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**RATES AND SERVICE FEES**

**NOTE:** Unless specifically defined in this Tariff, all fees, rates, and charges as stated shall be non- refundable.

1. ***Service Investigation Fee.*** The District shall conduct a service investigation for each service application submitted at the District office. An initial determination shall be made by the District, without charge, as to whether the service request is Standard or Non-Standard. An investigation shall then be conducted and the results reported under the following terms:
	1. All Standard Service requests shall be investigated without charge and all applicable costs for providing service shall be quoted in writing to the Applicant within ten (10) working days of application.
	2. All Non-Standard Service requests shall be subject to a fee, appropriate to each project, of sufficient amount to cover all administrative, legal, and engineering fees associated with investigation of the District's ability to deliver service to the Applicant to;
		1. provide cost estimates of the project,
		2. to present detailed plans and specifications as per final plat,
		3. to advertise and accept bids for the project,
		4. to present a Non-Standard Service Contract to the Applicant, and
		5. to provide other services as required by the District for such investigation. A Non-Standard Service Contract shall be presented to the Applicant within a suitable amount of time as determined by the complexity of the project. (See Section F.)
2. ***Deposit.*** At the time the application for service is approved, a refundable Deposit must be paid before service shall be provided or reserved for the Applicant by the District.

## The Deposit for water service is $ 250.00 for each service unit.

1. ***Easement Fee.*** When the District determines that private right-of-way easements and/or facilities sites are necessary to provide service to the Applicant, the Applicant shall be required to make good faith efforts to secure easements in behalf of the District and/or may be required to pay all costs incurred by the District in validating, clearing, and retaining such right-of-way in addition to tap fees otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of this Tariff. The costs may include all legal fees and expenses necessary to attempt to secure such right-of-way and/or facilities sites in behalf of the Applicant. (see Section E. 2. c. (2), Section F. 7. a.)
2. ***Installation Fee.*** The District shall charge an installation fee for service as follows:
	1. **Standard Service** shall include all current labor, materials, engineering, legal, customer service inspection, and administrative costs necessary to provide individual metered water service and shall be charged on a per tap basis as computed immediately prior to such time as metered service is requested and installed.

## Standard Service Installation Fee per meter installation is: $ 700.00 .

* 1. **Non-Standard Service** shall include any and all construction labor and materials, inspection, administration, legal, and engineering fees, as determined by the District under the rules of Section F of this Tariff.
	2. Standard and Non-Standard Service Installations shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations as per Section E.1.c.(6) of this Tariff.

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1. ***Equity Buy-In Fee.*** In addition to the Deposit and Installation Fee, each Applicant shall be required to achieve parity with existing Customers by contributing capital in an amount projected to defray the cost of up-grading system facilities to meet growth demands created by adding individual customers. This fee shall be assessed prior to providing or reserving service on a per service unit basis for each tap/lot and shall be assigned and restricted to the tap/lot for which the service was originally requested.

## Equity Buy-In Fee per installation (lot/meter) is: $ 2,*5*50.00 .

1. ***Development Improvement Fee.*** In addition to the Deposit, Installation Fee and Equity Buy-In Fee, each Developer Applicant shall be required to contribute capital in an amount projected to defray the cost of up-grading major system facilities to meet the growth demands of developments and multiple connections. This fee shall be assessed prior to providing or reserving service on a per service unit basis for each tap/lot and shall be assigned and restricted to the tap/ lot for which the service was originally requested.

## Development Improvement Fee per installation (lot/meter) is: $ 1000.00 minimum fee depending on the size of the development and the amount of projected improvements.

**TOTAL NEW SERVICE CONNECTION FEE FOR STANDARD INDIVIDUAL SERVICE: $3,500.00 TOTAL NEW SERVICE CONNECTION FEE FOR NON-STANDARD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE:**

**$4,500.00**

(note the non-standard development new service connection fee may be higher depending on required improvements)

1. ***Monthly Charges.***

## Service Availability Charge (Monthly Minimum)

Water Service - The monthly charge for metered water service, which may or may not include allowable gallonage, is based on demand by meter size. Each charge is assessed based on the number of 5/8" X 3/4" meters (as per American Water Works Association maximum continuous flow specifications (see Miscellaneous) equivalent to the size indicated and is used as a base multiplier for the Service Availability Charge and allowable gallonage. Rates and equivalents are as follows:

## METER 5/8" X 3/4" MONTHLY SIZE METER EQUIVALENTS RATE

**---------------------------------------------------------------------------------- 5/8" X 3/4" - 2" 1.0 $29.00**

**1" 2.5 $54.00**

**1 ½ " 5 $108.00**

**2" 8 $216.00**

* 1. **Reserved Service Charges** -- The monthly charge for each active account at a specific location for which a meter has not been installed but for which the District and the Applicant have entered into agreement and/or contract for reserved service. This monthly charge shall be equal to the District’s Service Availability Charge. This charge reserves service to the Applicant's real estate designated to receive service.
	2. **Gallonage Charge** - In addition to the Service Availability Charge, a gallonage charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period.

