



Resource Renew Capacity Availability Information

Background

In 2005 the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (now Resource Renew) adopted a Capacity Availability Fee (CAF) to address the cost of sewer system capacity constructed to meet the needs of future growth in the service area. The CAF reflects the cost of system capacity available for expanded connections and uses. CAFs are assessed by Resource Renew for all new sewer connections and for construction resulting in expanded use of the sewer system.

The City of Duluth Construction Services' Office acts for Resource Renew as the collector of CAFs. CAFs are to be paid to Construction Services when a building permit is issued or if a plumbing permit is issued for connecting an existing property to the sewer system.

The CAF amount is calculated using a formula determined by Resource Renew based on an anticipated volume of wastewater generated when the building is in use. Each CAF unit is equal to 260 gallons of daily wastewater flow. Each CAF unit is \$940.00. Single family dwellings will pay for one CAF unit, and each additional dwelling unit equals one additional CAF unit. For non-residential buildings the criteria to determine number of CAF units considers estimated maximum daily wastewater flows for specific activities that will typically occur.

Except for one, two and three family dwellings, the number of CAF units for each project will be determined by Resource Renew using information provided directly to Resource Renew by the customer. Resource Renew has published a Capacity Availability Fee Procedures Manual detailing the CAF program and the criteria for determining number of units for commercial properties. Copies of the manual are available from Resource Renew. CAF units are calculated by the customer or his/her architect, contractor or other agent. Calculations and supporting information are submitted to Resource Renew for approval. The Resource Renew approved CAF unit total is presented to Construction Services by the customer with payment of the CAF.

Contact Information

Direct ALL questions related to the Capacity Availability Fee, CAF unit determinations and requests for the CAF Procedures Manual to Resource Renew Planning Department staff:

Resource Renew

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Frequently Asked Questions

All Customers

When do I pay the CAF fee?

- The CAF fee is paid before the building permit is issued.

How do I pay the fee?

- The fee is paid online through ePlace or via cash or check in the Construction Services Office in City Hall.

Residential and Multi-Family Customers

Do I have to pay a CAF fee?

- If you are building a one family dwelling or adding one dwelling unit:
 - one CAF unit, the CAF fee will be \$940
- Two family dwelling or addition of two units:
 - 2 CAF units x \$940 = \$1880
- Three family dwelling or addition of three units:
 - 3 CAF units x \$940 = \$2820
- Four or more dwelling units:
 - contact WLSSD for CAF unit and fee determination

Non-Residential Customers

Do I have to pay a CAF fee?

- If, as determined by Resource Renew, your new building, addition to existing building, alteration or change of use will increase the amount of wastewater flow within the wastewater system, you will pay a CAF fee.

What will my CAF fee be?

- Contact Resource Renew to obtain a Procedure Manual with criteria for CAF unit and fee determination. You will submit your unit and fee calculations directly to Resource Renew for approval. Submit Resource Renew approved calculations and CAF unit total to Construction Services to pay fees.