

Fact Sheet

Town of Apex Water and Wastewater Service for Single Family Residence outside Water and Sewer Extension Policy Service Area

Water service is available at cost to residents outside of the Town of Apex Water and Sewer Extension Policy Service Area for the proposed Western Wake Regional Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) defined by Census Block 534.03-1053. Water service is currently available in the area. Sewer service will not be available until approximately 6 months after construction of the Western Wake Regional Water Reclamation Facility is completed. Residents may apply for either water service only, or both water and wastewater service, but may not obtain sewer service only.

Requirements for obtaining Water and Sewer Service

Residents are required to petition for annexation, and to pay applicable fees and costs related to constructing water and wastewater service to the residence, in order to obtain Apex water and sewer services. Below is a full explanation of the required steps.

Annexation¹

To petition for annexation, a property owner in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Apex must submit the following:

- a completed petition form,
- a legal description of the property,
- survey plats of the property, and
- a \$200 application fee.

The petition for annexation is reviewed by Town staff and approved by the Town Council. If the property owner does not have available survey plats, they may need to incur additional costs to retain a licensed surveyor to create the plats for the annexation petition.

Residents who have been annexed into the Town of Apex are also eligible for town services, including parks and recreation programs, police and fire services, and available water, wastewater, electric and garbage service. They are eligible to vote in Town elections. *Town of Apex property taxes are levied at a rate of \$0.34 per \$100 in property value; for example, a residence with a property value of \$100,000 would pay \$340 to Apex in annual property taxes.*

Water and Wastewater Service

Residents outside of the Service Area defined by Census Block 534.03-1053 will be required to pay certain fees related to connecting to the closest available water and wastewater lines. The property owner is responsible for hiring their own plumber to make the water or wastewater service line connection to the house. The example below summarizes the potential water and sewer service fees for an example single family residence on a 2-acre lot. In this example, the approximately \$15,520 in water and wastewater service fees are allocated as follows:



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<u>Estimate of Water/Wastewater Fees</u>	<u>Water- ¾" Connection</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
Acreage Fee ² (\$750/acre)*(2.0 acres):	\$1,500	\$1,500
Capacity Fee:	\$2,550	\$2,550
Tap and Meter Box Fee ³ :	\$2,250	\$1,400
¾" Water Meter Fee:	\$190	NA
Private Plumber Fee ⁴ :	\$1,500	\$2,000
<u>Town Plumbing Permit Fee:</u>	<u>\$40</u>	<u>\$40</u>
Total Estimate of Fees:	\$8,030	\$7,490

Water and wastewater customers of the Town of Apex will receive a monthly bill for their services. A typical monthly water bill for a residential customer is summarized below:

Monthly Water-Sewer Rates (current rates as of July 2010)

Water: \$4.86 Base Charge + \$3.77 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer: \$7.35 Administrative Fee + \$5.26 per 1,000 gallons

Typical 5,000 gallon/month customer: \$23.71/month water
+ \$33.65/month sewer
 \$57.36 total per month

In addition, residents outside of the Service Area defined by Census Block 534.03-1053 will be required to pay construction costs to install water lines and wastewater lines from the closest available water and wastewater lines to their property. Because of the topography in this area, a small pump station may be needed to pump wastewater from some residences into the wastewater pipeline.

The construction costs for water and wastewater pipelines to serve a new customer, if borne by only a single customer, may range widely from a few thousand to several hundred thousand dollars depending on the distances involved and whether complicating factors exist, such as rock near the surface. Since these costs can quickly become prohibitive, it is most common for a single new customer to connect to water or wastewater service after a line has been installed adjacent to their property by a larger residential or commercial development.

For more information about the process and potential costs to obtain water and wastewater service outside of the Water and Sewer Extension Policy Service Area for the proposed Western Wake Regional WRF, please feel free to contact the Town of Apex Planning Department at 249-3426.

Notes

1. For more information about annexation, please contact the Apex Planning Department at 249-3426.
2. Acreage fees are based on actual acreage, but are limited to a two (2) acre maximum for a single family house.
3. Tap and meter box price assumes the most expensive scenario of the waterline located on the opposite side of the road from the property. This figure would be less if the waterline was located adjacent to the property.
4. Owner is responsible for hiring their own plumber to make the water service line connection to the house. This estimate assumes costs to disconnect a well and connect the water meter.

