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Dear Customer:

Welcome to Butler County! We are in the process of reviewing your commercial permit application for water and/or sewer service. In order to complete our review, we need to know your estimated water usage in “Equivalent Residential Units” (ERU’s). An ERU is equal to 12,000 gallons metered water usage per month. The number of ERU’s will determine the cost of your capacity fees. BCWS will not accept fractional ERU’s. Your ERU’s are also used as a part of calculating your monthly water and sewer bill. While purchasing less ERU’s up front may seem like a cost savings, if your monthly usage is above the volume purchased with ERU’s, you will be subject to peaking charges. In an effort to optimize your upfront costs and monthly water and sewer bills, please review the billing examples and the information below about peaking charges. Please pay particular attention to the impact each ERU can have on your billing rate. If your project should be either water only or sewer only, remove the info and/or examples that do not pertain to your connection(s) to the BCWS service.

**2021 Capacity Fees:**

- Water - \$4,465.00/ERU
- Sewer - \$4,595.00/ERU

**Conservation Rate Structures:(Note 1 ERU = 12,000 gallons per month)**

- The base volume is equal to the first 12,000 gallons per month (or multiple of 12,000 gallons, dependent upon the number of ERU’s purchased) and would be billed at the base rate.
- Usage above the base volume, up to 150%, would be billed at 150% of the base rate.
- Usage above 150% of the base volume would be billed at 200% (water only) of the base rate. *Commercial and Industrial 200% sewer peaking charges were eliminated June 2009.*

**Billing Examples:**

Note: The dollars (\$/1,000 gal) listed below are the rates for commercial customers for the year 2019, as revised and approved June 1, 2009. *Industrial customer rates are slightly higher than commercial customer rates, but the ERU principal and calculations remains the same.*

**EXAMPLE 1:** Customer purchases 1 ERU = 12,000 gallons per month

Customer reading shows 80,000 gallons per month

The first 12,000 gallons would be at the base rate.

Water (\$3.73 per 1,000 gallon)

Sewer (\$2.78 per 1,000 gallon)

The next 6,000 gallons would be at 150% of the base water and sewer rate.

Water (\$5.59 per 1,000 gallons)

Sewer (\$4.17 per 1,000 gallons)

The remaining 62,000 gallons would be 200% of the base water rate and 150% of the base sewer rate.

Water (\$7.45 per 1,000 gallons)

Sewer (\$4.17 per 1,000 gallons)

**Example 1, water & sewer charges would average a total of \$857.12 per month and capacity fees would total \$9,060.00.**

**EXAMPLE 2:** Customer purchases 4 ERU's = 48,000 gallons per month

Customer reading shows 80,000 gallons per month

The first 48,000 gallons would be at the base rate.

Water (\$3.73 per 1,000 gallon)

Sewer (\$2.78 per 1,000 gallon)

The next 24,000 gallons would be at 150% of the base water and sewer rate.

Water (\$5.59 per 1,000 gallons)

Sewer (\$4.17 per 1,000 gallons)

The remaining 8,000 gallons would be 200% of the base water rate and 150% of the base sewer rate.

Water (\$7.45 per 1,000 gallons)

Sewer (\$4.17 per 1,000 gallons)

**Example 2, water & sewer charges would average a total of \$639.68 per month and capacity fees would total \$36,240.00. In this example, purchasing 3 additional ERU's is paid back in less than 10 ½ years by monthly savings.**

It is important that customers estimate their usages and purchase the appropriate number of ERU's if they choose to avoid said peaking charges. Customers should be aware that Capacity Fees and monthly charges might not be the only costs of receiving water and sewer service from Butler County. i.e.; meter fees, inspection fees, water tap fees, local fees, lift station fees, etc. For a complete estimate of these costs, please contact us at the number(s) listed below, or visit our website at <http://des.butlercountyohio.org/html/contractors/Fees.cfm>.

For a complete list of rates by customer classification, please see our list of current water and sewer rates at <http://des.butlercountyohio.org/html/myaccount/Rates.cfm>, or see our rate wizard for simple and automated rate calculations at <http://des.butlercountyohio.org/html/myaccount/RateCalculator.cfm>.

Please complete the information below and fax it back to us at (513) 887-3777. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (513) 887-3066 option 4.

Please check the appropriate box that best describes the type of commercial use conducted at the project address:

- Office Space/Warehouse
- Retail – NO Food Service
- Food Service Establishment
- Grocery Store
- Hotel
- Manufacturing or process facility engaged in producing a product
- Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any of the following that are planned for your proposed facility:

- Fire Service Booster Pump
- Domestic Service Booster Pump
- Ground Water Well
- Geothermal Heating/Cooling System
- Other Auxiliary Water Supply/Reuse

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Project Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Project Location**

**No. of ERU's** \_\_\_\_

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**Owner Signature**

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**Owner Company**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Owner Name/Title (printed)**

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**Date**