

**BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 6 P.M. local time, at MAWSS Park Forest Plaza, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL, for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the adoption of the [2018 Operation and Maintenance Budget](#) and [proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual](#) of MAWSS. The 2018 Budget includes a rate adjustment and miscellaneous fee increase as recommended by Staff. The increase is needed to repair and replace aging infrastructure, to protect public health and the environment. Any recommended adjustments to the Budget will be discussed at that time.

All interested parties may appear in person or by agent to present any objections to the adoption of the 2018 budget. A copy of the proposed Budget, and Rate and Fee Schedule may be viewed at www.mawss.com.

**THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET**

	2017 BUDGET	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET (including proposed rate and fee changes)
REVENUE		
1.	Revenue Derived from Levy and Collection of Water Charges	\$ 36,331,000 37,765,799
2.	Water Connection (Service Line) Fees	346,000 346,000
3.	Water Connection (Capacity) Fees	217,000 217,000
4.	Miscellaneous Water Revenue	2,658,000 3,029,480
5.	Water Supply System (Industrial)	1,429,000 1,464,725
6.	Total Water Revenue	<u>40,981,000</u> <u>42,823,004</u>
7.	Revenue Derived from Levy and Collection of Sewer Charges	58,182,000 60,508,722
8.	Sewer Connection (Service Line) Fees	197,000 197,000
9.	Sewer Connection (Capacity) Fees	544,000 544,000
10.	Pre-treatment Fees	744,000 744,000
11.	Miscellaneous Sewer Revenue	1,278,000 1,566,680
12.	Total Sewer Revenue	<u>60,945,000</u> <u>63,560,402</u>
13.	Investment Revenue	250,000 375,000
14.	Miscellaneous Rentals and Other	400,000 425,000
15.	Gross Revenue	102,576,000 107,183,406
EXPENSES - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
16.	Total Operation and Maintenance Less Capitalized Labor and Materials	<u>59,260,000</u> <u>62,184,000</u>
17.	Net Revenue Before Transfers and Debt Service	<u>43,316,000</u> <u>44,999,406</u>
TRANSFERS AND DEBT SERVICE		
18.	Bond Principal and Interest Requirements	18,437,950 17,462,777
19.	State Revolving Loans P & I Requirements	5,406,588 6,414,082
20.	Transfers to CIP Fund	
	Cash Transfers	18,031,462 19,677,547
	Capitalized Labor and Materials	1,440,000 1,445,000
		<u>19,471,462</u> <u>21,122,547</u>
21.	Total Transfers and Debt Service	<u>43,316,000</u> <u>44,999,406</u>
22.	Net Revenue After Transfers and Debt Service	<u>\$ -</u> <u>\$ -</u>
23.	Principal and Interest Coverage (Targeted debt service ratio is 1.50.)	1.82 1.88

**MOBILE AREA WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018**

I. MONTHLY FEES & CHARGES

Existing Fee 2017

PROPOSED FEE 2018

PROPOSED FEE 2019

A. BASIC WATER & SEWER RATE PER 1000 GALS

	In Gals OVER - UP TO	Existing Fee 2017		PROPOSED FEE 2018		PROPOSED FEE 2019	
		WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER
	0 - 500,000	\$ 3.10 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 7.26 ⁽¹⁾	\$3.12	\$7.57	\$3.28	\$7.95
	500,000 - 2,000,000	\$ 2.65	\$ 7.26	\$2.67	\$7.57	\$2.80	\$7.95
	2,000,000 - 10,000,000	\$ 2.37	\$ 7.26	\$2.39	\$7.57	\$2.51	\$7.95
	10,000,000 - Over	\$ 1.56	\$ 7.26	\$1.57	\$7.57	\$1.65	\$7.95
⁽¹⁾ Indicated rate/1,000 gal. plus \$2.00							
If water-only or sewer-only customer, plus \$4.00							
Admin Fee							
	Water & Sewer	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$2.30
	Water-only/ Sewer-only	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60	\$4.60

