

Town of Oriental Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORIENTAL CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL.

Section 1. That the Oriental Code of General Ordinances, Chapter S, entitled Town Rates and Fees, Article I, entitled Water Rates, through Article II, entitled Development and Administrative Fees, be amended with the following text:

CHAPTER S - TOWN RATES AND FEES

ARTICLE I - WATER RATES

**~~2025~~2024 Residential and
¾" Commercial Water Rates
Cost per 1,000 Gallons**

	Gallons	Rate
0	2,000	\$4.50
2,001	5,000	\$4.75 \$5.00
5,001	Or more	\$5.25 \$5.75

~~2025~~2024 2" Meter or Larger Commercial Water Rates

Gallons	Rate
0-25,000	\$5.50
25,001+	\$7.50

WATER FEES:

Water Tap Fees

¾" meter (long tap)*	\$2275
¾" meter (short tap)	\$1975
2" meter (short tap)	\$2275
2" meter (long tap)*	\$3775
Larger than 2" meter or 2" line	To be determined at time of tap
Irrigation meter	\$450
*Long tap under NCDOT roads	*As charged to Town over
add cost to Town for permits/reqs.	above rates

Meter Deposits

Irrigation Meter	\$50
Commercial 2" Meter	\$125
Larger than 2" meter or 2" line	To be determined at time of tap

Customer Deposits

Residential	
Residential, Owner	\$100 (\$75 refundable when account closes) \$50 Water Deposit, \$50 Sewer Deposit, \$25 Non Refundable Service Fee

Residential, Renter \$150 (\$125 refundable when account closes)
 \$75 Water Deposit, \$25 Sewer Deposit,
 \$25 Non Refundable Service Fee

Businesses

Restaurants †

5000-10,000 gallons	\$75	*
10,000-20,000 gallons	\$250	*
20,000-40,000 gallons	\$350	*
Retail	\$50	*
Real Estate	\$50	*
Fish House	\$500	*
Marinas	\$150	*
Motels	\$200	*
Condos \$50/Unit up to	\$500	*
Bed & Breakfast	\$75	*

* Plus \$25 Non Refundable Service Fee, Sewer Deposit \$25 if building is owned, \$50 deposit if building is leased or rented.

† Based on one year's average or previous owner's usage

Monthly Base Rate

Residential	\$17 -\$20
Irrigation	\$17 -\$20
Business ¾" meter	\$22 -\$25
Larger than 2" meter or 2" line	To be determined at time of tap
Business 2" Meter	\$45 -\$50
Subtractive Meters	\$17 -\$20

Miscellaneous Water Fees/Rates

After Hours request-connection/disconnection	\$30
After hours reconnect (disconnected for nonpayment)	\$60
Disconnect Fee	\$50
Re-read Fee	\$10
Returned check fee	\$25
Late Fee	\$15
Pay online Bank Charge	\$4.00
Cross Connection/Backflow Permit	\$50 original permit, \$10 permit renewal

Tampering/Damage/Replacement Fees

Tampering	\$50
Damage- meter	\$100
Damage-angle stop	\$78
Damage-check valve	\$50

WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN FEES

(only in effect when WSRP is activated)

Phase I Continued consumption by non-essential users:
 2nd offense-\$25

Phase II continued consumption by non-essential users:
1st offense-\$50, each offense thereafter increases by \$50

Phase III continued consumption:
1st offense-\$100, 2nd offense \$350, 3rd offense- disconnection from system

Surcharges added for residential usage during WSRP activation:

25% added for consumption over 1,001-1,250 gal/person/month
75% surcharge for consumption 1251-1500 gal/person/month
150% surcharge for usage over 1,500 gal/person/month

Commercial/institutional/industrial surcharges: All users required to decrease usage by 25% of the previous 12 month average:
failure to comply:

10-24% decrease in usage- 25% surcharge
0-9% decrease in usage-50% surcharge
1-25% increase in usage- 100% surcharge
above 25% increase in usage- 150% surcharge

ARTICLE II. – DEVELOPMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:

Driveway	\$25
Sign Permit	\$25
Letter of Compliance (LUP/Zoning)	\$50 for outbuildings and decks under 200 sq. ft.
Letter of Compliance (Zoning 200+sqft)	\$350
Minor Subdivision (6 lots or less)Appl	\$200 + \$3/lot

Major Subdivision (7 lots or more) Application:

Less than 1 Acre:

Sketch design review	\$50.00
Preliminary Plat review	\$75.00 +\$3/lot
Final Plat review	\$25.00 +\$3/lot

1 Acre to 5 Acres:

Sketch design review	\$75.00
Preliminary Plat review	\$100.00 +\$3/lot
Final Plat review	\$50.00 +\$3/lot

Over 5 Acres to 10 Acres:

Sketch design review	\$100.00
Preliminary Plat review	\$125.00 +\$3/lot
Final Plat review	\$50.00 +\$3/lot

Over 10 Acres to 20 Acres:

Sketch design review	\$150.00
Preliminary Plat review	\$150.00 +\$3/lot
Final Plat review	\$100.00 +\$3/lot

Over 20 Acres to 40 Acres:

Sketch design review	\$200.00
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Preliminary Plat review	\$200.00 +\$3/lot
Final Plat review	\$125.00 +\$3/lot

Over 40 Acres:

Sketch design review	\$250.00
Preliminary Plat review	\$300.00 +\$3/lot
Final Plat review	\$150.00 +\$3/lot

Plan Amendment	\$100 Minor change (does not require staff on-site inspection)
Plan Amendment	\$300 Major Change (requires staff on-site review)
Special Use Permit	\$500
Amendment to Zoning Map	\$1,000
Annexation Petition	\$1,000
Variance	\$500
Copy of GMO Map	\$5
Copy of GMO Map larger than 11X17	\$45
Copier Fees	\$.20 Per page
Parking Ticket Fees	

If paid within:

One (1) Regular Business Day*	\$25
Two (2) Regular Business Days*	\$50
After Two (2) Business Days*	\$75

* A regular business day is constituted as that which regular business is conducted within Town Hall, Monday through Friday.

Police Report	\$5
Vendor/Solicitation (1 year permit)	\$25
Dog Park Registration 1 st dog (In County)	\$15
Additional dog (in County)	\$10
Dog Park Registration 1 st dog(Visitors)	\$20
Additional Dog (Visitors)	\$15
Watercraft rack rental/3mos	\$15, your lock

ARTICLE III. SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING – MONTHLY RATE:

Residential & Commercial	
65 gallon garbage	\$11.30
95 gallon garbage	\$13.40
Add'l 65 gallon	\$11.30
Add'l 95 gallon	\$13.40
Recycle Bin	\$6.75/Bin
Add'l recycle bin	\$11.30 (6 or more bins)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2025.

Adopted this 10th Day of June 2025.

Sally Truitt Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager