

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## WASTEWATER and POTABLE WATER FACILITIES

### APPENDIX "A" RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2010 CALENDER YEAR

#### I. CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

All Application and initial Review Fees are due at the time of filing Application for Construction Permit. Inspection fee deposits and Tie-in Bond are due prior to start of any construction activity associated with application.

**A. Application Fees:** To cover administrative costs associated with processing an application for:

- 1. Existing single family lot.

Water ..... \$50.00 per lot  
Sewer ..... \$50.00 per lot

- 2. Minor or Major Subdivision.

Water ..... \$250.00  
Sewer ..... \$250.00

- 3. Site Plans for Multi-Family Commercial Industrial, Public & Public Education.

Water ..... \$250.00  
Sewer ..... \$250.00

**B. Review Fees:** To cover costs associated with review of application and review and preparation of documents associated with application for:

- 1. Subdivision created by Minor or Major Subdivision.

Water ..... \$400.00 plus \$60.00 per lot  
Sewer ..... \$400.00 plus \$60.00 per lot

- 2. Site Plans for Multi-Family Commercial Industrial, Public & Public Education.

Water ..... \$500.00 plus .03/sq. ft. of building  
Sewer ..... \$500.00 plus .03/sq. ft. of building

Where the review costs are exceeded or are anticipated to exceed the review fee deposit, the applicant shall make additional review fee deposits. No further reviews or action shall be taken if sufficient funds for those reviews are not on deposit.

#### C. Inspection Fees:

- 1. To cover costs related to inspection of a house connection for an existing lot to existing Authority mains when cost of work is borne by Applicant and tie in performed by Authority approved contractor.

Water Fee ..... \$50.00 per lot  
Sewer Fee ..... \$50.00 per lot

- 2. To cover costs related to inspection of improvements installed for lots created by Subdivisions and sites for multi-family, commercial, industrial, public and public education facilities, the applicant shall submit to the Authority a deposit in the amount of the greater of \$500.00 or 5% of the cost of improvements as determined pursuant to P.L. 1999, Chapter 11. Where the inspection costs are exceeded or are anticipated to exceed the inspection fees deposit, the applicant shall make additional inspection fee deposits. No inspections shall be performed if sufficient funds for those inspections are not on deposit.

A one-time inspection is included when the meter is sold to and installed by a developer. Any additional inspections necessary to have meter installation approved, there will be a fee of \$20.00 per inspection.

**D. Tie-In Bond:** To cover the cost of remedying and repairing all defects which may occur during a two-year period following the installation of a connection to the Authority's water or sewer main when work is performed by an individual lot owner for an existing lot or one or more lots created by a minor subdivision, the owner shall post with the Authority a Maintenance Guarantee in the form of cash, certified check, maintenance bond or similar collateral acceptable to the Authority. Such Guarantee shall be in the amount of \$500.00 per lot and shall extend from the time of issuance of Certificate of Occupancy for a new structure or time of actual connection for an existing structure.

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**II. CONNECTION PERMIT FEES**

The Owner of each property to be connected to the Authority's Water and/or Sewerage system, including properties owned in a condominium, shall obtain a Connection Permit and be subject to payment of the Connection Permit Fees established herein and further defined in Section 5 - General Requirements of the Rules and Regulations.

In the case of new construction or alterations on Apartment, Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public and Public Education structures requiring a Building Permit, a Connection Permit shall be issued prior receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. Where alteration of an existing Apartment, Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public, Commercial Condominium and Public Education structure causes an increase in Water or Sewer use, the Owner shall be subject to payment of a Connection Permit Fee proportionate to the increased use.

**A. Single Family Homes<sup>1</sup>**

Water Connection Fee ..... \$2,575  
 Sewer Connection Fee ..... \$7,900

**B. Apartments & Multi-Family<sup>1</sup>**

Water Connection Fee ..... \$2,575 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$2,575  
 Sewer Connection Fee ..... \$7,900 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$7,900

**C. Commercial, Industrial, Public & Historical**

Water Connection Fee ..... \$2,575 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$2,575  
 Sewer Connection Fee ..... \$7,900 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$7,900

**D. Commercial Condominium**

Water Connection Fee ..... \$2,575 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$2,575  
 Sewer Connection Fee ..... \$7,900 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$3,650

**E. Public Education**

Water Connection Fee ..... \$2,575 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$2,575  
 Sewer Connection Fee ..... \$7,900 x EDU<sup>2</sup>  
 ..... but not less than \$7,900

Sewer connection fees will be determined by WTMUA based on the EDU volume and chemical characteristics of the effluent.

