



# Northshore Utility District

## SINGLE-FAMILY SEWER / WATER CONNECTION COST INFORMATION

Refer to the District's current Rate Resolution for connection cost information for multi-family and commercial properties.

Effective as of March 6, 2018

Sewer Connection Charges					
Meter Size	MFC	LFC	Total Connection Fees <sup>3</sup>	Minimum Standard Permit <sup>1</sup>	Minimum ROW Permit <sup>2</sup>
¾" & 1"	\$1,925	\$5,075	<b>\$7,000</b>	\$300	\$645

MFC - Major Facilities Charge

LFC – Local Facilities Charge

FPC – Fire Protection Charge

<sup>1</sup>**Permit:** \$300 fee covers gravity side sewer requiring only a single inspection. Pumped side sewers, ROW stub installations, long pipe runs or other obvious situations requiring two or more inspections is minimum \$600. Additional inspections due to failure to comply with the District's standards and regulations are \$80/hr with a one hour minimum. There is a \$150 fee for a revised permit to disconnect and cap a side-sewer. There is no fee for revised permits to make minor modifications or repairs to an existing side-sewer.

<sup>2</sup>**ROW:** Right-of-Way Permits required for side sewer connections and inspections are a minimum of \$645; however, additional charges may apply depending on the jurisdiction. Water service ROW permit fee applies to all new service installations in the ROW.

<sup>3</sup>**Total Sewer Connection Fees:** Kirkland properties located in the Totem Lake Sewer Basin are subject to an additional sewer connection fee called the Capacity Expansion Connection Charge (CECC).

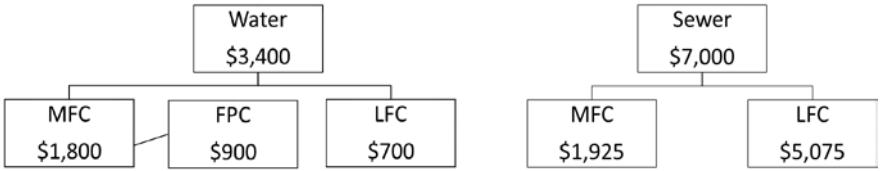
Water Connection Charges							
Meter Size	MFC	LFC	FPC <sup>5</sup>	Total Connection Fees	Water Service Installation <sup>4</sup>	Meter Set Permit	Flat Rate ROW Permit Fee <sup>2</sup>
¾" & 1"	\$1,800	\$700	\$900	<b>\$3,400</b>	\$3,500	\$300 – ¾" \$335 – 1"	\$550

<sup>4</sup>**Service Installation:** An additional \$6,000 deposit is required for all water service installations requiring special conditions including, extensive traffic control, major arterial & roadway crossings, utility/structure conflicts in the ROW, unique hardscapes, expanded landscape restorations, grind and overlays and other conditions that affect the overall costs of the installation, as set forth in Section 12.03 of the Rate Resolution. A new water service installation does not include the cost of the water meter.

<sup>5</sup>**Fire Protection:** Fire Protection Connection Charge is waived for irrigation only meters.

Northshore Utility District (NUD) is a special purpose district. Voters from around the area voted to form it as a public utility decades ago to bring sewer and water services to this area. Before the District could provide service, it built major facilities like reservoirs, transmission mains, interceptor mains and pump stations to serve the area. The early property owners paid for these facilities through their sewer and water service charges and ULID assessments. They built up equity in the District's systems through their ongoing payments.

Before connecting to the water or sewer system, each property must pay its share to buy into the system(s). We call this "buy-in" fee the connection charge (CC). CCs are computed according to state laws. There are two connection charges, one for water and one for sewer. Each connection charge has two parts to it. The Major Facilities Charge (MFC) is the portion that pays for a share of the major facilities serving the entire District. The Local Facilities Charge (LFC) is the portion that pays for local extensions (pipes) needed to complete the water and/or sewer system(s) to bring services to all District property owners. In addition to the MFC and LFC, a fire protection charge (FPC) is collected on all single-family water service installations.



Full Water and Sewer Connection Charges (CC) for Single-Family Home

*"I can understand the buy-in part. But why should I pay for local extension?"*  
 That's certainly a fair question. Water travels for miles from the source to your home. Sewage from your home will also flow for miles before reaching a treatment facility. In other words, the connecting system facilities that carry your water and wastewater were built and paid for by property owners before you in order to bring services to your home. For this reason, you are required to shoulder a portion of those costs by paying the LFC. However, if there is no water/sewer main adjacent to your property and you must construct the local facilities needed in order to connect and receive service, you will be exempt from the LFC portion of the CC.

Gravity Sewer Service Note: If the main floor of any structure on the property can be served by gravity into the District's collection system, it is deemed to have Gravity Sewer Service even if the below-grade basement cannot be served by gravity flow.

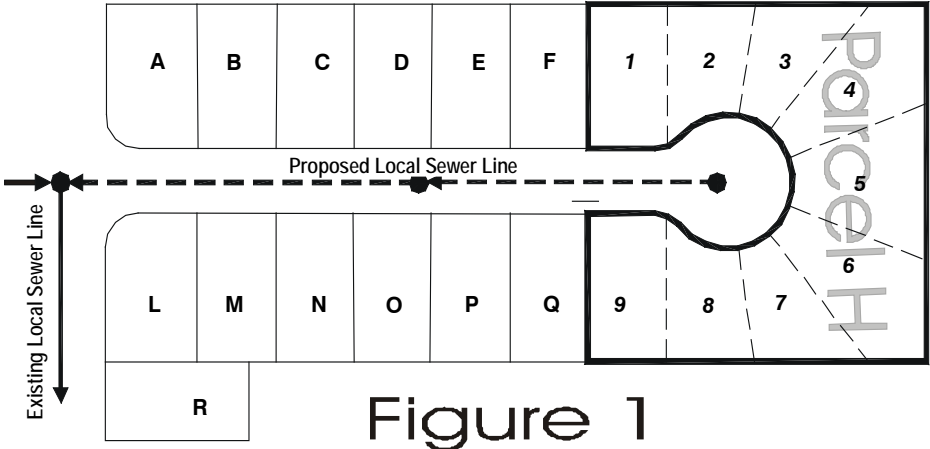


Figure 1

In Figure 1, the property owner of lot "L" and "R" can connect directly to the existing sewer main and will be required to pay the LFC portion of the CC. The owner of parcel "H" will not pay the LFC because he must pay to construct the proposed local sewer (dotted line) to bring service to his property.