

CITY OF WELCH, a municipal corporation

OF

Welch, WEST VIRGINIA

**RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING
SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE**

at Welch and vicinity, McDowell 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 I-A

(C) APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served on bills rendered between May 15, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

(C) AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for domestic, commercial, industrial sewer service.

(C,I) RATES:

First	3,000 gallons used	\$7.70 per 1,000 gallons per month
Next	7,000 gallons used	\$7.25 per 1,000 gallons per month
Next	90,000 gallons used	\$6.25 per 1,000 gallons per month
All over	100,000 gallons used	\$5.90 per 1,000 gallons per month

(C,I) MINIMUM BILL

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$19.25 per month based on 2,500 gallons of water usage per month.

(C,D) UNMETERED RATE

A flat fee of \$30.13, based on 4,000 gallons of water usage pr month will be charged for all un-metered sewer customers.

SCHEDULE I-B

(C) APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served on bills rendered between May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

(C) AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

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

(C) RATES:

(I)	First	3,000 gallons used	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons per month
(I)	Next	7,000 gallons used	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons per month
	Next	190,000 gallons used	\$6.25 per 1,000 gallons per month
(I)	All over	200,000 gallons used	\$6.25 per 1,000 gallons per month

(C,I) MINIMUM BILL

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$24.00 per month based on 3,000 gallons of water usage per month.

(I) UNMETERED RATE

A flat fee of \$32.00, based on 4,000 gallons of water usage pr month will be charged for all un-metered sewer customers.

(C) Indicates change in text

(I) Indicates increase

SCHEDULE I-C

(C) APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served on bills rendered commencing May 1, 2010.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

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

(C) RATES:

(I)	First	10,000 gallons used	\$9.00 per 1,000 gallons per month
(D)	Next	40,000 gallons used	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons per month
(I)	Next	200,000 gallons used	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons per month
(I)	All over	250,000 gallons used	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons per month

(I) MINIMUM BILL

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$27.00 per month based on 3,000 gallons of water usage per month.

(I) UNMETERED RATE

A flat fee of \$34.00, based on 4,000 gallons of water usage pr month will be charged for all un-metered sewer customers.

(C) Indicates change in text

(I) Indicates increase

SEWER RATES COMMON TO SCHEDULES I-A, I-B AND I-C

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE

For existing customers currently charged for the use of sanitary sewer system there will be no connection charge. For all other customers there will be a charge for connection to the system of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or actual cost of installation, including labor and materials.

(C) DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid within twenty (20) days, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. The delayed payment is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

(C,I) RE-CONNECTION/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

If any bill is not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of billing, water service to the customer will be disconnected and will not be restored until all past due bills have been paid in full, together with all penalty and reconnection charges.

(N) MINIMUM BILL FOR SEWER SERVICE FOR NON-CUSTOMERS

As authorized by West Virginia Code §8-18-22 any business or residence abutting any street, alley, public right-of-way or easement on which the City of Welch Sanitary System has a located sewer line shall be given a written notice by the City of Welch to the owner or occupant thereof requiring them to connect to the municipal sewer system. The City of Welch will thereafter bill the owner or occupant a bill for sewer services based upon the business or residences actual water usage. If that usage cannot be accurately ascertained the owner or occupant will be assessed a sewer bill based on the current minimum sewer billing force for the City of Welch.

(N) MINIUM BILL FOR SEWER SERVICE FOR NON-CUSTOMERS

No minimum bill will be rendered for the Federal Bureau of Prisons Indian Ridge Facility of less than \$19,063.00 per month which is the equivalent of 3,000,000 gallons.

- (C) Indicates change in text
- (I) Indicates increase
- (D) Indicates decrease
- (N) Indicates new

SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN CASES WHERE SURFACE DRAINAGE IS CONNECTED TO THE UTILITY'S SEWER SYSTEM

APPLICABILITY

Wherever the utility has discovered that a customer's roof drain, downspout, 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

(N) APPLICABLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF
CITY OF WELCH

Where the amount of sanitary sewage discharged into the City's wastewater collection and/or Transmission and/or treatment system by certain industrial plant or plant cannot be accurately determined by the use of the plants 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 City a sewer charge calculated at fifty (50) gallons of water per each employee at the plant each working day.

This explanation is not part of the rate schedule.
This schedule is included on an if-and-when basis.

SCHEDULE IV

(N) APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served.

(N) APPLICABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for wastewater and leachate haulers.

(N) RATES

Commodity Charge – Each hauler shall pay a commodity charge of \$20.00 per 1,000 gallons per load. Load will be two (2) times the actual capacity of the truck or other transport method delivering wastewater and leachate as determined or verified by Welch.

(N) DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid within twenty (20) days, 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.

(N) Indicates new

SCHEDULE V(N) SURCHARGE FOR HIGH STRENGTH SEWER USER

Users discharging any water or wastes with a thirty-day average BOD in excess of three hundred (300) milligrams per liter or a thirty day average suspended solids content in excess of three hundred (300) milligrams per liter or containing suspended solids with a character or quantity of pollutant requiring unusual attention or expense to handle or treat, shall pay, in addition to the base monthly sewer user charges, and additional surcharge (Cs) as determined by the following formula:

$$Cs=Bc(B)+Sc(S)+Pc(P)Vu$$

where

B	=	Concentration of BOD from a user above base level (300 mg/l)
Bc	=	O & M cost for treatment of a unit of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)
S	=	Concentration of suspended solids from a user above a base level (300 mg/l)
Sc	=	O & M cost for treatment of a unit of suspended solids
P	=	Concentration of any pollutant from a user above a base level
Pc	=	O & M cost for treatment of a unit of any pollutant
Vu	=	Volume contribution from a user per unit of time

(N) Indicates new