**F. Time for Payment of Fees:**

(1) All Connection Permit Fees, except for Public Education, shall be paid in full prior to Permit Issuance. However, in the case of mandatory

connections as required by the Authority's Rules and Regulations or Township Ordinance, all Connection Fees shall be due and payable upon the expiration of the time allowed for said mandatory connection.

(2) Upon the execution of a form of payment agreement acceptable to legal counsel for the Authority, Connection Permit Fees for public education facilities may be paid in installments amortized over a period of Twenty (20) years at an interest rate of four (4%) percent per annum, with payments to be made every quarter over the installment period. The first installment shall be paid in full prior to Permit Issuance. Applicant may elect to pay the entire Connection Permit Fees at the time of application or at any time during the term of the payment period.

**G. Time for Connection Permits:** Connection Permits shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Connection permits for water and sewer services may, at the discretion of the Authority, be renewed without limitation. Upon renewal of permits, applicants shall pay any difference between the connection fee paid at the time of issuance or last renewal and the connection fee in effect at the time a renewal.

<sup>1</sup> Rates are per Dwelling.

<sup>2</sup> EDU = EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT. The EDU is the ratio of projected average daily usage of the Applicants facility to average daily use for a Single Family Home having three (3) or more bedrooms, rounded to the highest one-half (1/2) of a unit. The EDU for any facility shall be determined by the WTMUA based on the flow standards adopted by the NJDEP under NJAC 7:14A-23.3 Projected Flow Criteria. EDU's will be based on the use or uses of an existing or proposed structure at the time of application. Where structures contain more than one use, the EDU will be based on the fractional EDU of each individual use and rounded to the highest one-half (1/2) for the entire structure.

**III. USER FEES**

User fees shall be calculated from the earlier of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, actual connection to the Water or Sewer system or the expiration of the time allowed for the connection to the Water or Sewer system as required by Township ordinance. The initial bill shall be issued at the first billing cycle following the earlier of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, actual connection to the Water or Sewer system or the expiration of the time allowed for the connection to the Water or Sewer system as required by Township ordinance and shall be proportioned in accordance with the time user fees are calculated from and the actual billing. User fees are due upon receipt of bill from the Authority.

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## Appendix "A" - Rate Schedule

### A. Water User Fees -

1. Single Family Homes - Rates shown for Quarterly Billing for each residential unit:

a. Metered

| ..... GALLONS ..... |           | ..... RATES ..... |                   |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Base                | Less than | Base              | Plus <sup>1</sup> |
| 0                   | 7,500     | \$51.00           | \$0.00            |
| 7,500               | 17,500    | 51.00             | 2.47              |
| 17,500              | 27,500    | 75.70             | 6.08              |
| 27,500              | 32,500    | 136.50            | 6.75              |
| 32,500              | 42,500    | 170.25            | 8.10              |
| 42,500              | 52,500    | 251.25            | 9.80              |
| 52,500              | 85,000    | 349.25            | 12.88             |
| Over                | 85,000    | 767.85            | 15.78             |

1 - Rate per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over the Base Gallons indicated.

b. Unmetered - \$136.50 per quarter.

2. Apartments, Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public, & Commercial Condominium -

a. Metered

| ..... GALLONS ..... |           | ..... RATES ..... |                   |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Base                | Less than | Base              | Plus <sup>1</sup> |
| 0                   | 7,500     | \$51.00           | \$0.00            |
| 7,500               | 17,500    | 51.00             | 2.47              |
| 17,500              | 27,500    | 75.70             | 4.50              |
| 27,500              | 32,500    | 120.70            | 5.74              |
| 32,500              | 42,500    | 149.40            | 5.76              |
| 42,500              | 52,500    | 207.00            | 6.24              |
| 52,500              | 85,000    | 269.40            | 6.53              |
| Over                | 85,000    | 481.63            | 7.13              |

1 - Rate per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over the Base Gallons indicated.

b. Unmetered - \$120.70 per quarter.

3. *Historical* - \$7.50 per quarter.

4. *Fire Hydrant Rental* -

a. *Annual Charge* - There shall be a charge of \$95.00 per year, payable on January 1st of each year, for each fire hydrant, public or private, connected to the Authority's Water Distribution System, regardless of frequency of use or volume of water consumed.

b. *Temporary Use* - Fire Hydrant permit may be obtained at the WTMUA Office at a cost of \$25.00 for the first week or part thereof and \$20.00 for each subsequent week or part thereof for any use over one week plus \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof used. For any use requiring a 3" meter, the fee shall be \$75.00 per week plus \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof used in addition to a \$300.00 refundable security deposit.

