



City of Watertown
City Fees and Charges Schedule
Fiscal Year 2025-26

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City Clerk Fees

Certified Copies

Certified Birth Certificate	\$10
Certified Death Certificate	\$10
Certified Marriage Certificate	\$10
Genealogy Search	\$22

Marriage License and Wedding Ceremony

Marriage License	\$40
Duplicate Marriage License	\$20
Wedding Ceremony	\$75
One-Day Marriage Officiant License	\$25

Dog License

Spayed or Neutered, per year	\$15
Not Spayed or Neutered, per year	\$25

Handicap Parking Permit

Permanent or Temporary	No Fee
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Racing and Wagering

Bingo, per occasion	\$18.75 + 3% of proceeds
Bell Jar, per year	\$25
Casino Nights, per occasion	\$25 + 5% of proceeds
Raffle - Category 1	\$25 + 2% of proceeds

Commissioner of Deeds

Application Fee	\$25
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Business Permits and Licenses

Vending in Public Streets, per year	\$150
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Garbage Collector, Private, per year

License Fee	\$300
Each Additional Vehicle	\$150
Inspection Fee for Each Vehicle	\$50

Liquidation Sale, per month

License Fee for 30 Days	\$500
Renewal of License for Additional 30 Days	\$50
If sale is completed within 30 days, fee will be refunded all except for \$75	

Copy of City of Watertown Code Book

Current Cost of Publication

Copies	\$0.25 per page
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Credit Card Processing Fees (In-Person)

Debit: \$2.50 flat fee per transaction*	
Credit: \$2.50 flat fee for transaction up to \$50; 4% of transaction for fee over \$50*	

* Based on current merchant agreement

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City Comptroller Fees

Parking Ticket	\$30
15 Days After Issue Date	\$40
30 Days After Issue Date	\$45
 Handicap Parking Ticket	 \$50
Second or Subsequent Offense Within 2 Years	\$75
 Returned Check Fee	 \$20
 Tax Certification	 \$5
 Tax Search	 \$10
 Lien Search Fee	 \$95
 Tax Sale Advertising Fee	 \$15
 Tax Sale Certificate Filing Fee	 \$50
 Tax Deed Preparation Fee	 \$15
 Online Bill Payment Processing Fee	
Presently for City Tax Bills, County Tax Bills, Delinquent School	
Tax Bills, Water/Sewer Bills and Sewer Permit Bills	
Debit/Credit	2.85% + \$0.28 per transaction*
eCheck	\$2.50 per transaction*

* Based on current merchant agreement

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Civil Service Fees

Open Competitive and Promotional Exams	\$15
Decentralized Exams	\$15
Uniformed Service Exams	\$25
Uniformed Promotional Exams	\$15

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Code Enforcement Fees

Building Fees for New Construction

Permit Fee Based on Estimated Cost of Work*

\$0 - \$500	\$30 (minimum fee)
\$501 - \$2,000	\$60.00
\$2,001 - \$25,000	\$60 for the first \$2,000; \$7 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$221 for the first \$25,000; \$7 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$396 for the first \$50,000; \$6 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$696 for the first \$100,000; \$6 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$1596 for the first \$250,000; \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$2801 for the first \$500,000; \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	\$5256 for the first \$1,000,000; \$4 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof

* Estimated Cost of Work for New Construction Calculated as Follows

Residential	\$200 per sq ft
Commercial	\$400 per sq ft
Industrial	\$500 per sq ft
Garage/Misc.	\$50 per sq ft

Building Fees for Maintenance & Repairs

Permit Fee Based on Estimated Cost of Work**

\$0 - \$500	\$30 (minimum fee)
\$501 - \$1,000	
\$1,001 and above	\$40
	\$40 for the first \$1,000; \$6 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof

** Estimated Cost of Work for Maintenance & Repairs Calculated as Follows

Residential	\$75 per sq ft
Commercial	\$150 per sq ft
Industrial	\$225 per sq ft
Garage/Misc.	\$25 per sq ft

Penalty Fee (Work Prior To Permit)

\$250

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Code Enforcement Fees (con't)

Various Permits

Blasting	\$30
Fence	\$30
Fireworks	\$250
Food Truck	\$50
Heating (furnace, water heater, pellet stove, etc)	\$40
Operating Permit	\$50
Plumbing	\$40
Sign - Residential	\$20
Sign - Commercial	\$150
Sign - Billboard/Sky Sign	\$200
Tank (propane, oil, natural gas, etc)	\$50

Certificate of Occupancy

Final Certificate of Occupancy	\$0
First Provisional Certificate of Occupancy (up to 120 Days)	\$100
Extension Beyond the 120 Days From Date of Issuance	\$200

