

**TOWN OF ASHLAND**  
**WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE**  
**EFFECTIVE**  
**RATES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section 1. Authority**

These rules and regulations are enacted in accordance with the requirements and authority granted by the Town of Ashland Town Meeting of March 12, 2019 under Article 26 of the Warrant by vote of 181 yes, 113 no, to adopt the provisions of RSA 38 authorizing the Board of Selectmen to perform all of the duties and possess all of the powers of the Board of Water Commissioners in the Town of Ashland which in the case of a city, are conferred by RSA 38 upon the mayor and alderman. This vote abolished the Board of Water Commissioners by creating a Town Manager under the Board of Selectmen RSA 37.

**Section 2. Purpose**

It is the express intent and purpose of these rules and regulations and the rates and charges authorized hereunder to provide for the just and equitable charges to be billed and collected against those property owners who seek to enter the Town of Ashland Municipal Water System for the use of the Town of Ashland's Municipal Water System.

**Section 3. Rates and Charges for Capital Costs**

The rates and charges billed hereunder are for the collection and expenditure of funds for capital improvements to the Municipal Water System in accordance with the provisions of RSA38 but not for the debt incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of the distribution system

**SECTION 4. Construction of New Water Distribution Systems**

When the Town votes to construct new water distribution systems or additions to existing water distribution systems, the Water System Development Charge shall not be assessed against existing structures to be connected to the new systems at the time of passage of the new system during construction. Existing structures in such cases shall be charged only the water collection fee then in effect.

**Section 5. Water System Development Charge Assessed When**

The Water System Development Charge shall be assessed when:

1. A new structure that is to be connected to the water distribution system makes application for such a connection.
2. An existing structure is enlarged by increasing the number of bedrooms thereby increasing the occupancy and the water system load for the property.

3. An existing building is charged from an existing use to a new use that requires a higher loading on the water system.
4. A structure is demolished and replaced with a new structure that requires increased capacity in excess of the demolished structure.

In assessing the Development Charge in each of the above cases the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division rules and regulations for loading of the Town of Ashland's rules and regulations for loading shall be used.

#### **SECTION 6. Development Charges Shall be Paid When**

The Water System Development Charges shall be paid in full in United States Dollars at the time that an application for connection to the Town of Ashland Water System is made in writing to the Town of Ashland Water Department.

#### **Section 7. Fees Collected, Deposited, Held**

All funds collected under the Water System Development Charge shall be held by the Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 38:29 in a separate and distinct fund to be known as the Water System Development Charge. Such fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, shall not be comingled with Town revenues, and shall not be part of the municipality's general fund.

#### **Section 8. Expenditures Restricted**

The expenditure of Water System Development Funds from the water fund shall be for the sole purpose of expansion or replacement of water facilities within the Water system owned and managed by the Town of Ashland Water Department.

#### **Section 9 Development Charge Calculation**

The Water System Development Charge shall be calculated in the following manner:

1. The fee per gallon shall be based on the value of the water system divided by the total daily capacity of the system to establish a unit cost.
2. The depreciated value of the system is \$4,457,550 divided by the design capacity of 936,000 gallons per day equals \$4.76 per gallon effective December 1, 2024
3. The per gallon cost is multiplied by the daily flow volume from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Table 1008-1, Unit Design Flow Figures contained in Env-Wq 1008.03 Daily Flow Volume in effect May 12, 2014 and as subsequently amended.

#### **Section 10. Amendments**

The Board of Selectmen may amend these regulations at a posted meeting of the Board of Selectmen.