### B. Sewer User Fees -

| Unit Type   | Per Quarter <sup>1</sup>                                  | Per Year |
|---|---|----------|
| Single Family Homes   | \$242.25  | \$969.00 |
| Apartments & Multi Family <sup>2</sup>  | \$242.25  | \$969.00 |
| Commercial, Industrial, Public, Commercial Condominium, Public Education <sup>3</sup> | \$242.25  | \$969.00 |
| Public - Unoccupied   | This category shall be exempt from annual sewer user fee. |          |
| Historical  | \$14.85   | \$59.40  |

1 - All Sewer Users Fees are payable in advance of the quarter in which the service is provided.

2 - For Each Residential Unit.

3 - The quarterly and annual rates show are a base charge which shall be multiplied by the EDU for the facility, plus any surcharge as determined by the WTMUA based on the chemical characteristics of the effluent

**C. Interest Charges (Water & Sewer): Delinquent Accounts** - An interest charge of 1-1/2% per month shall be imposed for User Fees not paid within 30 days of billing date.

#### D. Financial Hardship Rate (Water & Sewer)

Persons 65 years or older or persons less than 65 years of age and permanently and totally disabled according to the provisions of the federal Social Security Act or disabled under any federal law administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the disability is rated at 60% or higher, and meet the income limitations as defined below shall be granted a twenty five percent (25%) reduction of each quarterly billing upon furnishing the Authority with proper proof of age or disability and income. Eligibility requirements related to income limits shall be the same as those most currently adopted by the New Jersey Department of Human Services under the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Program and as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.2. The Applicant shall certify that the total household income, including all Social Security Benefits, Pension Benefits, Salary (before Payroll Deductions), Unemployment Benefits, Interest and Dividends, Rental Income (net) and All Other Income, does not exceed the limits set forth under the PAAD Program and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.2. A signed copy of the Applicants previous year Federal Income Tax return will be accepted as proof of income. A current and valid PAAD Card will be accepted as proof of eligibility in lieu of other proofs. Eligibility shall be confirmed annually. The necessary forms for this purpose may be obtained at the MUA Office.

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**E. Wastewater Management Plan Amendment:**

1. Application Fees: To cover initial review and feasibility determination of WMP amendment, there shall be a non-refundable charge of \$500.00 per parcel.

2. Fees for preparation of WMP amendment: To cover the costs to prepare and submit an amendment of the WMP, a fee of \$1500.00 per parcel shall be charged for each parcel. The fees shall be deposited in an escrow account. If any additional funds are required to complete the preparation and submission of the amendment, the applicant shall submit the additional funds before any additional work is performed. Any funds remaining after the amendment is submitted and the DEP completes their review and makes a final decision on the amendment shall be returned to the applicant. If more than one applicant makes a request for an amendment of the WMP in the same time frame, the cost of the preparation and submission of the amendment shall be borne by the applicants in proportion to the size of the properties involved in the request.

**F. Miscellaneous Charges Related to Sewer and Water Service:**

1. Real Estate Transfer Fee - There shall be a charge of \$25.00 for any requested reading of a subject water meter pursuant to a tax search request or other request for information pursuant to a real estate title settlement or transfer.

2. Meter Testing - Upon request of the Owner, the meter shall be removed, tested and reinstalled. No charge shall be made if the meter is found inaccurate by more than 3% and a replacement meter shall be reinstalled. Where applicable, pro-rated adjustments shall be made for past quarterly bills for a period of not to exceed one year. For meters found to be functioning properly, a charge of \$20.00 shall be made.

3. Meter Repair - Repair of frozen meter or meters damaged by user's negligence: cost (labor & meter) plus 15%.

4. Water Shut-Off:

a. *At Owner's Request* - For shutting off water when 24 hours or more notice is given: \$10.00

b. *Less Than 24 Hour Notice* - For shutting off water at Owner's request when less than 24 hours notice is given in a non-emergency situation: \$40.00

5. Water Turn - On:

a. *At Owner's Request* - For turning on water after shut-off at Owner's request: \$10.00.

b. *Non-Payment* - For turning on water after shut-off for non-payment of bill: \$30.00.

6. Repairs - For any repairs made by the Authority on the property of a customer in lieu of work being performed by the customer, billing for the work shall be made at the direct cost to the Authority, plus cost for Authority personnel directly involved in such repair billed at \$35.00 per hour.

7. Backflow Prevention Permit - A Permit is required for all backflow prevention devices required by the Authority's Cross-Connection Control Program. An application fee of \$50.00 shall be due at the time of filing for the initial permit. There shall be a subsequent annual fee of \$25.00 for each permit. For labor required for any inspection conducted by the Authority, there will be a charge of \$50.00. Any other costs incurred by the Authority as part of this program shall be charged at direct cost plus 15%.

**G. Returned Checks Fee (Water & Sewer)**

There shall be a charge of \$20.00 for checks returned to the MUA due to insufficient funds or the like. Such charge shall be imposed each occurrence of a returned item.