New Residential Builds Water Billing and Metering Process

<u>Waterworks Bylaw (R84-026)</u>: Stipulates that property owners are liable to pay current water rates once their property is supplied with water from a City watermain.

The rationale for the application of user fees during construction is supported by the fairness/equity principle that growth should pay for the utilities utilized and not be subsidized by existing ratepayers.

Construction Water Fee

Approved by Council and effective January 1, 2013, is related to cost recovery of City-provided unmetered water used for construction prior to meter installation. The fee recognizes that unmetered water is available and used for construction purposes for some length of time until a water meter is installed. Several Ontario municipalities charge a similar fee.

The fees vary according to type of construction (single residential, multi-residential and ICI) and are paid at the time building permits are issued. The 2018 residential construction water fee is as follows:

Single Residential (per lot or townhouse)	\$91.40

Commencement of Monthly Water Billings

Since 2009, the City has established a consistent practice as to when water and wastewater/storm fees commence for new residential homes. Billings are commenced when the insulation inspection occurs, on a flat rate (non-metered) basis unless a water meter has already been installed. The flat/unmetered rate is based on an assumed consumption of 1m3/day which at 2018 rates equates to a daily cost of \$3.10 (water + wastewater/storm). Where the water meter is installed, the current daily fixed charges for a metered residence is \$0.70 (water+wastewater/storm) plus metered consumption tiered rates for Block One of \$0.75/m3 for water and \$0.81/m3 for wastewater/storm and at Block Two of \$1.49m/3 for water and \$1.61/m3 for wastewater/storm.

Advisement of above has been provided by including a "Notification Regarding Initial Water/Wastewater Billings and New Water Meter Installation" as part of the new home building permit package (attached).

Mandatory Water Meter Installation

Water meters must be installed at time of occupancy inspection but it is up to each builder to decide when to install a water meter prior to occupancy, bearing in mind the user fees described above once a home reaches the insulation inspection stage. Approximately two thirds of new homes have water meters installed prior to the insulation inspection thereby avoiding flat/unmetered water billings.



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BUILDING PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 17 114169 00 R9 174 FIRST RD W , STONEY CREEK

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Part 9 - Residential - Single Family Dwelling Roll Number: 2518003650348000000 Ward 09

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This placard must be kept posted in a conspicuous place on the site of construction.

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Location: 174 FIRST RD W, STONEY CREEK

Permit Category: Part 9 - Residential - Single Family Dwelling

Date Issued: July 14,2017

Ed VanderWindt
Chief Building Official
City of Hamilton
Building Division

For additional information please visit our building permit search website at http://buildingpermits.hamilton.ca

INVOICE THE CITY OF HAMILTON

71 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario

INVOICE TO:

INVOICE NO.:

396925

INVOICE DATE: 2017-06-15

PERMIT #:

17 114169 000 00 R9



PROJECT LOCATION:

174 FIRST RD W

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

To construct a 2-storey, 251.4 m² single family dwelling.

174 FIRST RD W

STONEY CREEK

L8J 1K5

Model: Custom

To install a 20 mm Water Meter.

FEE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Water Meter Fee	\$ 404.60
Construction Water Fee	\$ 87.20
Building Permit	\$ 3,901.00
TOTAL:	\$ 4,392.80
PAYMENTRECEIVED:	\$ 4,392.80
BALANCE:	\$ 0.00



ADDRESS:

Planning and Economic Development Department Building Division 71 Main Street West, 3rd Floor Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5

PERMIT NO:

Municipality

Phone: 905-546-3950 Fax: 905-546-3934

Email: building@hamilton.ca

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY PERMIT

NO PERSON SHALL OCCUPY A BUILDING UNLESS AN OCCUPANCY PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED Ontario Building Code - Division C - Sentence 1.3.3.4 (1)

Lot No.

2) YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY TO ARRANGE FOR AN OCCUPANCY INSPECTION

Street Name

1) SUBMIT THIS FORM VIA FAX: 905-546-3934 OR EMAIL: building@hamilton.ca

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Building Structure		* Final As-Built Survey	
Insulation i.e. attic, floor levels, basement, garage		Interior Finishes i.e. walls protected by gypsum board, plywood, particleboard, OSB, waferboard or hardboard	
Electrical Supply and Lighting		Heating System	
Smoke Alarms /Carbon Monoxide Detector All Floor Levels - Interconnected		Ventilation System i.e. principal/supplemental exhaust fans, kitchen exhaust	
Garage Gas Proofing i.e. self closing device, gas and exhaust fume barrier		Guards and Handrails (Interior\Exterior) i.e. stairs, landings, porch, deck	
Plumbing Components and Systems i.e. water system, building drain and building sewer system,		Assemblies n/a i.e. fire separation/ fire resistance ratings	
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Important Notice Regarding Initial Water/Wastewater **Billings & New Water Meter Installation**

The City of Hamilton's Waterworks By-law, R84-026, as amended, states that all property owners are liable to pay current water rates once the property is supplied with water from a City watermain. Billings are commenced when the insulation inspection occurs, on a flat rate (non-metered) basis unless a water meter has already been installed. To avoid flat rate billings request your water meter installation before you request an insulation inspection.

Property owners, builders and constructors must email the property address along with the water meter permit # to meteroperations@hamilton.ca at least 6 City working/business days before contacting the City's water meter installation contractor at (800) 667 4387 for new water meter installations.

Property owners, builders and constructors who have connected to the City's water supply are required to have a water meter installed and a remote reading device for their water service. Where new construction is under way, the builder or constructor is responsible to have the meter installed during the time period before the final occupancy inspection, as carried out by the City's Building Department. In the case of new construction, failure to have the meter installed prior to the occupancy inspection may result in the issuance of an Order to Comply by the Building Department.

Additionally, if the City's installation contractor is unable to install the meter when scheduled because of unfavourable site conditions the property owner may be charged for a service call as per the Water Wastewater/Storm Fees and Charges By-law.

Property owners, builders and constructors are reminded that water meters are owned, installed and maintained by the City. It is a contravention of the Waterworks By-law, for anyone other than an authorized representative of the City to remove, repair, alter or replace water meters in the City of Hamilton. Anyone found to be contravening the City's Waterworks By-law in this regard may be subject to a maximum fine of \$5,000 per offence. The Waterworks By-law requires that all property owners, builders and constructors must protect all plumbing, including the water meter, from freezing.

