

**City of Bemidji
Policy Manual**

Policy Statement

TITLE	CODE
SAC and WAC	103

REFERENCE

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon Adoption

POLICY

103.100 – Purpose

Connection fees have been determined as a way to provide a fair and equitable recovery of the costs associated with providing water and wastewater utility services to new customers to avoid placing these costs on existing customers. The connection fee includes those portions of existing assets that will benefit new customers together with any anticipated future capital improvements constructed for the purpose of providing utility services to new customers.

103.200 – Scope

The following implementation schedule of the connection fees have been adopted by the Bemidji City Council:

1. Any existing structure that currently has city water or city sanitary sewer available to it may connect to the city water or sanitary sewer without paying a Sewer Access Charge (SAC) or a Water Access Charge (WAC) provided they make their connection to the city system and have a city water meter installed prior to January 1, 2010.

2. Any existing structure that does not currently have city water or sanitary sewer available to it shall have two years to connect to the city water or sanitary sewer after it becomes available without paying a SAC or WAC charge.
3. Any vacant buildable parcel that has city sewer and/or water available to it shall be required to connect to the available city utilities and shall pay a SAC and WAC at the time a building permit or digging permit is issued.

APPROVED BY: City Council
DATE: October 8, 2007