

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-57

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE,
MINNESOTA:**

The Rockville City Council on 3/5/08 passed Ordinance No. 2008-48 setting water rate fees with a 15% increase each year for the years 2008, 2009, & 2010. This was subject to a review each year.

Having reviewed the current status of the Water Fund the Rockville City Council seeks to adjust the rates provided for by Ordinance No. 2008-48.

Therefore, the Rockville City Council amends Basic Code Section 52.51 (Water Rates, Fees & Charges), as previously amended by Ordinance No. 2008-48. Section 52.51 is now to read:

Subd. 1: Water Availability Charges. Water Availability Charges will be \$9.20/month flat fee. This amount shall be comprised of charges for the Operations, Maintenance & Replacement of the system (OM&R). This amount is not the Water Access Charge (WAC) that is a charge for the connection of a structure or use to the water system.

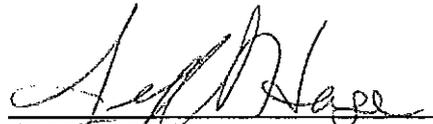
Subd. 2: Water Rate Charges

- A. Water rate charges shall be \$2.63.
- B. Effective June 1, 2009, water rate charges shall be \$2.89/1000 gallons.

These rates will increase on June 1, 2010 after a review is held.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2009


JEFF HAGEN
MAYOR

ATTEST:


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June 21, 2010

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In the 2010 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature approved a budget that raised the minimum state building permit surcharge fees that are applied to fixed fee permits. The decision to raise the fee was made by legislative finance committees and was packaged into a large finance and budget bill that was signed by the Governor. I have attached a letter sent out by the Department of Labor and Industry that explains what happened in more detail.

The increase is effective starting July 1, 2010 and will remain in effect through June 30, 2011. The increase affects fixed fee permits only. An example of a fixed fee permit is a residential roofing permit where a flat fee is charged for the permit regardless of the value of the project. I am updating Inspectron's computer software to show the increased surcharge fee. I will also make changes to the fee schedule that is posted on our web page. I ask that you review any permit forms, applications or handouts that you have created to make sure that those forms also show the increased surcharge fee. I attached a revised fee schedule and highlighted the permits where the surcharge fee will change.

Please contact me at 651-322-6626 or 800-322-6153 with questions. You can also email me at pwasmund@inspectroninc.com. Thanks in advance for coordinating this fee change.

Regards,

Patti Wasmund

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Inspectron, Inc.

City of Rockville Permit Fee Schedule

Fee change to \$5.00 for lat fee permits effective July 1, 2010 through 12/31/2011.

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

Building Permits - Residential

Residential Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule
Plan Review 65% of Permit Fee
State surcharge The greater of .0005 x valuation or \$0.50

Residential Building Permits - Maintenance

Roofing \$ 25.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$30.00
Siding \$ 25.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$30.00
Window/Door Replacement - Same Size \$ 25.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$30.00
Window/Door Replacement - Different Size Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule
Demolition (Asbestos Inspection and Lab Fees not included) \$ 25.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$30.00
Fences over 6 feet Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule
Pools - Permanent above and inground Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule

Residential Mechanical Permits

Residential Alteration \$40.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$45.00
Fireplace - Existing Home \$40.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$45.00
Residential New \$75.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$80.00
Residential Fireplace - New Home Construction \$75.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$80.00

Residential Plumbing Permits

Residential Alteration \$40.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$45.00
Residential New \$75.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$80.00
Sprinkler/Irrigation Systems - Install \$75.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$80.00
Sprinkler/Irrigation Systems - Alteration \$40.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$45.00

COMMERCIAL PERMITS

Building Permits - Commercial

Permit Fee Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule
Commercial Plan Review Fee 65% of the permit fee
State surcharge The greater of .0005 x valuation or \$0.50

Commercial Mechanical Permits

Permit Fee The greater of 1% of the Project Valuation or \$40.00
Plan Review Fee 65% of the Permit Fee
State Surcharge The greater of .0005 x valuation or \$0.50

Commercial Plumbing Permits

Permit Fee The greater of 1% of the Project Valuation or \$40.00
Plan Review Fee 65% of the Permit Fee
State Surcharge The greater of .0005 x valuation or \$0.50

Commercial Building Permits - Demolition

Demolition (Asbestos Inspection and Lab Fees not included) ~~\$ 25.00 + \$5.00 state surcharge = \$30.00~~

Fences and Walls over 6 ft, Permanent Signs and Pools

Permit Fee Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule
Commercial Plan Review Fee 65% of the permit fee
State surcharge The greater of .0005 x valuation or \$0.50

Fire Suppression and Alarm Permits

Permit Fee Valuation based using City of Rockville Fee Schedule
Commercial Plan Review Fee 65% of the permit fee
State surcharge The greater of .0005 x valuation or \$0.50

OTHER

Inspections Outside Normal Business Hours

\$60.00 per hour - 1 hour minimum

Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated

\$50.00 per hour - 1 hour minimum

Investigation Fee

Work which was started without a permit shall be subject to an investigation fee equal to the permit fee less the surcharge.



April 21, 2010

Surcharge fee increase background information

The economic downturn in the construction industry has significantly impacted the Construction Codes fund. The downturn has greatly diminished the annual revenue the Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI) Construction Codes and Licensing Division (CCLD) receives from plan reviews, permits, licenses and surcharges.

CCLD's revenue is also hampered by the ongoing annual transfer of \$1.515 million from its Construction Codes fund. This fund is a State Government Special Revenue fund and not a General fund account. Yet, during the 2007 session, the Legislature required DLI to transfer \$1,627,000 by June 30, 2008; \$3,515,000 by June 30, 2009; and \$1,515,000 each year thereafter from the Construction Codes fund to the General fund (Chapter 135, Article 1, Section 16).

Since 2005, approximately \$12 million of CCLD funds have been transferred to the General Fund. In 2009, \$3.515 million was transferred to the General fund, which forced CCLD to lay off 13 staff, cancel contractor education programs and spring and fall seminars, and reshuffle programs to meet budgets.

During the 2010 session, CCLD attempted to eliminate this year's \$1.515 million transfer. Instead, the first legislative budget proposed an additional \$1 million be transferred from the Construction Codes fund to the General fund.

Minnesota's construction industry then stepped up and asked the legislature to reconsider its budget proposal. In response, the Legislature removed the \$1 million transfer, kept in the \$1.515 million transfer in place and raised the minimum state building permit surcharge fees applicable to fixed fee permits for one year from 50 cents to \$5 (July 1, 2010, until June 30, 2011).

Next session, CCLD will again try to remove the annual \$1.515 million transfer from the Construction Codes fund to the General fund during its budget submittals.

CCLD's preference was to remove the yearly transfer and not raise the surcharge fee. The decision to raise surcharge fees was made by legislative finance committees and was packaged into a large finance and budget bill that was signed by the Governor.

More information about the minimum state building permit surcharge legislative change is online at www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/SurchargeChange.asp.