



## Utility Review and Capacity Fees

### How is the utility development review fee calculated?

The fee is based upon the utilities associated with your project for the initial review and engineering costs. Each utility is unique in its design requirements to meet a developer's needs. The initial utility review fee is for each utility and is explained in the chart below.

Utility Review Fee Rate by Utility	
<u>Utility</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Water	\$1,555.31
Wastewater	\$1,395.31
Electric	\$1,852.13
Natural Gas	\$438.25

\*\*After the initial review process has been completed, any additional reviews or project changes will be billed hourly at \$138.04.

### How is the utility development review fee different from the capacity fee?

The **utility review fee** recovers costs associated with initially reviewing a development and creating the initial design for the electric and natural gas utilities to serve the development.

These costs provide recovery for the engineering and review work required for new development items such as but are not limited to system upgrades required to serve the development, initial design (electric/gas) layout, equipment sizing, site plan review including line sizing and location, reviews to ensure compliance with our current standards and agreements and incorporation of required easements.

The **capacity fees** for water and wastewater recover a proportional share of certain capital costs incurred to provide service availability and capacity. The capacity fee is based on the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) rating and billing area factor for that account. Utility Capacity fee charges are one-time fees assessed to new customers connecting to the water distribution system or wastewater collection system or existing customers increasing their demand on the system. Capacity fees are referred to by other names in the water and wastewater industry including impact fees and system development fees.

The fees allow the new or expanded customers to "buy-in" to the remaining water or wastewater capacity that GCPW has available. The Utility capacity fee also helps repay bonded indebtedness funded for large-scale water distribution system and wastewater collection system capital improvement projects such as water and wastewater treatment plant expansions, upsizing water transmission and wastewater collection mains, and water

and wastewater line extensions that are necessary to keep pace with economic development and growth in Greer CPW's Service Area. Capacity fees are set forth in the table below:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter-Based ERU Factor</u>	<u>Water Fee</u>	<u>Wastewater Fee</u>
5/8"	1	\$1,504	\$5,739
1"	2.5	\$3,760	\$14,347.50
1.5"	5	\$7,520	\$28,695
2"	8	\$12,032	\$45,912
3"	16	\$24,064	\$91,824
4"	25	\$37,600	\$143,475
6"	50	\$75,200	\$286,950
8"	80	\$120,320	\$459,120

**What are the steps involved in a utility review process?**

1. Developer provides required review information
2. Developer pays the fees associated with the utilities required
3. GCPW reviews the drawings and information provided
4. GCPW provides comments and feedback on projects
  - a. For electric and gas, an initial design will be created and any associated cost will be provided to the developer
5. Developer is provided all comments and information
  - a. If changes are required as part of the initial GCPW review, the developer will provide updated plans to GCPW.

The cost recovery of the five-step process outlined above is the initial Utility Review Fee for each applicable utility. All additional project reviews by GCPW or developer design changes that require GCPW design changes, will be billed at an hourly rate of \$138.04 with payment required prior to scheduling of any GCPW construction work. Examples of changes that can occur after completion of initial review include but are not limited to electrical load changes, site changes, number of units/lots, lot size changes, size of structure, building locations, driveway locations and grade changes.

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