



Water Meter Access Charges on Fire Services

1. Intent of Policy

To provide criteria for a reduction in access charges for water meter(s) that record the water usage of a fire service.

2. Scope of Policy

This policy shall apply to all properties requiring water connections for fire fighting purposes.

3. Guidelines

Council will reduce the access charge for a water meter that records the water usage for a fire service, if it is proven that the water meter meets the following criteria.

1. The Director of Development is satisfied of the evidence that fire fighting appliance(s) fire hose reel and/or hydrant) are compliant with current fire regulations.
2. There will be no charge applied where the annual consumption is up to 10 kilolitres.
3. The minimum access charge (20mm access charge as advertised in the Management Plan) will be charged where annual consumption is over 10 kilolitres but less than or equal to 250 kilolitre.
4. Where annual consumption is greater than 250kilolitres, the access charge will be based on the actual size of the fire service.
5. The annual charge will be levied based on the usage rate of the previous financial year.
6. Where a fire service is connected during the year, the calculation of the charge will be on a pro rata basis.

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