B. MINIMUM CHARGE/METER SIZE AND CONSUMPTION (1,000 GALLONS)

LINE SIZE	MIN. CONS.	Existing Fee 2017		PROPOSED FEE 2018		PROPOSED FEE 2019	
		WATER ⁽²⁾	SEWER ⁽²⁾	WATER	SEWER	WATER	SEWER
5/8" - 3/4"	2.5	\$ 9.75	\$ 20.15	\$10.10	\$21.23	\$10.50	\$22.18
1"	8	\$ 26.80	\$ 60.08	\$27.26	\$62.86	\$28.54	\$65.90
1 1/2"	17	\$ 54.70	\$ 125.42	\$55.34	\$130.99	\$58.06	\$137.45
2"	29	\$ 91.90	\$ 212.54	\$92.78	\$221.83	\$97.42	\$232.85
3"	63	\$ 197.30	\$ 459.38	\$198.86	\$479.21	\$208.94	\$503.15
4"	126	\$ 392.60	\$ 916.76	\$395.42	\$956.12	\$415.58	\$1,004.00
6"	218	\$ 677.80	\$ 1,584.68	\$682.46	\$1,652.56	\$717.34	\$1,735.40
8"	346	\$ 1,074.60	\$ 2,513.96	\$1,081.82	\$2,621.52	\$1,137.18	\$2,753.00
10"	463	\$ 1,437.30	\$ 3,363.38	\$1,446.86	\$3,507.21	\$1,520.94	\$3,683.15
12"	860	\$ 2,506.00	\$ 6,245.60	\$2,523.50	\$6,512.50	\$2,650.30	\$6,839.30

⁽²⁾ Add \$2.00 if only one service provided by MAWSS

C. FIRE SERVICE - STAND-BY CHARGE

LINE SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE	LINE SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE	LINE SIZE	MONTHLY CHARGE
2"	\$ 10.00	2"	No Change	2"	\$10.50
3"	\$ 10.00	3"	No Change	3"	\$10.50
4"	\$ 10.00	4"	No Change	4"	\$10.50
6"	\$ 20.00	6"	No Change	6"	\$21.00
8"	\$ 30.00	8"	No Change	8"	\$31.50
10"	\$ 40.00	10"	No Change	10"	\$42.00
12"	\$ 50.00	12"	No Change	12"	\$52.50
>12"	To be based on cost	>12"	Based on Cost	>12"	Based on Cost

D. UNTREATED INDUSTRIAL WATER RATE*

OVER - UP TO	min	Existing Fee 2017	PROPOSED FEE 2018	PROPOSED FEE 2019
rate per million gallons			Rate (\$/ MG)	Rate (\$/ MG)
0 - 10		\$ 391.00	\$394	TBD
10 - 100		\$ 334.00	\$336	TBD
100 - over		\$ 244.00	\$246	TBD

*Recalculated every April 1

E. DECENTRALIZED SYSTEMS Calculated at 140% of the above monthly fees and charges

WHOLESALE WATER	WATER
Spanish Fort Water	\$3.75
Prichard Water and Sewer	\$2.04

II. SERVICE CONNECTION FEES & CHARGES

Existing 2017

PROPOSED FEE 2018

A. CAPACITY COMPONENT - Calculated on the basis of an Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC) for dwelling units and meter-based for all other users.

No Change

DWELLING UNIT	ERC	WATER	SEWER
Single Family	1.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 720.00
2 to 4 Dwelling Units (each unit)	0.75	\$ 210.00	\$ 540.00
Mobile Home/Multi-Family (each apt./condo. Unit)	0.50	\$ 140.00	\$ 360.00
Hotel/Motel/Guest House/Bed & Brkfst. (each room)	0.25	\$ 70.00	\$ 180.00

OTHER USERS	METER SIZE	ERC	WATER	SEWER
	5/8"	1.0	\$ 280.00	\$ 720.00
	3/4"	1.5	\$ 420.00	\$ 1,080.00
	1"	2.5	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,800.00
	1.5"	5.0	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,600.00
	2"	8.0	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 5,760.00
	3"	16.0	\$ 2.00	\$ 11,520.00
	4"	25.0	\$ 4.00	\$ 18,000.00
	6"	36.0	\$ 10,080.00	\$ 25,920.00
	8"	64.0	\$ 17,920.00	\$ 46,080.00
	10"	100.0	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 72,000.00

\$ 2.00
\$ 4.00

B. SERVICE LINE COMPONENT CHARGES - Cost to establish service in the immediate vicinity of the property served, distributed on a parcel size basis. (See Fee-7 for charges by parcel size.)

