



City of Fitchburg Massachusetts 01420

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May 16, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern,

At the Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 the following ORDINANCE , was sent to a third and final reading and adopted to be enrolled and ordained by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Ordinance was signed by the Mayor May 19, 2023.

123-23. AN ORDINANCE: §177-15 of the Fitchburg City Code shall be revised as reflected in the chart attached hereto. Specifically, §177-15 shall be revised as enclosed in the link.

[Revised Water Fee Increase](#)

Very truly yours,

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone
City Clerk

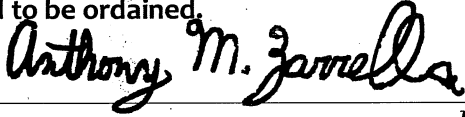
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AN ORDINANCE

In City Council,

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May 16, 2023
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Passed to be ordained.



President

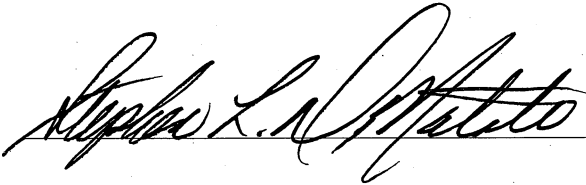
§177-15 of the Fitchburg City Code shall be revised as reflected in the chart attached hereto. Specifically, §177-15 shall be revised as enclosed in the Ordinance.

Reference petition #098-23 _____

Mayor's Office,

Fitchburg, Mass., MAY 19 2023

Approved.



Mayor

In City Council,

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Examined by the Committee on Enrollment,
and found correctly Enrolled.

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Chairman of Committee on Enrollment

In City Council May 2, 2023
Ordinance was sent to a first and second reading
by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present.
Board consists of 11 members.
Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Clerk

In City Council May 16, 2023
Ordinance was sent to a third and final reading and
adopted to be enrolled and ordained by unanimous
consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists
of 11 members.
Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Clerk

CITY OF FITCHBURG

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

IN THE YEAR

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AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Fitchburg, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED THAT –

§177-15 of the Fitchburg City Code shall be revised as reflected in the chart attached hereto. Specifically, §177-15 shall be revised as follows:

- §177-15(A) shall be revised by striking the prior fees and listing the new fees as follows:

| Water Service | | Fire Service | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pipe Size (Inches) | Development Charge | Pipe Size (Inches) | Development Charge |
| ¾ to 1” | \$4,000.00 | 4” & Below | \$300.00 |
| 1 ¼ to 1 ½” | \$5,000.00 | 6” | \$600.00 |
| 2” | \$6,500.00 | 8” | \$1,500.00 |
| 3” | \$7,000.00 | 10” | \$2,500.00 |
| 4” | \$8,000.00 | 12” | \$4,000.00 |
| 6” | \$12,000.00 | | |
| Greater than 6” | \$15,000.00 | | |

- §177-15(B) shall be revised by striking the prior fees pertaining to each of the below listed fire connections and listing the new fees as follows:

| Fire Connection (Inches) | Annual Charge |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 4” & Below | \$200.00 |
| 6” | \$400.00 |
| 8” | \$600.00 |
| 10” | \$800.00 |

- §177-15(C) shall be revised by striking the meter size and minimum charges and replacing it with the following:

| Minimum Monthly Charges (included usage of up to and including 200 cubic feet per month) | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Meter Size | Current Rate | June 1, 2023 | June 1, 2024 | June 1, 2025 | June 1, 2026 | June 1, 2027 |
| 5/8”, 3/4” | \$7.00 | \$8.55 | \$10.70 | \$12.85 | \$15.00 | \$17.15 |

4. §177-15(D) shall be struck in its entirety and the following shall be inserted in its place:

Water in excess of 200 cubic feet per month, shall be billed at a rate of \$5.67 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons) from June 1, 2023 until May 31, 2024; \$6.35 from June 1, 2024 until May 31, 2025; \$7.11 from June 1, 2025 until May 31, 2026; \$7.47 from June 1, 2026 until May 31, 2027; and \$7.84 from June 1, 2027 until changed.

5. §177-15(F) shall be revised by striking the prior fee in each subsection and listing the new fees, which are listed and numbered as follows:

| Miscellaneous Charges (Only Those Listed Below Are Proposed To Be Increased) | | |
|--|---|---|
| Service/Inspection/Activity | Current Fee | New Fee |
| (1): Meter Removal | \$100.00 | \$125.00 |
| (2): Activation/Termination Request | \$75.00 | \$95.00 |
| (3): Inspection Services | \$50.00 | \$75.00 |
| (4) Backflow Prevention Device Testing | \$85.00/test | \$95.00/test |
| (4) Backflow Prevention Device Re-test After Failure | \$55.00/re-test | \$75.00/re-test |
| (5): Authorized Hydrant Use | \$100.00 | \$300.00 |
| (7) Additional services and/or emergency calls outside of regular work hours (regular work hours are: M – F, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). | \$150.00 per hour (one hour minimum) | \$200.00 per hour (one hour minimum) |
| (9): Engineering services/inspections. | \$100.00 per hour | \$125.00 per hour |
| (10): Property Transfer/Final Reading | \$50.00 | \$60.00 |

6. A new subsection under §177-15(F) shall be created and numbered as subsection (11) and reads as follows:

(11) Hydrant flow test: \$500.00.

7. §177-15(G) shall be revised by striking the prior fee in each subsection and listing the new fee, which are listed and numbered as follows:

| Service/Inspection/Activity | Current Fee | New Fee |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| (1): Meter Tampering | \$250.00 | \$500.00 for 1 st offense, \$1,000.00 for all subsequent offenses* |
| (2): Unauthorized Hydrant Use | \$1,000.00 | \$1,200.00 |

* In addition to the fees, consumption will be assessed at 3x the cost of water and sewer rates (per M.G.L.).