

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The residents of the Town of Stowe and all interested persons are hereby notified that the Stowe Water Commission and the Stowe Sewer Commission will conduct a joint public hearing in the **Banquet Room of the Akeley Memorial Building on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.** to consider the adoption of revised Water and Sewer Fee Schedules as shown below. Proposed revision to the fee schedules are indicated in **bold, underlined** type.

WATER RATE – FEE SCHEDULE

The Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, acting in their capacity as the Water Commission pursuant to the provisions of 24 VSA §3306, §3311 and §3313, Chapter 12 of the Stowe Town Charter, and the Stowe Village Water Department Rules and Regulations as incorporated into the Stowe Municipal Code, does hereby adopt the following water rates to be effective as of the 1st day of July, **2009**. This water rate fee schedule shall supercede and replace all previously adopted water rate fee schedules.

WATER CONNECTION FEE

\$11.00 per gallon of design flow (90% of flow rating). Connection approvals are valid for one (1) year from date of approval.

Water connection fees for existing structures may be financed over a period of ten (10) years with a zero (0%) percent down payment until June 30, **2010**. Connections from new structures will require a down payment of ten (10%) percent of the total connection fee with the above term limits. If the connection fee is financed, the property owner is required to enter into a Deferred Payment Agreement and Water Connection Lien with the Town of Stowe that requires quarterly payments of the connection fee including a 1% handling fee on each payment due.

WATER ACCESS FEE

Residential Unit - \$20 per month (A residential unit shall be one or more rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same building, and containing independent cooking, sleeping and bath facilities.)

Commercial Unit – Tier 1 – Design flow up to 100 gpd - **\$23.61** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 2 – Design flow 101 to 400 gpd - **\$35.40** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 3 – Design flow 401 to 1250 gpd - **\$46.33** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 4 – Design flow 1251 to 5000 gpd - **\$59.01** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 5 – Design flow 5001+ gpd - **\$70.80** per month

Existing Commercial customers will be placed in appropriate tiers based on their average monthly water use for the last 12 months as follows:

Commercial Unit – Tier 1 – 0 to 200 cf/mo - **\$23.61** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 2 – 201 to 750 cf/mo – **\$35.40** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 3 – 751 to 2500 cf/mo - **\$46.33** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 4 – 2501 to 10,000 cf/mo - **\$59.01** per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 5 – 10,001+ cf/mo - **\$70.80** per month

A commercial unit is considered any space that is owned or controlled by lease or other agreement by a separate party, including subleased space, and is used for offices, retail or food service. Commercial units do not have to contain toilet facilities, only that access to toilet facilities is provided. Federal and State assisted senior citizen and disabled housing shall be billed as commercial.

WATER USE FEE

Residential - **\$0.0192** per cubic foot
Commercial/Mixed Use - **\$0.0377** per cubic foot

WATER SPRINKLER FEE

Residential - \$5.00 per month
Commercial/Mixed Use - \$20 per month

LOCATE WATER SYSTEM STRUCTURES – TURN WATER ON/OFF

\$120 emergency call after hours

REQUESTED METER TEST

\$35 – The fee will be waived if Town meter is found to be defective

LATE PAYMENT FEES

Penalty – 8% after 30 days
Interest – 1% per month or portion thereof

SEWER RATE – FEE SCHEDULE

The Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, acting in their capacity as the Sewer Commission pursuant to the provisions of 24VSA §3506 and §3507, Section 203(8) of the Stowe Town Charter, and Chapter 8, Division 5 of the Stowe Municipal Code, does hereby adopt the following sewer rates to be effective as of the 1st day of July, **2009**. This sewer rate fee schedule shall supercede and replace all previously adopted sewer rate fee schedules.

SEWER CONNECTION FEE

\$21.00 per gallon of design flow (80% of flow rating). Sewer connection fees may be financed in accordance with the current Deferred Payment Agreement adopted by the Selectboard. Connection approvals are valid for one (1) year from date of approval.

