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CITY OF CHESTER, a municipal corporation
OF
CHESTER, WEST VIRGINIA
RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FURNISHING
SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE
at Chester, Hancock County, West Virginia
Filed with **THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
of
WEST VIRGINIA

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By 

Mayor
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.

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire territory served

AVAILABILITY

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

(I) RATES

First	3,000 gallons used per month	\$8.38 per 1,000 gallons
Next	7,000 gallons used per month	\$7.94 per 1,000 gallons
Next	40,000 gallons used per month	\$7.69 per 1,000 gallons
Next	75,000 gallons used per month	\$7.25 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	125,000 gallons used per month	\$6.89 per 1,000 gallons

(I) MINIMUM CHARGE

No minimum sewer bill will rendered for less than \$25.14 per month which is the equivalent 3,000 gallons of water.

(N) SEWER SURCHARGE

A surcharge of \$1.67 per month to fund a cash working capital reserve required by statute shall be added to each bill for service provided during the twenty-four (24) consecutive monthly billing periods from and after the effective date of the rates authorized by this ordinance.

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 to their bank due to insufficient funds.

RECONNECTION \$50.00

To be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violations of rules or non-payment of sewer bills.

- (I) Indicates increase
- (N) Indicates new item

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.

(I) TAP FEE

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

A tap fee of \$750.00 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.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.89 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.

Only one such leak adjustment shall be applied in a twelve month period.

(C,D) SECURITY DEPOSIT

A security deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's customer class whichever is greater for all new accounts.

(O)

- (I) Indicates increase
- (C) Indicates change in text
- (D) Indicates decrease
- (O) Indicates omission

SURFACE OR GROUND WATER SURCHARGE

An additional amount shall be charged where surface or ground water is introduced into the sanitary system where evidence of a violation exists

Applicability

Whenever the utility has discovered that a customer's roof drain, downspouts, storm sewer or 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 of the Public Service Commission, to eliminate such connections, a surcharge will be imposed upon the customer calculated on the basis of the following formula

$$S = A \times R \times 0.0006233 \times C$$

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.
0.0006233	=	A conversion factor or to change inches of rain x square feet of surface water 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 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 of 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 of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

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 waste water from unusual users in gallons per year
B_o	=	average unit cost of treatment, chargeable to Biochemical, Oxygen Demand (BOD), in
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
$C_h o$	=	average unit 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 costs of transport and treatment thereof, will be made. Waste containing materials which, in the judgment of the utility should not be introduced into the sewer system need not be handled by it. The results of the 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, at the end of which and an adjustment will be made as aforesaid.