Certificate of Compliance

\$30

Licensed Master Plumber

Examination Fee (3 Exams)	\$100 per exam
Re-Examination Fee After 3 Months (3 Exams)	\$125 per exam

License Fee, Annual

*Remaining portion of year
the test was passed will be
covered by testing fee

Replacement of License Due to Loss

\$20

Demolition of Property Surcharge - addition to direct costs of demolition

\$5,000

Code Violation Surcharge - in addition to actual cost of restraining, correcting or abating such condition (min charge 1 hr labor & 1 hr equipment) + materials [§120-37]

First Violation	\$100
Second Violation	\$250
Third Violation	\$500
Fourth Violation and All Additional	\$1,000

Vacant Building Registry

Registration Fee	\$50
Administrative Fee (for failure to register)	\$150
Annual Inspection Fee	\$750

Miscellaneous Fees

Records Search	\$0
Plan Review - Residential 1 & 2 Family	\$0
Plan Review - Multifamily/Commercial & Industrial	
Projects costing \$19,999 or less	\$0
Projects costing \$20,000 or more w/NYS required stamped plans	\$75 per hour plus cost of permit
Black and White Photo Copies	\$0.25 per page
Color Photo Copies	\$1 per page

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Department of Public Works Fees

Refuse and Garbage

Trash Sticker For Bag	\$5.00
Trash Tote Service	
32-Gallon Tote	\$84.50 per quarter
64-Gallon Tote	\$110.50 per quarter
96-Gallon Tote	\$136.50 per quarter
Trash tote redelivery fee	\$50.00 plus outstanding account balance
Vendor Discount	\$0.10 per trash sticker

Property Maintenance Violation

Non-Sticker Bag Removal	\$5 per bag
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Bulk Drop Off Program (Fall Season)

Fee as contained in seasonal flyer based on availability and local area Municipal Solid Waste disposal fees

On-Demand Bulk Item Curbside Collection Service (Summer Season)

Fee as contained in seasonal flyer based on availability and local area Municipal Solid Waste disposal fees

Snow Dump Permit

Per Truck, Up To Three Trucks Per Business	\$150
Flat Fee For Four or More Trucks Per Business	\$600

Conduit Access

Initial Fee	\$500
Monthly Fee, Per Foot of Conduit	\$0.031

Per the Franchise agreement - "If the City is required to be on-site for any request, an hourly rate of \$200 per hour will be assessed."

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Engineering Fees

Floodplain Development Permit***	\$25
***in addition to any costs necessary for the review, inspection and approval of the project	
Dumpster Permit	\$50
Sidewalk Permit	\$0
Curbs and Pavement Cuts	
Curb Cuts	\$100
Pavement Cuts, up to 3 sq yds	\$200
Pavement Cuts, each additional sq yd thereafter	\$30
Specialty Pavement Cut	\$150 + actual cost of repair and replacement
Septic Tanks and Lateral Disconnections	
Septic Tank Permit	\$50
Disconnect & Plugging of Unused or Abandoned Lateral Sewers	\$50
Repair/Renewal of Existing Sanitary	\$0
Sewer Permits - Inside the City	
Residential Sanitary	\$100
Residential Storm	\$100
Commercial Sanitary	\$200
Commercial Storm	\$200
Industrial Sanitary	\$300
Industrial Storm	\$300
Sewer Permits - Outside the City	
Residential Sanitary	\$300
Residential Storm	\$300
Commercial Sanitary	\$550
Commercial Storm	\$550
Industrial Sanitary	\$550
Industrial Storm	\$550

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Parks and Recreation Fees*

* Military personnel and their immediate families, upon producing military ID, will be charged at the City Resident rate

