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CITY OF KINGWOOD, a municipal corporation

OF

Kingwood, West Virginia

RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING

WATER

at Kingwood and vicinity, Preston County, West Virginia

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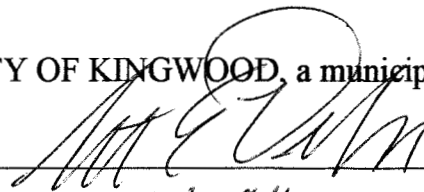
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Water 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

APPLICABILITY

Available to present customers of the City of Kingwood, excluding the area previously served by the Preston County Public Service District No. 2.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial and resale water service.

(I) RATES

Customers with metered water supply:

First	5,000 gallons	\$11.97 per 1,000 gallons
Next	35,000 gallons	\$ 8.15 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	40,000 gallons	\$ 7.69 per 1,000 gallons

(I) MINIMUM BILL

No bill will be rendered for less than \$23.93 which is the equivalent to 2,000 gallons or the following minimum amounts according to the size of meter installed:

5/8 inch meter	\$ 23.93 per month
3/4 inch meter	\$ 35.90 per month
1 inch meter	\$ 59.84 per month
1 - 1/2 inch meter	\$ 119.67 per month
2 inch meter	\$ 191.47 per month
3 inch meter	\$ 382.95 per month
4 inch meter	\$ 598.36 per month
6 inch meter	\$1,196.72 per month
8 inch meter	\$1,914.74 per month

(I) RESALE RATE

All water for resale shall be billed at \$5.76 per 1,000 gallons used per month.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule of rates is net. On all accounts 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.

(I) Indicates increase

SCHEDULE 1 (Continued)

(I) WATER CONNECTION CHARGE (TAP FEE)

A charge of \$350.00 will be made for every new subscriber requiring a new connection for meters of one inch or less.

Where new connections involve meters larger than one inch, the new connection will be \$400.00 or actual cost, whichever is greater.

(I) RECONNECTION SERVICE CHARGE

(a) Whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules and regulations, nonpayment of bills, or fraudulent use of water, a reconnection charge in the amount of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid as tariff for reconnecting service.

(b) If service is discontinued at the request of a customer, the Kingwood Water Works may refuse service to such customer, at the same premises, within eight (8) months, unless said Water Works shall first receive payment in the amount of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) as a tariff for reconnecting services.

RETURNED CHECKS FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the utility, not to exceed \$25.00, will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

(I) LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$1.50 per thousand (1,000) gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applicable to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, or \$50.00, whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

(I) Indicates increase

SCHEDULE 1 (Continued)PRIVATELY OWNED FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS
(INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL OWNED SYSTEMS)

Fire hydrant and fire sprinkler systems installed on privately owned property as part of a privately owned fire protection system, within or outside the corporate limits of the City of Kingwood, will be installed by the property owner at the owner's expense, in accordance with engineering plans approved by the Kingwood Water Works. Kingwood Water Works will provide, at Kingwood Water Works' expense, any necessary extension of its distribution lines, to the private property line, to serve the private fire protection system. The charge for this extension work, to be assessed against the property owner, will be an annual charge equal to 24% of the cost of the extension work payable until the entire cost of the extension work has been repaid to Kingwood Water Works.

Privately owned fire hydrants and sprinkler systems in existence of the effective date of this tariff will be assessed an annual service charge of \$251.38 per individual hydrant or fire sprinkler system.

(N) METER TESTING

Upon request of any customer of the system, the Kingwood Water Works will test or replace the customer's water meter as soon as reasonably possible, and if the meter is found to be defective, the customer's account will be adjusted accordingly. If the meter is found to be accurate within the prescribed guidelines of the West Virginia Public Service Commission, then the customer's account will receive no adjustment and will be billed a charge of \$25.00 for meter replacement.

(N) PAYMENT COLLECTION FEE

In the event that an employee of the Kingwood Water Works collects a payment from the customer's residence to avoid termination of water service, the customer shall be charged a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), in addition to the amount of any unpaid bill.

(N) FEE FOR INSTALLATION OF REMOVED METER

If a water meter is removed to prevent a customer from illegally obtaining water after the customer's service has been disconnected for nonpayment, the customer shall pay a minimum meter re-installation fee of \$125.00, plus additional charges to replace and/or repair damaged equipment belonging to the utility, before the meter is re-installed and water services reinstated. This fee is in addition to any reconnection fees set forth herein.

(N) Indicates new

SCHEDULE 1 (Continued)

(N) BILL REPRINT FEE

A charge of \$1.00 will be assessed to customers who do not present the bar coded section of the bill provided by the Kingwood Water Works with payment. This does not apply to payments processed by the Kingwood Water Works as a part of an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) initiated by the Kingwood Water Works or the customer's bank.

(N) Indicates new

SCHEDULE 2

APPLICABILITY

Available to the entire area previously served by the Preston County Public Service District No. 2.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial and resale water service.

(I) RATES (Customers with metered water supply)

First	3,000 gallons	\$13.26 per 1,000 gallons
Next	3,000 gallons	\$12.81 per 1,000 gallons
Next	4,000 gallons	\$12.35 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	\$11.75 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	20,000 gallons	\$11.15 per 1,000 gallons

(I) MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than the following based on the size of meter installed:

5/8 inch meter	\$ 26.52 per month
3/4 inch meter	\$ 39.78 per month
1 inch meter	\$ 66.30 per month
1 - 1/2 inch meter	\$ 132.60 per month
2 inch meter	\$ 212.60 per month

(N) OTHER CHARGES PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE

Charges for other services provided to the former customers of Preston County Public Service District No. 2, i.e. delayed payment penalty, tap fee, reconnection charge, returned check charge, leak adjustment, security deposit, and all other charges applicable to the residents of the City of Kingwood as set forth within this Ordinance shall also be applicable to the former customers of Preston County Public Service District No. 2 who are to be charged the rates as set forth in Schedule 2.

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- (I) Indicates increase
- (N) Indicates new
- (O) Indicates omission