



CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE No. 2017-06

An ORDINANCE in two steps to (1) achieve a universal water rate and (2) increase water rates for customers of the Harpers Ferry Water Works to cover infrastructure improvement project debt service.

[Introduced to Town Council by Water Commission, 9 October 2017.]

Be it enacted by the Town Council of the Corporation of Harpers Ferry:

That Section 905.04 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 905

Water

STEP 1 RATES

(Effective upon adoption)

905.04 Schedule of rates.

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RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable in the entire area served by the Harpers Ferry Water System.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:

Available for general domestic, commercial, and industrial service.

RATE:

Universal Rate \$14.26 per 1,000 gallons

MINIMUM CHARGE:

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts according to the size of meter installed.

<u>Meter</u>	<u>Per month</u>
5/8"	\$28.52
3/4"	\$43.94
1"	\$71.65
1 1/4"	\$104.63
1 1/2"	\$143.33
2"	\$229.33
3"	\$429.99
4"	\$716.63
6"	\$1,433.26

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DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:

The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, 10% will be added to 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.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

\$50.00 will be deposited at the time of initial connection. After a customer has paid bills for service for 12 consecutive months without a delinquency, the deposit will be refunded. Calculation of the above 12 month period will commence from the first regular payment or following the payment of a delinquent bill or bills. Deposits shall be returned to a customer who is a tenant only when the tenant discontinues service with the utility. The utility shall have a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days, to read and remove meters and to ascertain that the obligations of the customer have been fully performed before being required to return any deposit.

FORM OF PAYMENT; RETURNED CHECK FEE:

Payment may be made with cash, check, money order or credit card. A service charge equal to the actual bank fees assessed to the water utility, not to exceed \$25.00, will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned due to insufficient funds. If more than 2 checks within a 3-year period are returned, payment must be made by cash or money order.

RECONNECTION CHARGE:

\$20.00 will be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, nonpayment 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 \$750.00 will be charged to customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Public Service Commission for each new tap to the system.

A tap fee of \$375.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

INCREMENTAL LEAK ADJUSTMENT:

\$0.60 per 1,000 gallons of water is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate will be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable in entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:

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RATE:

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Per annum</u>
(1) Annual minimum charges	2" service line	\$150.00
	4" service line	\$375.00
	6" service line	\$683.03
	8" service line	\$1,137.50
(2) Unit charges	Standard fire hydrant	\$227.14
	Hose connection	
	2 1/2" or less	\$75.00
	Sprinkler head	\$0.32

(3) Rules relative to private fire protection:
The annual minimum charge entitles the customer to any combination of unit charges up to the amount of annual minimum charge. Additional units will be charged at the rates stated. Where private fire service is metered, the charge will be based on metered and minimum charges stated under Schedule No. 1. Installation cost of private fire service facilities will be borne by the customer.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, 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.

RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3

APPLICABILITY:

Applicable in entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:

Available for public fire protection.

RATE:

\$12.00 per month per hydrant.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:

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CAPITAL CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FEE

In addition to all the fees provided above, there shall be paid to the Corporation of Harpers Ferry at the time of issuance by the Corporation of a final water availability letter for the property to be served a capital capacity improvement fee of \$2,925.00 for each residential connection. Connections for non-residential use are to be paid in accordance with a residential usage equivalent schedule set forth below. The funds collected from the capital capacity improvement fee will be maintained in a separate fund by the Water System and is to be used only for the purpose of improving the Corporation's water system treatment, storage and transmission

1 facilities. The usage equivalent for other than single family residential
 2 units for the capital capacity improvement fee is based upon the following:

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 4 **RESIDENTIAL USAGE EQUIVALENTS**
 5 **FOR CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL COST FEE**

6 UNIT	7 WATER 8 <u>GALLONS/DAY</u>	9 RESIDENTIAL USAGE 10 <u>EQUIVALENT</u>
11 Apartments	150/unit	1.0/unit
12 Bowling Alleys	200/alley	1.33/alley
13 Churches with Kitchens	8/member	0.05/member
14 Churches without Kitchens	2/member	0.013/member
15 Food Service	32/seat	0.213/seat
16 Fast Food Restaurant	35/seat	0.23/seat
17 Bar & Cocktail Lounge (additive)	2/patron	0.013/patron
18 Tavern-Little or no food	20/seat	0.132/per seat
19 Hotel	120/room	0.8/room

20 If a unit does not appear on this schedule, the water department will
 21 determine its residential usage equivalent in consultation with its
 22 consulting engineer.

23 **STEP 2 RATES**
 24 **(Effective 60 days prior to commencement of project debt service)**

25 **905.04 Schedule of rates.**

26 **RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1**

27 **APPLICABILITY:**
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29 **AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:**
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31 **RATE:**
 Universal Rate \$18.25 per 1,000 gallons

32 **MINIMUM CHARGE:**
 33 No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts according to the
 34 size of meter installed.

36 Meter	37 Per month
38 5/8"	\$36.50
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45 4"	\$837.03
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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall not come into effect sooner than 45 days after its passage, pending approval by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present ordinance, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

Passed FIRST READING the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Passed SECOND and FINAL READING the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Wayne Bishop, Mayor

Kevin Carden, Recorder