

# **APPENDIX B: DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION RULES**

## **CITY OF DOVER WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT FEES**

The City of Dover assesses a Water Investment Fee and a Sewer Investment Fee to customers requesting a new connection to the Municipal Water and Sewer Systems or expansion of an existing connection. The purpose of the fees is to generate capital funds to maintain, improve, and expand the water and sewer systems to minimize the effect on existing customers in a fair and equitable manner.

The amount and applicable Water Investment Fee and the Sewer Investment Fee are determined at the time the applicant submits an application for connection and pays the applicable fee(s). Application for connection may only be made on approved forms available at the Water & Sewer Billing Office in City Hall, 288 Central Avenue, Dover New Hampshire. The investment fees are updated annually.

The investment fees are based on a capacity buy-in approach, where new users are required to invest in the equity of the municipal water and sewer systems at a rate that reflects the prior investment of existing users per unit of total capacity. The portion of the water or sewer system capacity assigned to any new user (minimum 450 gallons per day based on a three (3) bedroom private dwelling) is determined based on New Hampshire Water Usage Standards as contained in Table 1008-1 in Chapter Env-Wq 1000 of the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules. This chapter of the Code of Administrative Rules can be found at:

[https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/Env-Wq\\_1000.pdf](https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/Env-Wq_1000.pdf).

The investment fees are calculated as a per gallon per day charge by dividing the net equity in user paid capital assets by the capacity of the respective water or sewer system in gallons per day. The calculation of the current water and sewer investment fees is shown in Appendix D to the Dover Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations. The investment fees are reviewed and revised annually based on current values for the net equity in user paid capital assets and system capacity.

### **EXAMPLES of Water and Sewer Investment Fees for New Construction**

#### **#1 Private Dwelling (3 bedrooms)**

The owner of a private dwelling who applies for new water and sewer services will pay a Water Investment Fee of \$4,945.50 and a Sewer Investment Fee of \$2,754.00 for a total of \$7,699.50. These fees are calculated as follows:

- a) Water Investment Fee:  $450 \text{ gpd} \times \$10.99 \text{ gal} = \$4,945.50$
- b) Sewer Investment Fee:  $450 \text{ gpd} \times \$6.12 \text{ gal} = \$2,754.00$

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## **#2 Motel (with 30 rooms containing 2 double beds each and 5 employees)**

The owner of a motel who applies for new water and sewer services will pay a Water Investment Fee (30 rooms x 200 gpd + 5 employees x 10 gpd) of \$66,489.50 and a Sewer Investment Fee of \$37,026.00 for a total of \$103,515.50. These fees are calculated as follows:

- a) Water Investment Fee:  $6050 \text{ gpd} \times \$10.99 \text{ gal} = \$66,489.50$
- b) Sewer Investment Fee:  $6050 \text{ gpd} \times \$6.12 \text{ gal} = \$37,026.00$

## **#3 Office Building (with 50 employees and cafeteria)**

The owner of an office building who applies for new water and sewer services will pay a Water Investment Fee of \$10,990.00 (50 employees x 20 gpd) and a Sewer Investment Fee of \$6,120.00 for a total of \$17,110.00. These fees are calculated as follows:

- a) Water Investment Fee:  $1,000 \text{ gpd} \times \$10.99 \text{ gal} = \$10,990.00$
- b) Sewer Investment Fee:  $1,000 \text{ gpd} \times \$6.12 \text{ gal} = \$6,120.00$