No Change

	WATER	SEWER
Single-Family Projects by Others (per unit)		
a) Prior to 01/01/2011	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
b) Post 01/01/2011 - Radio Read Meter Required	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00

Proposed Fee
Meter- Water
Meter- Sewer

\$350
\$100

III. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

No Change

ALL USERS

\$100 for residential, 2 times the estimated avg. monthly billing for non-residential but not less than \$100

\$200 Security Deposit for Special Events Service

Commercial Accounts - Cash, Indemnity Bond, or Bank Letter of Credit

3 times the estimated average monthly billing for tampering with meters or any services - minimum of \$150

Governments, Public Schools, Public Universities: No Deposit Required

IV. Tapping Fee Charges (must be prepaid)**Existing Fee 2017****PROPOSED FEE 2018****Irrigation:**

Double Head Irrigation Meter, including backflow	\$310	\$540
1" Double Head Irrigation Meter, including backflow	\$420	\$890

Other services:

Double Head Apartment Meter	\$200	\$390
5/8" Meter	\$600	\$1,590
1" Meter	\$650	\$1,620
1.5" Meter & Larger	Cost	

Backflow preventer required; cost not included

Wet Taps (Tapping Valve & Sleeve)**PROPOSED FEE 2018**

4"x2" (Tapping Valve & Sleeve)	\$240	\$240
4"x4"	\$1,080	\$1,080
6"x2"	\$240	\$240
6"x4"	\$1,080	\$1,080
6"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
8"x2"	\$240	\$240
8"x4"	\$1,080	\$1,080
8"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
8"x8"	\$1,690	\$1,690
10"x2"	\$240	\$240
10"x4"	\$1,080	\$1,080
10"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
10"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
12"x2"	\$290	\$290
12"x4"	\$1,110	\$1,110
12"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
12"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
12"x10"	\$2,150	\$2,150
16"x2"	\$320	\$320
16"x4"	\$1,110	\$1,110
16"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
16"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
16"x10"	\$2,150	\$2,150
16"x12"	\$2,850	\$2,850
20"x2"	\$440	\$440
20"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
20"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
24"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
24"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
24"x10"	\$2,150	\$2,150
24"x12"	\$2,850	\$2,850
30"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
30"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
30"x10"	\$2,150	\$2,150
30"x12"	\$2,850	\$2,850
36"x2"	\$540	\$540
36"x6"	\$1,490	\$1,490
36"x8"	\$1,640	\$1,640
36"x12"	\$2,850	\$2,850
Fire Line Connection	Cost	
6" Sewer Lateral - 0'-8' Depth	\$1,400	\$2,410
6" Sewer Lateral - 8'-12' Depth	\$2,000	\$2,710
6" Sewer Lateral - 12' Depth & Deeper	Cost	
8" Sewer Lateral & Larger	Cost	

V. Tapping Fee Charges - Additional Services

When tap requires work within the City right-of-way, City permit fees will be charged.

<u>PROPOSED FEE 2018</u>	
Water Permit	\$150
Sewer Permit	\$250

Additional costs for street cutting will be charged at cost.

2	2
4	4

VI. INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM FEES AND CHARGES

	<u>Existing 2017</u>			<u>PROPOSED FEE 2018</u>
	<u>Category 2</u> <u>Food Service</u>	<u>Category 2</u> <u>Industrial</u>	<u>Category 3</u> <u>Industrial</u>	
Annual Administrative	\$ 75	\$ 250	\$ 250	No Change
Compliance Sampling Inspection Fee (per sampling day)	\$ 15	\$ 100	\$ 100	No Change
Compliance Evaluation Inspection (annual)		\$ 200	\$ 200	No Change
Grease trap smaller than recommended (requires sampling*) per month	\$ 50			No Change
Grease trap sized as recommended (no sampling required) per month	\$ 20			No Change
Surcharges:				
Oil and Grease (>100 mg/l)	\$ 0.25/lb	\$ 0.25/lb	\$ 0.25/lb	No Change
Total Suspended Solids (>250 mg/l)		\$ 0.25/lb	\$ 0.25/lb	No Change
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (>280 mg/l)		\$ 0.23/lb	\$ 0.23/lb	No Change
Ammonia Nitrogen (greater than 20 ppm)		\$ 0.46/lb	\$ 0.46/lb	\$0.92/lb
		2	2	
*Contact laboratory analysis fees are billed to user on a dire		4	4	

