

**CALCULATION OF WATER DEVELOPMENT FEE:** The water development fee for each meter size is as listed in the Public Works Fee Schedule. o For those units or facilities without a water meter, a fixture count analysis will be completed in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code to determine the size of meter that would be required for the facility. That meter size will be used to determine the water development fee for the facility.

**EXEMPTIONS:** Water Development Fees for properties currently being assessed the water service charge per Section 13.02.030 of the Missoula Municipal Code shall be reduced by 10% for each year the property has been paying water service charges. If a property has been paying for more than 10 years, no Water Development Fee shall be charged.

**WATER METER INCREASE:** Whenever a property owner requests a permit to increase the size of the water meter serving the property, said owner shall pay to the City an incremental water development fee based upon the difference between the water development fee for the proposed meter size and the water development fee for the existing meter size. No refund shall be made to any water users who install a smaller meter.

**PAYMENT:** The water development fee is to be paid in full by the party seeking connection before a water connection permit for connection of the water to a building is issued. Arrangements for alternative means of payment may be made as described in the following: o The water development fee may be paid through a special improvement district at the discretion of the City. o The water development fee may be considered part of the costs of the water connection in the Water Line Loan Program per Chapter 13.17 of the Missoula Municipal Code.

**USE OF FEE:** All funds received in payment of the water development fee shall be deposited in a segregated account. Funds shall be expended for expansion inclusive of payment of debt service for general benefit water facilities. General benefit water facilities are defined as public water wells, public water pump systems, public water system transmission mains and public water storage facilities. Transmission mains are typically mains larger than 8-inch in residential developments and larger than 12-inch in commercial or multifamily developments.

**APPEALS:** A decision made by the Public Works Director under this ordinance may be appealed to the Utility Service Appeals Committee.