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**IRRIGATION METER**

Some residents have inquired as to the cost of purchasing an irrigation meter for their property to save on sewer usage charges on water used for irrigation purposes. The necessary equipment will be provided to the resident at cost. The cost of the equipment is \$300 for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015). The resident is responsible for installing the irrigation meter on the resident's side of the regular water meter. After installation, the work will be inspected by a Water Resources Department employee for a fee of \$20. Therefore, the total cost for the irrigation meter and inspection is \$320.

The bi-monthly billing will show the irrigation meter separately. Only water usage charges will apply for the consumption registered on the irrigation meter. Sewer usage charges will apply to the consumption reported for the main meter less the consumption reported for the irrigation meter. Therefore, you are only paying sewer usage charges on the water used inside the property during the billing cycle. Please see the example below.

Consumption on main meter for the property                    21  
Consumption on irrigation meter for the property            10

Bi-monthly Charges	With Irrigation Meter		Without Irrigation Meter	
Water base fees	\$30.48	(\$15.24*2)	\$30.48	(\$15.24*2)
Water usage fee per 1,000	84.42	(\$4.02*21)	84.42	(\$4.02*21)
Sewer base fees	48.36	(\$24.18*2)	48.36	(\$24.18*2)
Sewer usage fee per 1,000	99.88	(\$9.08*11)	190.68	(\$9.08*21)
TOTAL	\$263.14		\$353.94	

Please contact our Water Resources Department office at 252.638.3540 if you would like to purchase the necessary equipment for an irrigation meter.