Pretreatment Rules and Regulations stipulate that Industrial Users shall pay a minimum charge of \$1,000 for each violation.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES

	<u>Existing 2017</u>	<u>PROPOSED FEE 2018</u>
1) SERVICE CHARGE		
a) Regular Service, next day service, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	\$40	\$60
b) Same Day Service, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	\$60	\$80
c) Priority Service, nights, weekends and holidays	\$100	\$100
d) Go Back/Turn on Charge	\$40	\$60
e) Cut for Repairs	\$40	\$40
2) METER TEST FEE - 5/8" TO 1 1/2"	\$50	\$50
Meter Test Fee - 2" through 4"	\$300	\$300
Meter Test Fee - 6" through 10"	\$500	\$500
3) TAMPERING CHARGE	\$40 Plus Cost	
Straight Line: Initial Occurrence (minimum)	\$200	\$200
Repeat Occurrence (minimum)	\$500	\$500
4) DELINQUENT ACCOUNT CHARGE	\$5 +10% of the delinquent amount	Minimum \$20
5) DELINQUENT PROCESSING FEE	\$5	\$5
6) RETURN CHECK CHARGE	Maximum Allowed by Law	\$35
7) CUSTOMER REQUESTED REFUND CHECK PROCES	2	\$20
8) DUPLICATE BILL	4	\$5
9) BACKDATED SERVICE CHARGE	\$10	\$10
10) DORMANT ACCOUNT CHARGE (Annually)	\$10	\$10
11) INSTALLMENT PAYMENT INTEREST RATE-single family residential customers only (compounded monthly on unpaid balance)	10%	10%
12) REPRODUCTION CHARGE (per page)	\$0.50	\$0.50
13) STATE TAX (Water Only)	4%	4%
14) DEVELOPMENT REVIEW and INSPECTION FEE		
a) Subdivision Fee	\$50 per lot Minimum of \$500	\$50 (Establish minimum of \$500)
b) Commercial Development (per acre)	\$100	\$100 (Establish minimum of \$500)
c) Apartments Fee (per unit)	\$10	\$10 (Establish minimum of \$500)
15) EASEMENT/RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION CHARGE (each)	\$75	\$75
16) FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL CHARGES (must be prepaid)		
Hydrant Meter		
a) Rental	\$200/year(monthly prorated)	Fee Removed
b) Security deposit on rental (refundable)	\$1,000	\$1,500
c) Delivery service charge	\$40	\$100
17) METER REDUCTION FEES (must be prepaid)		
Meter Reduction		
1" or 1 1/2" to 5/8"	\$200	\$200
2" to 5/8"	\$340	\$340
2" to 1 1/2"	\$400	\$400
2" to 1"	\$400	\$400
4" to 2"	\$585	\$585
All Other Reductions	Cost	
18) METER INCREASE FEES	Cost	
19) METER RELOCATION CHARGE		
a) Developed Subdivision	\$310	\$470
b) All Others	Cost	
20) TIPPING FEE (per truck - minimum)	\$15	\$15
a) Waste, non-surchageable	Basic sewer rates	
b) Septic waste (per 500 gallons)	\$25	No Change
21) GREASE TREATMENT (per gallon)	\$0.09	No Change
22) TOXICITY TESTING	\$10	\$10

