

City of Pasadena Sewer Facility Charge Fact Sheet

In 2007 the Pasadena City Council established the Sewer Facility Charge with the adoption of Ordinance 7134 – *Sewer Facility Charge* (Chapter 4.53 of Pasadena Municipal Code). This fee was created to ensure that new sewage generators pay their fair share for using the city sewer system, and to prevent current sewer users from bearing the cost of sewer capacity upgrades necessitated by additional demand on the system from new users.

1. How is the fee calculated?

New developments within the Pasadena City limits pay a one-time Sewer Facility Charge based on their daily sewer discharge rate multiplied by \$6.38. The daily sewer discharge rate is determined by multiplying the size and/or type of the development by the average daily flow. The average daily flow is set by Ordinance 7134 as follows:

| Occupancy | Average Daily Flow |
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| Apartment building--Bachelor or single dwelling units | 100 gal/dwelling unit |
| 1 bedroom dwelling units | 150 gal/DU |
| 2 bedroom dwelling units | 200 gal/DU |
| 3 or more bedroom dwelling units | 250 gal/DU |
| Auditoriums, churches, etc. | 5 gal/seat |
| Automobile parking | 25 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Bars, cocktail lounges, etc. | 20 gal/seat |
| Commercial shops and stores | 100 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Hospitals (surgical) | 500 gal/bed |
| Hospitals (convalescent) | 85 gal/bed |
| Hotels | 150 gal/room |
| Medical buildings | 300 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Motels | 150 gal/unit |
| Office buildings | 200 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Restaurants, cafeterias, etc. | 50 gal/seat |
| Financial institutions (banks) | 1,000 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Service shop, service stations | 100 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Laundromat | 4,600 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Animal kennel (shelter) | 100 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Nurseries/greeneries | 25 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Warehousing, open storage (storage pace) | 25 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Indoor theatre (movies) | 500 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Bowling, skating facilities | 1,000 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Golf courses | 100 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |
| Mortuaries/cemeteries | 100 gal/1,000 sq. ft. gross floor area |

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| Schools: | |
| Elementary or Jr. high | 10 gal/student |
| High schools | 15 gal/student |
| Universities or colleges | 20 gal/student |
| College dormitories | 85 gal/student |

2. Where did the City get the average daily flow rates ?

The average daily flow rates were developed by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

3. What type of development is subject to the fee?

All new development, which means new construction on a lot, including additions or modifications to existing structures.

3. Is credit given for demolished facilities that are replaced by new development?

Yes, full credit is given for demolished facilities that were previously on the same parcel. The charge only applies to the net increase in the average daily flow attributable to the new development.

4. What will the fee be used for?

Revenue generated by the Sewer Facility Charge can only be used for sewer capacity upgrades. It may not be used for maintenance functions or repair, replacement or rehabilitation of sewers.