Arena - Ice Time for Groups	City Resident	Non City Resident
Minor Hockey & Figure Skating / Student Groups		\$105 per hour
Adult and Non City Groups		\$150 per hour
Events Where Admission / Donation is Charged		\$230 per hour
School Ice Skating (Mon - Fri 12:00pm - 2:30pm)	\$5 per student to cover cost of skating and rentals	
Arena - Ice Time	City Resident	Non City Resident
Public Skating	\$5	\$5 per day
Public Skating (children under the age of 4 years old)	No Charge	No Charge
Season Public Skating Pass	\$145	\$180 season
Family Public Skating Pass	\$290	\$360 season
Family Skate Pass (All Events)	\$400	\$500 season
Skate & Shoot	\$5	\$5 per day
Season Skate & Shoot Pass	\$145	\$180 season
Season Skate & Shoot Pass and Public Skate	\$230	\$290 season
Ice Skate Rental	\$5	\$5 per day
Ice Skate Rental (children under the age of 4 years old)	No Charge	No Charge
Ice Skate Sharpening	\$6	\$7 per day
Rock & Skate	\$6	\$7 per day
Slip Slide & Skate		
Per Season	\$30	\$60 season
Per Season - With Skate Rental	\$40	\$80 season
Broomball	\$6	\$7 per day
Broomball Equipment Rental	\$4	\$5 per broom
Replacement ID Card	\$5	\$7 per card
Arena - Rental of Space	City Resident	Non City Resident
Arena Rental / Performances	\$1,400	\$1,700 per day
Performances - Day Before / After	\$700	\$850 per day
Arena Rental Non Ice Time	\$115	\$145 per hour
Multipurpose Room - Daily	\$115	\$145 per day
Multipurpose Room - Hourly	\$30	\$35 per hour
Vendor Space	\$115	\$145 per day
Large Stage Set Up	\$1,150	\$1,440 per event
Small Stage Set Up	\$575	\$720 per event
Hospitality Room	\$290	\$360 per day
Office Rental - Seasonal	\$575	\$720 per season
Office Rental - Monthly	\$100	\$120 per month
Birthday Party Room	\$60	\$70 per party
Arena Concession - Per Vendor	\$290	\$360 per day
Arena Concession - Unlimited Concession Stands	\$1,150	\$1,440 per day
Craft and Vendor Fairs - Booth w/o Electricity	\$45	\$60 per day
Craft and Vendor Fairs - Booth w/ Electricity	\$60	\$70 per day

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Parks and Recreation Fees (con't)

Miscellaneous Arena Fees	City Resident	Non City Resident
Admission to Events		
Craft and Vendor Fairs	\$4	\$5 per day
Special Events Sponsored by Parks & Rec	\$5	\$6 per day
Advertising Fees		
Advertising Signs in Arena	\$460	\$575 May-Aug
Advertising on TV in Lobby	\$115	\$145 per month
Chairs and Table Rental	City Resident	Non City Resident
Chair Rental: Up to 500 Chairs	\$1	\$1.25 per day
Chair Rental: 501 - 1000	\$0.75	\$1 per day
Chair Rental: 1001+	\$0.50	\$0.75 per day
Table Rental: 1 - 20 Tables	\$5	\$6 per day
Table Rental: 21+ Tables	\$4	\$5 per day
Field Rental	City Resident	Non City Resident
Fairgrounds Main Baseball Field - Grandstand		
Hourly	\$100	\$125 per hour
Lights	\$75	\$100 per day
Fairgrounds Main Multipurpose Field - Outdoor Stadium		
Hourly	\$85	\$115 per hour
Lights	\$75	\$100 per day
Fairgrounds Horse Ring	\$70	\$85 per day
Municipal Fairgrounds Rental	\$345	\$430 per day
Other Athletic Fields		
Hourly	\$35	\$45 per hour
Lights	\$45	\$60 per day
Performances	\$1,150	\$1,440 per day
Day Before / After	\$575	\$720 per day
Practice - Schools Within City Limits & JCC	50%	N/A per hr
Field Rental For Tournaments	City Resident	Non City Resident
Main Fields - Non-Profit 501C3	\$60	\$70 per hour
Other Fields - Non-Profit 501C3	\$25	\$30 per hour
Regular For Profit Events	Hourly rate	Hourly rate per day
Additional Chalk Lining	\$30	\$35 per lining
Naming Rights - Athletic Fields (5 year term - fields used mid-April through early-October)		
Regular Athletic Fields (11)		\$1,000 per year
Regular Athletic Fields with lights (4)		\$1,500 per year
Main Multi-Purpose Field (1)		\$3,000 per year
Grandstand (1)		\$5,000 per year
Turface	City Resident	Non City Resident
	\$20	\$25 per bag

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Parking	City Resident	Non City Resident
Parking - Arena Concert / Performance / Show	\$1,725	\$2,150 per event
Parking - Outdoor Events	\$3,450	\$4,315 per event
RV sites	City Resident	Non City Resident
With Utility Hookup	\$30	\$35 per night
Without Utility Hookup	\$15	\$20 per night
Jefferson County Agriculture Society Fair		
Arena Rental - Fair		\$3,000 fair
RV Sites - Fair Week		\$75 per site
Concessions - Jeff Co Ag Society		\$1,000 fair
Marquee Advertising	City Resident	Non City Resident
Non Parks and Recreation Events - Daily	\$10	\$13 per day
Non Parks and Recreation Events - Weekly	\$50	\$63 per week
Miscellaneous Parks and Recreation Fees	City Resident	Non City Resident
Vendor Fee	\$50	\$63 per event
Vendor Fee - Large Event (<i>1,000+ anticipated</i>)	\$300	\$375 per event
Event Fee	\$500	\$625 per day
Alcohol Permit Processing Fee	\$10	\$13 per day
Pavilion Rentals	City Resident	Non City Resident
Mayor Butler Pavilion	\$50	\$75 per day
Fairgrounds Pavilion	\$50	\$75 per day
Veterans Memorial Pavilion	\$50	\$75 per day
Marble Park Pavilion	\$50	\$75 per day
Thompson Park		
Large Pavilion - One of Four Quarters	\$50	\$75 per day
Large Pavilion - Full	\$200	\$250 per day
Picnic Areas	\$10	\$15 per day
Rotary Pavilion	\$50	\$75 per day
Pinnacle Pavilion	\$50	\$75 per day
Band Stand	\$50	\$75 per day
Thompson Park - Garbage Removal for Large Groups		
1-99 people		\$30 per day
100-199 people		\$60 per day
200+ people		\$85 per day
Equipment Rental	City Resident	Non City Resident
Cross Country Skis/Boots	\$7	\$10 per day
Snowshoes	\$5	\$7 per day

