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CITY OF PIEDMONT, a municipal corporation
OF
PIEDMONT, WEST VIRGINIA
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING
SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE
at Piedmont and vicinity, Mineral County, West Virginia
Filed with **THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
of
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.
- II. The rates and charges shall be based in so far as possible upon the quantity of water supplied each month to the respective premises as the same is measured by the City of Piedmont's municipal water system water meter or meters therein used. There shall be charged monthly to the owners of each lot, parcel or real estate or building for the services of said sewage disposal system the following rates based upon said water meter readings.
- III. In the event a building or premises discharging sewage, water or other liquid wastes into the municipal sanitary sewer system uses water supplied on other than a metered basis from the City of Piedmont's municipal water system or from any other source of water supply, the owner or occupant shall be required to cause a water meter or other measuring device to be installed but pending such installation the sewer service rates and charges to such building or premises shall be based upon an estimated quantity of water used.
- IV. In the event a lot, parcel of land, building or premises uses water in excess of 50,000 gallons per month and it can be shown to the satisfaction of the City Council that a substantial portion of the water as measured by the water meter does not and cannot enter the sewerage facilities of the City, then the City may determine, in such manner as may be found practical, the amount of sewage entering the sewer system and the sewer service rate or charge shall be based thereon; or, the City may require or permit the installation of additional meters or measuring devices in such manner as to determine the quantity of sewage actually entering the sewerage facilities, in which case the sewer service rate or charge shall be based thereon.

SCHEDULE NO. 1

(C) APPLICABILITY OF SERVICE

Applicable in the entire territory served.

(C) AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial service and sale-for-resale sewer service.

(C) RATES

(I)	First	2,000 gallons used per month	\$14.87 per 1,000 gallons
(I)	All over	2,000 gallons used per month	\$6.31 per 1,000 gallons

(C, I) MINIMUM CHARGE (Metered Service)

No bill will be rendered for less than \$29.74 per month, which is the equivalent to 2,000 gallons of water used.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full within twenty (20) days of date of bill, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net amount shown. This delayed payment is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

If any bill is not paid within sixty (60) days after bill date, sewer service to the customer will be discontinued after making a diligent effort to induce the customer to pay the same, and no disconnections will be effected until after at least ten (10) days written notice to the customer, all in accordance the West Virginia Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Sewer service will not be restored until all past due bills have been paid in full and all accrued penalties plus a reconnection charge have been paid.

(C) RECONNECTION CHARGE

Service will not be restored until all amounts in arrears, including penalties and a reconnection charge of \$35.00 (\$50.00 if outside of regular working hours), are paid in full.

(C) Indicates change in text

(I) Indicates increase

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(N) LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$2.97 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

(N) RETURNED CHECK FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

If a check received is returned by the bank for any reason, the bank's charge to the utility shall be the utility's charge to the customer for such a bad check, but such charge to the customer shall not exceed \$25.00.

(C) MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY

In apartment buildings and other multiple occupancy buildings, each family or business unit shall be required to have a separate meter to insure that each family or business unit is paying the proper amount for the services used. Until separate meters are installed, each family or business unit shall be required to pay not less than the minimum charge (calculated from 5/8" meter size) per unit or the entire building will be billed according to the size meter installed, whichever is greater. Hotels/motels shall pay according to the actual usage or according to the size meter installed, whichever is greater.

(N) Indicates new

(C) Indicates change in text

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SCHEDULE II

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

As of the date of passage, the applicable provision of West Virginia Code 16-13-16:

“The governing body may collect from all new applicants for service a deposit of \$50 or two twelfths of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater, to secure the payment of service rates, fees and charges in the event they become delinquent as provided in this section. In any case where a deposit is forfeited to pay service rates, fees and charges which were delinquent at the time of disconnection or termination of service, service may not be reconnected or reinstated by the governing body until another deposit equal to \$50 or a sum equal to two twelfths of the average usage for the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater, is remitted to the governing body. After twelve months of prompt payment history, the governing body shall return the deposit to the customer or credit the customer's account with interest at a rate as the Public Service Commission may prescribe: Provided, That where the customer is a tenant, the governing body is not required to return the deposit until the time the tenant discontinues service with the governing body. Whenever any rates, fees, rentals or charges for services or facilities furnished remain unpaid for a period of twenty days after they become due, the user of the services and facilities provided is delinquent. The user is liable until all rates, fees and charges are fully paid. The governing body may, under reasonable rules promulgated by the Public Service Commission, shut off and discontinue water services to a delinquent user of sewer facilities ten days after the sewer services become delinquent regardless of whether the governing body utilizes the security deposit to satisfy any delinquent payments: Provided, however, That nothing contained within the rules of the Public Service Commission shall be deemed to require any agents or employees of the governing body to accept payment at the customer's premises in lieu of discontinuing service for a delinquent bill.”

As of the date of passage, the applicable provision of Public Service Commission *Sewer Rules*, Rule 4.2.a.1:

“For a municipal sewer system only, the deposit shall not be more than either fifty dollars (\$50) or two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater....”

(N) Indicates new

SCHEDULE II
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CUSTOMER DEPOSITS (Continued)

This tariff in accordance with the above-cited statutory language and Public Service Commission rules produces a security deposit of \$91.04 (based on average residential usage of 4,500 gpm x 2 months) for residential customers. All other classes of customers will have their required deposit calculated in accordance with the above language in regards to average usage.