

Application for New Water Service

If you are wanting to have water service at a lot that has not had service before, then a meter and a service supply line must be installed, and capital recovery fees paid.

Marsha WSC is within the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Austin, and is a wholesale customer to Austin Water Utility. Marsha WSC is obligated by City ordinance and by contract to collect capital recovery fees on behalf of the City of Austin.

The amount of the Austin capital recovery fee depends on when the lot was platted.

Plat Date	City of Austin Capital Recovery Fee
before 1 October 2007	\$1300.00
Between 1 Oct 2007 and 31 Dec 2013	\$1800.00
1 Jan 2014 to date	\$5400.00

Marsha WSC has it's own capital expense fees, as established by the corporation tariff adopted 1 August 2015.

Tariff section	description	fee
4.301	tap fee	\$1000.00
4.302	meter setting fee	\$150.00
Note that this is for "short side" service where the distribution supply line is located on the same side of the street as the lot to be provided service. "Long side" service with a street crossing has additional requirements.		

Also, for new service with a new building, we must have a copy of the Travis County construction permit, with septic service. The Travis County permit is a **GO/NO-GO** requirement placed on Marsha WSC by the Texas Local Government Code chapter 212.

Please note that the City of Austin and Travis County have adopted a joint development code (referred to as Chapter 30 in the respective jurisdiction ordinances and codes). Section 30-2-174 and 30-2-175 place limitations on lot sizes, and on lots located on streets without curbs and gutters. If Travis County does issue a construction permit, Marsha WSC will consider the requirements of Chapter 30 to have been met.

Requirements for Long-Side Service

Where the Marsha WSC distribution line is located across the street from a lot with an existing meter, a new meter must be installed and connected to that distribution line. To make that connection, the distribution line must be tapped, and a service supply line must cross the street to the new meter.

To make that connection, the street must be cut, a trench dug, the service supply line placed into the trench, and the connection made to the new meter.

This work must be performed by a qualified utility contractor, who will get a "utility permit" from Travis County to make the street cut and do the necessary trenching in the street and lay the service supply pipe.

The Marsha WSC tariff, adopted 1 August 2015, places the responsibility on the property owner/customer to select, and pay, the contractor who will perform the work to Marsha WSC standards and specifications. All work done is subject to inspection by Marsha WSC.