Sewer connection fees for existing structures may be financed over a period of **fifteen (15) years** with a zero (0%) percent down payment until June 30, **2010**. Connections from new structures will require a down payment of ten (10%) percent of the total connection fee with the above term limits. If the connection fee is financed, the property owner is required to enter into a Deferred Payment Agreement and Sewer Connection Lien with the Town of Stowe that requires quarterly payments of the connection fee including a 1% handling fee on the payment due.

Sewer connection fee financing cannot extend beyond the end of 2024. Therefore, the duration of deferred payment agreements will be reduced by one year, every year: For example, connection agreements made in 2008 will have a 16 year duration, 2009 a 15 year duration, etc.

SEWER ACCESS FEE

Residential Unit - \$32.00 per month (A residential unit shall be one or more rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same building, and containing independent cooking, sleeping and bath facilities.)

Commercial Unit – Tier 1 – Design flow up to 100 gpd - \$ 30 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 2 – Design flow 101 to 400 gpd - \$ 50 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 3 – Design flow 401 to 1250 gpd - \$ 75 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 4 – Design flow 1251 to 5000 gpd - \$ 100 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 5 – Design flow 5001+ gpd - \$ 150 per month

Existing Commercial customers will be placed in appropriate tiers based on their average monthly water use for the last 12 months as follows:

Commercial Unit – Tier 1 – 0 to 200 cf/mo - \$30 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 2 – 201 to 750 cf/mo – \$50 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 3 – 751 to 2500 cf/mo - \$75 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 4 – 2501 to 10,000 cf/mo - \$100 per month
Commercial Unit – Tier 5 – 10,001+ cf/mo - \$150 per month

A commercial unit is considered any space that is owned or controlled by lease or other agreement by a separate party, including subleased space, and is used for offices, retail or food service. Commercial units do not have to contain toilet facilities, only that access to toilet facilities is provided.

Federal and State assisted senior citizen and disabled housing shall be billed as commercial.

SEWER FLOW USER FEE

Residential - \$0.0348 per cubic foot
Commercial/Mixed Use - \$0.0663 per cubic foot

SEWER FLOW RESERVE FEE

\$0.0525 per cubic foot

LOCATE SEWER SYSTEM STRUCTURES

\$120.00 emergency calls after hours

REQUESTED METER TEST

\$35.00 (Fee waived if Town meter is found to be defective)

LATE PAYMENT FEES

Penalty – 8% after 30 days
Interest – 1% per month or portion thereof

Failed septic systems, as defined in accordance with Subchapter 2, §1-201(26) of the Environmental Protection Rules, Chapter 1, effective August 16, 2002, will be required to connect to the municipal sewer system provided that a public sewer pipeline is within 100 feet of the property line.

TYPICAL WATER AND SEWER COSTS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Typical Use (cu. ft./month)</u>	<u>Existing Rates (FY'09)</u>		<u>Proposed Rates (FY'10)</u>	
		<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>
Residential	500	\$ 50.20	\$ 28.91	\$ 50.20	\$ 29.23
Residential	600	\$ 52.89	\$ 30.69	\$ 52.89	\$ 31.55
Residential	700	\$ 56.37	\$ 32.47	\$ 56.37	\$ 33.47
Residential	800	\$ 59.85	\$ 34.26	\$ 59.85	\$ 35.40
Commercial-Tier 1	100	\$ 36.63	\$ 24.05	\$ 36.63	\$ 27.38
Commercial-Tier 2	400	\$ 76.53	\$ 44.81	\$ 76.53	\$ 50.48
Commercial-Tier 3	2,000	\$ 207.66	\$ 110.96	\$ 207.66	\$ 121.73
Commercial-Tier 4	5,000	\$ 431.66	\$ 225.99	\$ 431.66	\$ 247.51
Commercial-Tier 5	20,000	\$ 1,476.64	\$ 760.03	\$ 1,476.64	\$ 824.80