

## **WATER UNDER CONSTRUCTION FEES**

- Rates Effective January 1, 2019 -

The City of St. Catharines Water By-law 2017-71 and any amendments, provides for the Water Under Construction rate to be charged which is currently \$0.026 per square foot of gross floor area or \$0.282 per square meter of gross floor area.

The rate has been calculated to cover the cost of water deemed to be used during a normal construction period. It is charged on the building permit and effective for the first four (4) months beginning on the date of issuance of the permit.

It is advisable to install the water meter as soon as is practicable within the first four (4) months. Contact Citizens First at 905-688-5600 to set up an appointment.

Pursuant to the by-law, after the first four months, if a meter has not been installed, a water account for the property is set up and the flat rate fee is applied within the water billing program. The property will continue to be billed at the flat rate amount until such time as a meter is installed or the water service may be shut off and the owner is billed the applicable Turn-Off/On Fee at a minimum amount of \$74.90. For water billing inquiries, contact 905-688-5600.

If you wish to have a water meter installed prior to final inspection, the insulation inspection, and the water piping for the installation of the meter must be completed and the building must be heated at all times. If the above noted items are not completed when City crews arrive to install the meter, a bill for a 'Water Service Call' as per the Schedule of Rates and Fees will be sent to the Owner. Once the meter is installed, the cost of repairing or replacing the meter due to any damage shall be paid by the Owner.

The current flat rate fee is \$400.00 per four month period for water and wastewater charges. The amount is not dependent on consumption.



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