthly nonuser service charge.	\$ 20.18 x See 19-137 (c) for formula.	\$ 20.18 x See 19-137 (c) for formula.
19-137.1	Testing water meter.	Fee for examination and testing of meter:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
19-138 (c)	Overdue water accounts:	Late payment fee:	\$5.00 or 10% whichever is greater	\$5.00 or 10% whichever is greater
19-138 (d)	Overdue water accounts:	Collection fee:	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

The rates, fees, and charges for Chapter 19 of the Gloucester County Code, as reflected herein, shall be effective July 1, 2024.

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Carol E. Steele, County Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Colonial Courthouse, 6504 Main Street, Gloucester, Virginia to consider the following:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE  
ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 19-4.4 TO ADD AN EQUIPMENT FEE TO  
ACCOUNTS, AND TO REVISE CERTAIN UTILITY FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES  
IMPOSED BY GLOUCESTER COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 19  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors will consider an ordinance amending Chapter 19, Water, Sewers and Sewage, Article I, In General, Section 19-4.4 of the Gloucester County Code. The proposed amendment is intended to add a monthly equipment fee applicable to all Public Utilities consumer accounts.

In addition, the proposed Ordinance would revise certain Utility fees, rates, and charges associated with Chapter 19 of the Gloucester County Code as follows, proposing a monthly sewer rate tier restructure, to be effective July 1, 2024: (Only the fees, rates, and charges being modified are listed.)

Section 19-4.4	Fees and Charges	
	Monthly Equipment Fee per consumer account	\$2.50
Section 19-55(a)	MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE:	
	Monthly nonuser service charge	\$11.17
	First 2,000 gallons or less:	\$11.17
	Next 2,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.92
	Over 4,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.68
	Next 3,000 per 1,000 gallons:	\$4.38
	<del>Next 64,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons:</del>	<del>\$4.18</del>
	<del>Next 15,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons:</del>	<del>\$3.82</del>
	Over 90,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons:	\$3.27

Virginia Code Section 15.2-2119 authorizes localities in the Commonwealth to set and charge fees for water and sewer service. The amount of current fees, rates, and charges not listed herein are unaffected by the Ordinance. For the complete list of fees, rates, and charges, a complete copy of the draft Ordinance is available and may be reviewed on the web at [www.gloucesterva.gov](http://www.gloucesterva.gov), and in the County Administrator's Office at 6489 Main Street, Gloucester, Virginia.

The meeting will be broadcast live through the County website meeting portal at: <https://www.gloucesterva.gov/640/Meeting-Portal> and on Cox channel 48.

All interested parties are invited to express their views on this matter. Citizen comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing by three different methods:

- To submit comments online, complete the [Citizen Comment Submission](https://www.gloucesterva.gov/citizencomment) form ([www.gloucesterva.gov/citizencomment](https://www.gloucesterva.gov/citizencomment)). Please follow the instructions on the form to indicate the public hearing on which you want to comment.
- Comments may also be submitted by calling and leaving a message at 804-824-2760. Follow the prompts to leave comments for this specific public hearing, and clearly indicate your name (including spelling if needed) and your magisterial district.
- Finally, comments may be submitted by US Mail to County Administration, ATTN: PUBLIC HEARING, 6489 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. Any mailed comments must include your name, your magisterial district, and the title of this public hearing clearly printed at the top, and all such comments must be received by the scheduled date of this hearing. Please type or print all comments legibly.

Comments submitted through these methods must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 and will be read or played aloud during the public hearing up to the set time limit of 3 minutes.

“Form letters,” consisting of communications which are verbatim duplicates (other than the identifying information of the author/submitter) of one or more other communications received by the County pertaining to the matter to be considered at the public hearing, shall be read only once per letter, along with the list of persons submitting the same comments pursuant to such “form letter.”

Persons requiring assistance to submit comments for the meeting should contact the Gloucester County Administrator’s office at (804) 693-4042.

Carol Steele, County Administrator