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**TOWN OF WEST UNION**, a municipal corporation  
OF  
WEST UNION, WEST VIRGINIA  
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING  
**SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE**

at West Union and its environs, Doddridge County, West Virginia,  
including Smithburg, Fairview Addition, Doddridge County Schools,  
and The North Central Regional Jail in Greenwood

Filed with **THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
of  
**WEST VIRGINIA**

Issued December 20, 2016

Effective for service rendered on and after November 25,  
2016, except as otherwise provided herein

Adopted by Town Council  
on October 11, 2016.

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Issued by Town of West Union, a municipal corporation

By *Robert R. Podem*

*Counsel*

Title

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.

**STEP 1**

**SCHEDULE No. 1**

**APPLICABILITY**

- (a) The schedule under this Ordinance contains sewer rates by the Town for furnishing sewer service to customers in the Town and county.
- (b) Applicable within the entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE**

Available for general domestic, commercial and industrial service.

(I) **RATE**

Customer Service Charge	\$9.36 per month
Consumption Charge	\$7.96 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used per month

(I) **MINIMUM CHARGE**

No bill will be rendered for less than \$25.28 per month which is the equivalent of 2,000 gallons of water and the customer charge.

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

Equivalent of 4,500 gallons of water usage or \$45.18 per month.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the utility or a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY**

The above tariff 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. If any bill is not paid within forty (40) days after the due date, water service to the customer will be discontinued. Water service will not be restored until all past due bills have been paid in full or accrued penalties, plus the reconnection charge has been paid.

(I) Indicates increase

**STEP 1** (Continued)

**SCHEDULE No. 1** (Continued)

**RECONNECTION CHARGE**

\$25.00

Reconnection is to be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violations of rules, non-payment of bills, or fraudulent use of water.

**TAP FEE**

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

A tap fee of \$300.00 will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the service.

Connections, service taps, will be scheduled at the convenience of the utility, and require a 48 hour notice.

(D) **LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

\$1.13 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 usage.

(C) **SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Because the Town of West Union utility is combined water and sewer utility, all new customers will be required to make a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit for service at an existing tap. After the customer has paid bills by the due date for twelve (12) consecutive months, the deposit and interest will be returned to the customer. If the customer is a tenant, the deposit will not be refunded until their termination of the lease with the landlord. The rate of interest will be determined in accordance with 4.2.a.5. of the *Rules For The Government of Sewer Utilities*.

(D) Indicates decrease

(C) Indicates change in text

**STEP 1** (Continued)

SCHEDULE No. 2

SURFACE OR GROUND WATER SURCHARGES

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.

**STEP 1** (Continued)**SCHEDULE NO. 3****SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED TO A CUSTOMER PRODUCING UNUSUAL WASTE**

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

$$C_i = V_o V_i + B_o B_i + S_o S_i + C_h o C_h i$$

- $C_i$  = 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 wastewater from industrial users in gallons per year  
 $B_o$  = average unit cost of treatment, chargeable to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in dollars per pound  
 $B_i$  = weight of BOD from industrial users in pounds per year  
 $S_o$  = average unit cost of treatment (including sludge treatment) chargeable to total solids in dollars per pound  
 $S_i$  = weight of total solids from industrial users, in pounds per year  
 $C_h o$  = average unit of cost of treatment, chargeable to chemical treatment, in dollar per gallon  
 $C_h i$  = volume of wastewater from industrial users receiving chemical treatment, in gallons 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 materials which, in the judgement 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 covered 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.

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Council

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Customer Service Charge	\$11.75 per month
Consumption Charge	\$ 9.99 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used per month

(I) **MINIMUM CHARGE**

No bill will be rendered for less than \$31.73 per month which is the equivalent of 2,000 gallons of water and the customer charge.

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

Equivalent of 4,500 gallons of water usage or \$56.71 per month.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

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**STEP 2** (Continued)**SCHEDULE No. 2****SURFACE OR GROUND WATER SURCHARGES****APPLICABILITY**

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$B_o$  = average unit cost of treatment, chargeable to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in dollars per pound

$B_i$  = weight of BOD from industrial users in pounds per year

$S_o$  = average unit cost of treatment (including sludge treatment) chargeable to total solids in dollars per pound

$S_i$  = weight of total solids from industrial users, in pounds per year

$C_h o$  = average unit of cost of treatment, chargeable to chemical treatment, in dollar per gallon

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