

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE POLICY 9-10-2018

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, MINNESOTA

1. The City imposes water and sewer accessibility charges (“WAC/SAC fees”) in conjunction with the construction of new residential charges.
2. An inventory of vacant residential lots exists in the City, carried over from the great recession.
3. The City believes that construction of new single-family homes on the vacant residential lots is in the best interest of the community, and will increase the tax base of the City.
4. The City further believes that development of single-family homes on the vacant lots, given current market conditions, may not occur but for the City’s grant of development assistance under this Agreement; and
5. The City wishes to adopt a program that will allow prospective permit applicants to apply for WAC/SAC fee reductions in exchange for a commitment to construct homes on currently vacant residential lots.

Based on the above, the City Council will consider WAC/SAC fee reduction requests provided they meet the following guidelines:

- a. The City will waive no more than \$2,688 per lot of the combined WAC/SAC Fees in conjunction with the construction of homes on the vacant lots
- b. The permit applicant must agree to promptly pay all fees and charges imposed by the City in conjunction with construction of dwellings on the vacant lots, and shall not otherwise be delinquent on City fees and charges in order to receive reimbursement for WAC/SAC fees.
- c. To be eligible for a WAC/SAC fee reduction, permit applicants must construct a home that will have a market value (home and land value) exceeding \$180,000 as determined by the City Building Official/City staff. An appraisal or sworn construction statement may be used to determine value.
- d. All new homes shall be connected to City water and sewer services.
- e. The permit applicants must install a 2nd water meter at each home.

Current Fee Schedule Passed on May 14, 2018

	Current Rate	Updated Debt Rate
Sanitary Sewer		
SAC	\$ 5,607.00	\$ 3,295.00
Water		
WAC	\$ 1,975.71	\$ 1,975.71
Totals	\$ 7,582.71	\$ 5,270.71