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## Water - $4.50 per 1,000 gallons for usage between 0-5,000 gallons,

**$5.50 per 1,000 gallons for usage between 5,001-10,000 gallons,**

**$5.85 per 1,000 gallons for usage between 10,001-15,000 gallons,**

**$6.30 per 1,000 gallons for usage between 15,001-20,000 gallons,**

**$7.00 per 1,000 gallons for usage over 20,000 gallons,**

The District shall, as required by Section 5.235, Water Code of the State of Texas, collect from each of its retail customers a regulatory assessment equal to one-half of one percent of the charge for retail water or wastewater service. This charge shall be collected in addition to other charges for utility service. This fee is collected on all charges pertaining to Section G.6. Monthly Charges of this tariff. (30 TAC 291.76 d.(3) (i) )

1. ***Late Payment Fee.*** The District shall charge a fee of $ 10.00 for the late payment of a water bill.
2. ***Returned Check Fee.*** In the event a check, draft, or any other similar instrument is given by a person, firm, District, or partnership to the District for payment of services provided for in this Tariff, and the instrument is returned by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or non- negotiable for any reason, the account for which the instrument was issued shall be assessed a return check charge of $ 25.00 .
3. ***Disconnect Fee.*** The District shall charge a fee of $ 50.00 for disconnecting service for any reason provided for in this Tariff except for activation of service under Section E.3.b. Re-Service and Section E.14 Service Discontinuance.
4. ***Re-Service Fee.*** In accordance with Section E.3.b and Section E.14, the District shall charge a fee of $ 250.00 for re-servicing a connection on a property where service previously existed and at the customer’s request, service has been discontinued.
5. ***Service Trip Fee.*** The District may charge a trip fee of $ 25.00 for any service call or trip to the Customer's tap as a result of a request by the Customer or resident (unless the service call is in response to damage of the District's or another Customer's facilities) or for the purpose of disconnecting or collecting payment for services.
6. ***Equipment Damage Fee.*** If the District's facilities or equipment have been damaged by tampering, by-passing, installing unauthorized taps, reconnecting service without authority, or other service diversion, a fee shall be charged equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, and equipment necessary for repair, replacement, and other District actions. This fee shall be charged and paid before service is re-established. If the District's equipment has not been damaged, a fee equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, equipment, and other actions necessary to correct service diversions, unauthorized taps, or reconnection of service without authority shall be charged. All components of this fee will be itemized, and a statement shall be provided to the Customer. If the District's facilities or equipment have been damaged due to negligence or unauthorized use of the District's equipment, right-of-way, or meter shut-off valve, or due to other acts for which the District incurs losses or damages, the Customer shall be liable for all labor and material charges incurred as a result of said acts or negligence.
7. ***Meter Test Fee.*** The District shall test a Customer's meter upon written request of the Customer. Under the terms of Section E of this Tariff, actual charges of the meter test may be imposed on the affected account.
8. ***Information Disclosure Fee.*** All public information except that which has been individually requested as confidential shall be available to the public for a fee to be determined by the District based on the level of service and costs to provide such information, but not to be inconsistent with the terms of the Texas Open Records Act: Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.

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1. ***Meter Relocation Fee.*** The District shall charge a fee of $700.00 to install any meter that is transferred from one location to another.
2. ***Meter Replacement Fee.*** The District shall charge a fee of $180.00 to replace a meter for a member.
3. ***Meter Reading Verification Fee.*** The District shall charge a fee of $50.00 if meter reader is asked to return to a customer’s meter for a reading recheck the customer will be charged a fee if the reading was found to be correct. If the meter is found to be accurate within 10%, the meter is considered acceptable for service. If the meter is faulty, there will be no $50.00 charge and the customer will pay an average of the last three (3) monthly bills.
4. ***Water Line Reimbursement Fee.*** The District shall charge a water line reimbursement fee which shall in turn be reimbursed to a customer who has previously paid to install a water line or over-size facilities to serve an area. The water line reimbursement fee will be an amount not-to-exceed 25% of the original cost of the installation and shall be for a period of five (5) years following the date of the original installation. To be eligible for the water line reimbursement, the customer installing the water line must present an invoice for the installation costs to the District and is eligible for reimbursement for no more than 75% of the original installation costs.
5. ***Other Fees.*** All services outside the normal scope of utility operations which the District may be compelled to provide at the request of a customer or Customer shall be charged to the recipient based on the cost of providing such service.