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CITY OF PRINCETON, a municipal corporation
OF
PRINCETON, WEST VIRGINIA
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING
SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE
at Princeton and vicinity, Mercer County, West Virginia
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Sewerage Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

SCHEDULE 1 – Step 3

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire area served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for domestic, commercial, industrial (except unusual industrial waste) and resale sewer service.

(I) **RATES**

First	2,500 gallons used per month	\$11.60 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	2,500 gallons used per month	\$ 5.51 per 1,000 gallons

(I) **MINIMUM CHARGE** (Customers with a metered water supply)

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$29.00 per month
(Equivalent to 2,500 gallons of water usage)

(I) **FLAT-RATE CHARGE** (Customers with a non-metered water supply)

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$40.02 per month
(Equivalent to 4,500 gallons of water usage)

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

\$350.00

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of \$100.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer’s premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant’s premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

(I) Indicates increase

SCHEDULE 1 – Step 3 (Continued)

TAP FEE (Continued)

A tap fee of the greater, \$350.00 or the actual cost, solely determined by the Utility, will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to actual bank charges will be imposed upon any customer whose check is returned by the bank for any reason.

WATER DISCONNECT – RECONNECT – ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for any reason, a disconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged; or in the event the delinquent sewer bill is collected in the field, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be charged. Whenever water service which has been previously disconnected for any reason is reconnected, a reconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged. In the event the water supplier changes its charge to the city, this tariff disconnect-reconnect fee will be changed to match.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

In accordance with West Virginia law.

MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY

In apartment buildings, shopping centers, mobile homes, mobile home courts, or other multiple occupancy situations, each unit shall be required to pay no less than the minimum monthly charges as provided above.

EFT, CREDIT CARD AND DROP-BOX PAYMENTS

A service charge will be imposed on EFT, Credit Card or Drop Box payments. Payment shall consist of actual charges from the financial institution for processing payment.

BILL REPRINT FEE

A charge of \$1.00 will be assessed to customers who do not present the bar coded section of bill provided by the Sanitary Board with payment.

SCHEDULE II – Step 3**SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN CASES WHERE SURFACE DRAINAGE IS CONNECTED TO THE UTILITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM**

Where the Utility has discovered that a customer's roof drain, down spouts, storm sewer, or other similar facilities conducting surface water have been connected to the Utility's sewer system, and such customer has failed to take appropriate action, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a demand by the Utility in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission, to eliminate such connection, a surcharge will be imposed upon the customer calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$S = A \times R \times .0006233 \times C$$

- S - The surcharge in dollars
- A - The area under roof and/or the area of any other water collection surface connected to the sanitary sewer, in square feet
- R - The measured monthly rainfall, in inches
- .0006233 - A conversion factor to change inches of rain x square feet of surface to thousands of gallons of water
- C - The Utility's approved rate per thousand gallons of metered water usage.

The Utility shall not impose the surcharge unless and until the customer has been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery, that it has been established by smoke testing, dye testing, or on-site inspection that rain or other surface water is being introduced into the sanitary sewer system at the customer's location, and that the customer has not acted within thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice to divert the water from the sanitary sewer system.

Said surcharge shall be calculated and imposed for each month that said condition continues to exist. Failure to pay the surcharge and/or correct the situation shall give rise to the possible termination of water service in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

SCHEDULE III – Step 3**SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN THE CASE OF USERS PRODUCING UNUSUAL WASTE**

The charge for the treatment of unusual waste will be calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$C_i = V_o V_i + B_o B_i + S_o S_i$$

- C_i = charge to unusual users per year
 V_o = average unit cost of transport and treatment chargeable to volume, in dollars per gallon
 V_i = volume of waste water from unusual users, in gallons per year
 B_o = average unit cost of treatment, chargeable to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in dollars per year
 B_i = weight of BOD from unusual users, in pounds per year
 S_o = average unit costs of treatment (including sludge treatment chargeable to total solids, in dollars per pound)
 S_i = weight of total solids from unusual users, in pounds per year

When an unusual user is to be served, a preliminary study of its wastes, and the cost of transport and treatment thereof, will be made. Waste containing material which, in the judgment of the Utility, should not be introduced into the sewer system need not be handled by it. The results of this preliminary study will be used to determine the feasibility of the proposed sewer service and the charge thereof, based upon the formula set out above.

Thereafter, unusual sewage will be monitored on a regular basis and at the conclusion of each fiscal year, based on the investigation aforesaid and audit of the Utility records, new cost figures will be calculated for use in the above formula. The cost of establishing the monitoring facilities shall be paid by the unusual user. Based on these audited figures, additional billings covering the past fiscal year will be made for payment by each unusual user, or refund given by the Utility, as the case may be. Such audited figures will then be used for the preliminary billing for the next fiscal year, at the end of which an adjustment will be made as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE IV – Step 3

APPLICABLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF THE UTILITY

Where the amount of sanitary sewage discharged into the Utility's wastewater collection and/or transmission and/or treatment system by certain industrial plant or plants cannot be accurately determined by the use of the plant's water meter or meters, and said plant cannot install a flow meter to measure such waste, a special formula will be used whereby such plant or plants will pay to the Utility a sewer charge calculated at fifty (50) gallons of water per each employee at the plant each working day.

SCHEDULE V – Step 3

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for wastewater and leachate haulers.

RATES

Commodity Charge – Each customer shall pay a commodity charge of **\$50.00** per 1,000 gallons per load. Load will be the actual capacity of the truck or other transport method delivering wastewater and leachate. Actual capacity shall be determined, or verified solely, by the Utility.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to actual bank charges will be imposed upon any customer whose check is returned by the bank for any reason.

SCHEDULE VI – Step 3

- (I) **RESALE SEWER SERVICE**
\$5.51 per 1,000 gallons for all resale customers.

(I) Indicates increase