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Parks and Recreation Fees (con't)

Team Sports Programs

Men's and Coed Adult Softball	\$375	per team
Sunday Softball	\$345	per team
Volleyball Team	\$230	per team
Kickball Team	\$260	per team
Soccer Tournament	\$260	per team
Basketball Tournament	\$145	per team
Soccer Teams	\$260	per team
Sunday Football League	\$290	per team
Pickleball Tournament	\$40	per team

Baseball and Softball Adult

Athletic Tournaments	\$230	Non City Resident
		\$345 per team

Parks and Recreation Programs

	City Resident	Non City Resident
Tennis Clinic	\$35	\$70 per person
Golf Lessons	\$60	\$115 per person
Youth Baseball & Softball Leagues	\$20	\$40 per person
Youth Swimming Lessons	\$25	\$45 per person
Fishing Clinic	\$35	\$70 per person
Family Yoga	\$10	\$25 per person
Scuba Diving Lessons	\$35	\$70 per person
Kid's Zumba	\$15	\$35 per person
Youth Running Club	\$25	\$45 per person
Horseback Riding Lessons	\$60	\$115 per person
Archery Day Camp	\$15	\$35 per person
Archery Week Camp	\$45	\$90 per person
Boot Camp Exercise Program	\$30	\$60 per person
Youth Camps	\$30	\$60 per person
Parks and Recreation Classes	\$30	\$60 per person
Pickleball Open Play (Arena)	\$4	\$5 per person
Pickleball Clinics	\$10	\$20 per person

Pool Rental Fee

Daily Rate	\$0	\$3 per person
Group Rate (Schools, Camps, Rec Groups, etc)	\$0	\$2 per person
Season Pass - Individual	\$0	\$35 per person
Season Pass - Family (4)	\$0	\$100 per family of 4
Additional Family Member	\$0	\$20 per person

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Thompson Park Golf Course	City Resident	Non-City Resident
Season Passes		
18 & Under	\$200	\$225
22 & Under	\$350	\$400
Adult	\$825	\$900
Senior (62)	\$675	\$750
Senior Couple (62)	\$950	\$1,025
Family (2 Adults)	\$1,050	\$1,150
<i>Additional Student</i>	\$90	\$100
Green Fees		
9-Holes	\$22	\$24
18-Holes	\$30	\$33
Green Fees - Fall Rates (Effective post aeration)		
9-Holes	\$15	\$17
18-Holes	\$22	\$25
Carts (Per Golfer)		
9-Holes	\$10	\$11
18-Holes	\$15	\$17
Tournament Fees		
Per Entry - First 80 Players	\$40	\$40
Per Entry - Over 80 Players/No Cart Provided	\$30	\$30
Driving Range		
Small	\$8	\$8
Large	\$11	\$11
Hole Signage		
Per Season, Per Hole	\$500	\$500
Club Rentals		
Per Outing	\$5	\$10
School Team		
Per Season	\$1,800	
<i>Includes practices & matches</i>		

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Police Fees

Bike License	\$1
Copies	\$0.25 per page
Incident Report	\$0.25 per page
Motor Vehicle Report	\$0.25 per page
Records (Background) Check	\$10

Police Academy

Tuition	\$1,700 per enrollee
Tuition Credits	\$25 per instructor hour provided to Academy Training
Books and Supplies	\$300

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Planning Department Fees

Zoning Reviews

Special Use Permit	\$125
Site Plan Minor Review *	\$150
Site Plan Major Review **	\$250
Site Plan Waiver	\$75
Variance of Use or Area	\$200
Zoning Interpretation	\$200
Zone Change	\$125
Subdivision Review	\$150

* Site Plan Minor is defined as neither a Site Plan Waiver nor a Site Plan Major

** Site Plan Major is defined as a site plan approval application which involves the disturbance of 1 acre or more of ground/soil disturbance and/or construction