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SEWER TAP AND CAPACITY FEES

Effective May 13, 2025

Capacity Fees shall be charged to new development or redevelopment. The fees to be collected for a development will typically be determined at the time of application for a building permit or wastewater construction permit. However, in the event the proposed development is a project not requiring a building permit or wastewater construction permit, the Capacity Fee for the (re)development will be determined at the time of the preliminary development approval by the City of Easley, Pickens County, and/or Easley Combined Utilities (ECU). Final approval of sewer service shall not be issued for any (re)development requiring the payment of Capacity Fees until the fees have been remitted to ECU.

For properties that are being redeveloped, ECU will determine, at their discretion, whether a new Capacity Fee will be required. This determination will be developed based on the change of use and/or scale of redevelopment. In the event that a new Capacity Fee is required, a sewer Capacity Fee credit will be provided based on previous allocations for the development or water use data, depending on available historical information for the parcel in question.

Capacity Fees will be required for all (re)development projects within the ECU service area, except in the following cases:

1. rebuilding the same amount of floor space of a structure that was destroyed by fire or other natural catastrophe;
2. remodeling or repairing a structure with the same land use that does not result in an increase in the number of service units or place new demand on the sewer system and equipment;
3. replacing a residential unit, including a manufactured home, with another residential unit on the same lot, unless the new residential unit results in an increased demand on the sewer system and equipment;
4. placing a construction trailer or temporary office on a lot during the period of construction on the same lot;



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Tap Size	Tap Fee*	Capacity Fee per REU**
4-inch	\$1,330	+
Larger Taps	Cost	+

* A Tap Fee and Capacity Fee will be charged only if ECU crews install the sewer tap. If the customer installs the tap, only the Capacity Fee will be charged.

** A Residential Equivalent Unit (REU) is equivalent to 300 gpd of discharge. 300 gpd is the amount of discharge of one single-family home and is the minimum quantity to be discharged.

REU's for non-residential taps are equal to the permitted or calculated discharge from the premise, as provided for in SCDES Regulations 61-67, Standards for Wastewater Facility Construction, divided by 300 and rounded up to the next highest integer.

+ Capacity Fee for sewer discharged into WWTP's owned and operated by Easley Combined Utilities is \$3,750 per REU.

+ Capacity Fee for sewer discharged into the ReWa Georges Creek WWTP is \$10,500 per REU. In addition, the ECU Conveyance Capacity Fee for sewer discharged into the ReWa Georges Creek WWTP is \$1,000 per REU.



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Sewer Capacity Fee Payment Policy for New Developments

**Adopted by the Commission of Easley Combined Utilities
September 11, 2017**

Residential and Commercial Developments

1. The Developer is required to pay the prevailing Capacity Fee for all permitted flow in a residential or commercial development. The permitted flow will be the volume stated on the SCDES Waste Water Construction Permit.
2. The Capacity Fee will be due to Easley Combined Utilities upon issuance by ECU of a commitment to serve letter to the Developer.
3. The Developer must provide ECU with a plat of the proposed development that includes road names, lot numbers, and 911 addresses.
4. ECU will not issue the Ownership, Operation, and Maintenance letter to SCDES, and will not allow service to be established until the Capacity Fee is paid.