VII. MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES (continued)	Existing 2017	PROPOSED FEE 2018
23) LOCATE SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION		
a) Locate by video	\$200	\$1,170
b) Locate by excavation	\$400	\$400
24) UNPLUGGING SEWER ONLY LATERAL	\$2,500	\$2,500
25) MOBILIZATION and DEMOBILIZATION FEE (i.e. disconnecting sewer only customers)	\$325	\$325
26) RE-ESTABLISH CUT-OFF SEWER SERVICE (from delinquent status)	\$500	\$500
27) CUTTING LATERAL IF ELDER VALVE IN PLACE	\$250	\$250
28) RECONNECTING LATERAL IF ELDER VALVE IN PLACE	\$250	\$250
29) UNAUTHORIZED STORMWATER/RAINFALL, OTHER DRAINAGE INFLOW INTO SEWAGE SYSTEM CHARGE		
a) Non-rental residential per month	\$25	\$25
b) Other properties per month	\$75	\$75
30) CAPACITY REQUEST APPLICATION		
a) Private residence in existing reserved subdivision	no charge	
b) Private residence not in existing reserved subdivi:	2	\$50
c) Commercial development (per building)	4	\$300
d) Proposed subdivision, apartments, or condominiums	\$600	\$600
e) Industrial development	\$1,500	\$1,500
31) RESERVED CAPACITY	25%-100% of the Capacity Fee	25%-100% of the Capacity Fee
32) READ DEDUCT METERS OR FOR EACH ADDITIONAL METER	\$10	\$10
33) METER REREAD FEE	\$40	\$40
34) UNCOVER/INACCESSIBLE METER CHARGE		
a) Charge to uncover meter due to dirt, debris, blacktop	Cost to MAWSS	
b) Charge to remove vehicle off meter box	Towing Fee Plus Cost	
c) Gated communities where access is limited	\$15 per meter	\$15 per meter
d) Fenced meters/gate locked/meter inaccessible	\$50 per meter	\$50 per meter
35) HOT METER	\$50	\$50
36) FIRE FLOW TESTING	\$100	\$110
37) BACK FLOW PREVENTION		
a) Assembly testing	\$90/Test	\$90
b) Assembly repair and re-testing	Cost	
38) RADIO READ CONVERSION	\$150	\$350

The Board retains the right to charge customers for the cost of providing special services in unique circumstances not anticipated by the above standard fees and charges.

SERVICE LINE COMPONENT OF THE CONNECTION FEE

<u>Parcel Size (acres)</u>	<u>Service Line Fee</u>	<u>Parcel Size (acres)</u>	<u>Service Line Fee</u>		
0.2	\$1,600	2.7	\$5,010		
0.3	\$1,800	2.8	\$5,065		
0.4	\$2,200	2.9	\$5,120		
0.5	\$2,500	3.0	\$5,170		
0.6	\$2,750	3.1	\$5,220		
0.7	\$3,000	3.2	\$5,270		
0.8	\$3,200	3.3	\$5,315		
0.9	\$3,340	3.4	\$5,360		
1.0	\$3,500	3.5	\$5,405		
1.1	\$3,645	3.6	\$5,450		
1.2	\$3,780	3.7	\$5,490		
1.3	\$3,900	3.8	\$5,530		
1.4	\$4,015	3.9	\$5,570	2	2
1.5	\$4,115	4.0	\$5,610	4	4
1.6	\$4,215	4.1	\$5,645		
1.7	\$4,305	4.2	\$5,680		
1.8	\$4,395	4.3	\$5,720		
1.9	\$4,475	4.4	\$5,750		
2.0	\$4,555	4.5	\$5,790		
2.1	\$4,630	4.6	\$5,820		
2.2	\$4,700	4.7	\$5,850		
2.3	\$4,765	4.8	\$5,885		
2.4	\$4,830	4.9	\$5,915		
2.5	\$4,890	5.0	\$5,950		
2.6	\$4,955	Over 5.0	\$6,000		

**SERVICE LINE COMPONENT OF THE CONNECTION FEE
WATER**

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Service Line Fee</u>
5/8	\$ 350
3/4	\$ 400
1	\$ 525
1.5	\$ 700
2	\$ 1,000
3	\$ 1,800
4	\$ 3,000
6	\$ 5,000
8	\$ 8,000
10	\$ 12,000

NOTE: The above standard service line connection fees do not affect fees for connection to distribution and collection facilities constructed in cooperation with other customers.