Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Update

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City of Denton

July 15, 2025 ID 25-1139



Impact Fee Study Components



Basics

PHASING & POPULATION GROWTH



Impact Fee Components: Wastewater/Water Service Units



American Water Works Association (AWWA) establishes the 5/8" meter as 1 Single Family Equivalency (SFE) since that is the standard meter size required for a single-family home

81% of Denton's current meter count are 5/8" compared to 8% for ³/₄" (next size up)
Therefore, the 5/8" meter was chosen as the base unit for calculations



Impact Fee Components: Meter Size Comparison

| Domestic Demand Meters | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| (Potable & Reclaimed Source) | | | | |
| †Safe Maxin | | †Safe Maximum | Recommended | |
| | | Operating | Continuous Max | |
| Туре | Size | Capacity (gpm) | Service Unit Eq. | |
| *Positive Displacement | 5/8" | 20 | 1.0 | |
| *Positive Displacement | 3/4" | 30 | 1.5 | |
| *Positive Displacement | 1" | 50 | 2.5 | |
| *Positive Displacement | 1.5" | 100 | 5.0 | |
| *Positive Displacement | 2" | 160 | 8.0 | |
| **Compound | 3" | 350 | 17.5 | |
| **Compound | 4" | 600 | 30.0 | |
| **Compound | 6" | 1350 | 67.5 | |
| **Compound | 8" | 1600 | 90.0 | |

Impact fees are calculated as a multiple of the SFE based on meter sizing per the AWWA chart.

8- Single Family

Homes

Service Units

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Water Impact Fee CIP



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Existing Wastewater Service Area

Pecan Creek WRP Statistics:

- 21 MGD current treatment capacity
 - Approaching 90% utilization which requires expansion to be under construction by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules
- 30 MGD after expansion
 - Treatment capacity and discharge permit will be fully utilized by 2030 according to current models

Existing Pecan Creek WRP





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Estimated Maximum Assessable Impact Fee Calculation (City-Wide)

Maximum Impact Fee Per Service Unit = $\frac{10 - Year \, Recoverable \, Cost \, of \, Impact \, Fee \, CIP$

10 – Year Service Unit Projection

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| Water | Wastewater |
|------------------------------|---|
| \$582,923,277 | \$707,097,573 |
| 52,774 | 52,276 |
| \$11,046 | \$13,526 |
| ue to users with on-site sep | otic or sewer systems |
| instead of divided service | areas |
| | |
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Proposed Maximum Assessable (100%) Impact Fees Per Service Area

| | Water Maximum Impact fee by Service Areas | | | | Wastewater Maximum Impact fee by Service Areas | | | |
|------|--|----------|----------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Year | Service | Service | Service | | Year | 2018 Single Service Area | | ea |
| | Area 1A | Area 1B | Area 2 | | 2018 | \$4,716 | | |
| 2018 | \$3,569 | \$5,352 | \$7,638 | | | Pecan Creek | Hickory Creek | Clear Creek |
| 2025 | \$1,820 | \$10,745 | \$12,139 | | 2025 | \$11,615 | \$12,791 | \$17,916 |

- The Hunter Ranch and Cole Ranch impacts to projects collectively known as "City Offsites" is calculated and detailed in the final appendix of the impact fee report.
 - This complies with both the Hunter and Cole Operating Agreements as well as Texas Local Government Code Chapter 395



Staff Recommendation 75% Assessable **Impact Fees Per Service Area**

Water 75% Impact fee by Service Areas

Wastewater 75% Impact fee by Service Areas

| Year | Service Area 1A | Service Area 1B | Service Area 2 |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2018 | \$3,569 | \$5,352 | \$7,638 |
| 2025 | \$1,365 | \$8,059 | \$9,104 |

| Year | 2018 Single Service Area | | | | |
|------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|--|
| 2018 | \$4,716 | | | | |
| | Pecan Creek | Hickory Creek | Clear Creek | | |
| 2025 | \$8,711 | \$9,593 | \$13,437 | | |



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Water Impact FeeWastewater Impact Fee



- New Braunfels and Georgetown share the following characteristics with Denton
 - Full-service utilities (own and operate all water and wastewater facilities)
 - Similar population bases and high population growth as Denton
 - Located on the edge of a major metro area
- Frisco is a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District
 - Implemented a \$12,125
 "System Investment Fee" for Wastewater Connections in April 2025
 - Water Utility Bill is on average 125% higher than Denton

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Summary

- Water Utilities staff met individually with Council Members in December 2023 and January 2024 to review the study methodology and share a preliminary update on the impact fee calculations.
- On March 5, 2025 and July 1, 2025, city staff hosted a developer town hall and facilitated a discussion on proposed changes.
- In February and June 2025, staff presented to the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC).
- On June 25, 2025, CIAC voted to recommend approval (6-0).
 - Recommended adopting the impact fees at 100% of the calculated maximum collection rate.

Staff recommends adopting Water and Wastewater impact fees at 75% of the proposed maximum amounts per service area.

Adoption Steps

- Notice of Public Hearing (Complete)
- Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) (6-0 approval)
- City Council Work Session to set Public Hearing Meeting
- City Council Public Hearing Meeting
- City Council Ordinance Update Meeting
- Public Utilities Board Memo Update
- Capital Improvement Advisory Committee Update

- 06/21/2025
- 06/25/2025
- 07/15/2025
- 07/22/2025
- 08/05/2025
 - 09/22/2025

TBD





Questions

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