

CITY OF REMERTON

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Remerton, Georgia 31601

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO
WATER AND WASTEWATER
RATES AND CHARGES**

RESOLUTION

2024-02

TO ADOPT THE 2024 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE ANALYSIS AND BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF REMERTON, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS the City of Remerton has established a water and wastewater utility to provide for supply of potable water and to provide for sewage treatment and disposal in the community; and

WHEREAS an updated Water and Wastewater Rate Analysis and Business Plan was performed for the City of Remerton by Georgia Rural Water Association and was accepted by action of the City Council on April 8, 2024.

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Remerton has adopted a water and wastewater ordinance, which provides for establishment and revision of charges for water and wastewater services to be accomplished by resolution of the City of Remerton.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the scheduled rates for water and wastewater services shall be as follows:

City of Remerton

Water and Wastewater Rates

Monthly Rates and Charges.

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Water	
Base Charge of \$13.00 per ERU*	
Debt Service Charge \$0.00per ERU	
Administration Charge of \$2.00 per Account	
Quantity	\$/1000 gal
1 to 2,000 gallons	\$3.35
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$3.50
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.00
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$4.25
20,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$4.50
Over 50,000 gallons	\$5.00

Monthly Billing Rates and Charges for Wastewater	
Debt Service Charge \$3.10 per ERU	
Base Charge of \$10.90 per ERU*	
Quantity	\$/1000 gal
1 to 2,000 gallons	\$4.70
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$4.70
5,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.70
10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$4.70
20,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$4.70
Over 50,000 gallons	\$4.70

Debt Services

The bond amount for water and wastewater projects fund by Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA), USDA Rural Development and other revenue bonds including all engineering fees and set up fees shall be shown as a separate line item on the water and wastewater bill.

Administration Charge

An administration charge of two dollars (\$2.00) will be charged to each account for meter reading, the preparation of the water and wastewater bill and other administrative duties.

Tap In/Capital Recovery Fees

Water and Wastewater tap-in fees shall be charged on the basis of residential units or equivalent residential units according to tap-in fees listed hereinafter. Any fractional units resulting from the calculation of equivalent residential units shall be treated as a whole unit. In addition to tap-in

fees, installation fees shall be charged in accordance with schedules listed hereinafter. Installation fees shall cover only connection to existing mains that are adjacent to location to be served; the actual costs of extensions necessary shall be charged in addition to tap-in and installation fees. All fees and charges shall be paid by the customer or customers at whose request the connection is made.

Water tap-in fees shall be charged as follows:

Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit.

The water tap-in fee for connecting to water mains for irrigation purposes shall be as follows:

¾" Tap	\$350.00
1" Tap	\$500.00
1 ½" Tap	\$1,000.00
2" Tap	\$2,000.00

The water tap-in fee for connecting to water mains for fire protection purposes shall be as follows:

2" Tap	\$600.00
3" Tap	\$800.00
4" Tap	\$1,000.00
6" Tap	\$1,200.00
8" Tap	\$1,400.00
12" Tap	\$1,600.00

Sewer tap-in fees shall be charged as followed:

Three hundred fifty (\$350.00) for each residential unit or equivalent residential unit.

Installation Fees.

Reserved.

Charges for Miscellaneous Services:

If any action taken by unauthorized persons inside a meter box causes damages to a curb stop or a cover or lock connected to a curb stop, the resident or customer responsible for premises shall be charged a fee of \$50.00 for each incident in addition to other fees and charges. (1st offense, 2nd and subsequent will be turned over to the police department for enforcement.

Other account fees, service charges and penalties shall be charged as applicable:

Account Establishment Fee	\$25.00
Returned Check Fee	\$35.00
Emergency Call Out for Turn-off at Customer Request – per trip	\$60.00
Emergency Call Out for Turn On	\$90.00
Turn-off Delinquency	\$35.00
Lock meter for Delinquency	\$75.00
Remove meter for Delinquency	\$100.00
Cut off water at Main	\$350.00
First reread (within 12 months)	\$0.00
Second and Subsequent reread (within 12 months) (If found accurate)	\$40.00
Residential Deposit (Refundable)	\$100.00
Commercial Deposit (Refundable)	\$175.00
Water Meter Lid	\$35.00
Water Meter Box	\$35.00
RG3 Meter	\$285.00
¾ Curb stop	\$62.00
1” Curb stop	\$110.00

*Fee will not be assessed when the turn on/off if for the installation of a homeowner valve that in the future would be used by resident to turn their water off in an emergency.

Equivalent Residential Units

An equivalent residential unit (ERU) is that portion of a user’s facility that has an impact on the water and wastewater system equivalent to a single-family residence. The determination of a facility’s equivalent residential units shall be based on estimated water consumption as shown in guidelines below or on square footage. Peak water consumption of three hundred (300) gallons per day or a floor space of three thousand (3,000) square feet, shall be the equivalent of one (1) residential unit. The method which results in the greater number of equivalent residential units shall be applied. The standards in the table below shall be used in the determination of water consumption. If the table does not provide information for a particular application, the estimated water consumption shall be as calculated by the director in accordance with sound engineering practices using information available from Georgia EPD, USEPA, or standard reference material commonly used for estimating flows.

<u>Type of Facility</u>	<u>Water usage Gallons Per Day</u>
Assembly Hall	3 per seat
Barber Shop/ Beauty Parlor	123 per chair
Boarding House / Personal Care	100 per room
Church	5 per seat

Day Care Center	15 per person
Factory	25 per employee
Food Service Establishment	35 per seat
Bar and Cocktail Lounge	30 per seat
Drive-In Only Restaurant	35 per 100 sq. foot plus 15 per employee
Laundry, commercial	1,000 per machine
Office	25 per employee
Physician's Office	200 per exam room
Warehouse	10 per 100 sq. ft.
Restaurant Dishwashing Machine	Add 300 per machine

In the event a facility is made up of more than one smaller component facility, the determination of ERU shall be calculated as the sum of all components' ERU.

Adjustments in Billing:

The City Clerk shall be authorized to make equitable adjustments in billings for wastewater services only in cases where leaks in pipes and plumbing facilities result in increased billings without fault on the part of the customer. Such adjustments shall be made on an average of prior billings only after receipt of repairs have been made by a licensed plumber, and shall be limited to three months' billings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing rate and fees schedules shall become effective immediately upon approval of this Resolution by the City Council and shall be reflected in the billings to customers beginning with the bills sent out in May 2024 for the year 2024 usage.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF REMERTON, GEORGIA

By: Cornelius Holsendolph, Mayor

Attest: Jessica Freeman, City Clerk