



**Town of Louisa, Virginia
Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance
Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Whereas, the Town of Louisa, Virginia owns and operates both a drinking water distribution system and a sanitary sewer system for the Town, its businesses and residents; and

Whereas, these necessary public services require ongoing investment and maintenance as well as continual oversight and administration; and

Whereas, pursuant to power granted by state law (Va. Code §15.2-2119), the Town has authority to adopt reasonable fees and charges for providing such water and sewer services; and

Whereas, in past years, the ongoing costs of these systems have been partially paid for with Town general funds; and

Whereas, the Town Council deems it to be in the best interests and general welfare of its citizens and businesses to continue providing these important services in a fiscally prudent manner that relies increasingly less on general taxpayer dollars and more on actual system user fees and charges; and

Whereas, such proposed rates as set forth below were previously advertised in the newspaper as required by state law, and Town Council held a public hearing on June 13, 2025, which afforded residents the opportunity to comment on the proposed rates and charges in addition to other proposed rates and fees that help fund Town operations.

Now Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Town Council for the Town of Louisa, Virginia, that the following rates and charges for water and sewer services are hereby adopted for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Utility Rates	Current (FY24/25)	Proposed (FY25/26)	Change +/-
Base Water Rate for 0-4,000 gallons of consumption	\$44.12	\$45.44	+\$1.32 (+2.9%)
Water Rate for consumption in excess of 4,000 gallons - per 1,000 additional gallons	\$7.87	\$8.11	+\$0.24 (+2.9%)
Base Sewer Rate for 0-4,000 gallons of consumption	\$49.38	\$52.74	+\$3.36 (+6.4%)
Sewer Rate for consumption in excess of 4,000 gallons - per 1,000 additional gallons	\$10.35	\$11.02	+\$0.67 (+6.1%)
Bulk Water Sales per 1,000 gallons \$25.75 minimum billing	\$19.68	\$20.27	+\$0.59 (+2.9%)
Meter Deposit for all new services	\$150.00	\$300.00	+\$150.00 (+50%)
Base Water Rate for 0-4,000 gallons of consumption - OUT OF TOWN	\$49.55	\$51.03	+\$1.48 (+2.9%)
Water Rate for consumption in excess of 4,000 gallons - per 1,000 additional gallons- OUT OF TOWN	\$9.51	\$9.80	+\$0.29 (+2.9%)
Base Sewer Rate for 0-4,000 gallons of consumption - OUT OF TOWN	\$72.43	\$77.14	+\$4.71 (+6.1%)
Sewer Rate for consumption in excess of 4,000 gallons - per 1,000 additional gallons- OUT OF TOWN	\$11.00	\$11.75	+\$0.75 (+6.4%)

Connection Rates	Current (FY24/25)	Proposed (FY25/26)	Change +/-
Water Connections			
Residential Water Connection Fee - Single Family Unit - 5/8" – plus installation cost	\$4,780.00	\$5,736.00	+\$956.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Water Connection Fee - 1" - plus installation cost	\$15,840.00	\$19,008.00	+\$3,168.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Water Connection Fee - 1.5" - plus installation cost	\$27,400.00	\$32,880.00	+\$5,480.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Water Connection Fee - 2" - plus installation cost	\$42,265.00	\$50,718.00	+\$8,453.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Water Connection Fee - 3" - plus installation cost	\$72,600.00	\$87,120.00	+\$14,520.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Water Connection Fee - 4" - plus installation cost	\$116,465.00	\$139,758.00	+\$23,293.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Water Connection Fee - 6" - plus installation cost	\$233,335.00	\$280,002.00	+\$46,667.00 (+16.7%)
Sewer Connections			
Residential Sewer Connection Fee - Single Family Unit - 5/8" – plus installation costs	\$7,720.00	\$9,264.00	+\$1,544.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Sewer Connection Fee - 1" - plus installation cost	\$22,865.00	\$27,438.00	+\$4,573.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Sewer Connection Fee - 1.5" - plus installation cost	\$42,000.00	\$50,400.00	+\$8,400.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Sewer Connection Fee - 2" - plus installation cost	\$67,200.00	\$80,640.00	+\$13,440.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Sewer Connection Fee - 3" - plus installation cost	\$126,000.00	\$151,200.00	+\$25,200.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Sewer Connection Fee - 4" - plus installation cost	\$210,000.00	\$252,000.00	+\$42,000.00 (+16.7%)
Commercial/Large Sewer Connection Fee - 6" - plus installation cost	\$420,000.00	\$504,000.00	+\$84,000.00 (+16.7%)

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the schedule of rates and charges shall be applicable as of July 1, 2025.

Adopted by the Town Council for the Town of Louisa, Virginia this 24th day of June 2025.

By: *Vicky A. Harte*
Acting Mayor, Vicky A. Harte

Attest: *Twiglenda L. Harris*
Deputy Clerk Twiglenda Harris