

## VOLUME 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **Part B - Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges**

#### **1. Definitions**

- 1.1 Applicant - shall mean any person or entity requesting water and/or sewer service from the Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority (hereinafter the "Authority").
- 1.2 Availability - the right of a subscriber to connect to the water and/or sewer system of the Authority upon payment of all applicable rates, fees and charges.
- 1.3 Availability Fees are charges that applicants pay to:
  - A. share in the costs of the existing active water and wastewater systems; and
  - B. share in the costs of retiring that portion of the existing water and wastewater systems that is inactivated as a result of new demands for service; and
  - C. pay the full costs of future capital improvements to the systems required to serve new customers.
- 1.4 Availability Fee Surcharges are charges that applicants pay where the Authority constructs facilities for public utility service and Availability Fees, are insufficient to pay for such extensions. The surcharge is assessed in addition to the charge of an Availability Fee to users of such extensions and is calculated to off-set the additional expense of system construction.
- 1.5 Base Service Fees are charges that are assessed to all customers to whose property the Authority has assigned Availability and can presently provide service. Customers pay these to:
  - A. share in the fixed operating costs of the systems, effective upon receipt of their Availability Fees; and
  - B. pay the costs of billing and collecting bills from customers.
- 1.6 Usage Fees are charges that customers who are connected to and are using the system pay to share in the variable operating costs of the water and sewer systems on a per thousand-gallon basis. Sewer customers will be charged based on their metered water usage.
- 1.7 Water Demand Charges are a flat fee that is added on to the monthly bill of any customer/account whose monthly water usage exceeds twice the adopted average monthly water consumption for the usage category associated with the size of the meter on the

customer's water service. **The fee is charged in accordance with the Chart in Section 2.5 herein.**

- 1.8 Penalties on Delinquent Accounts are charges that pay for the expenses of processing overdue accounts and are assessed on unpaid accounts that are remaining unpaid after the bill's or invoice's due date, typically the twentieth (20th) of the month following the mailing the bill or invoice.
- 1.9 Interest is charged to recoup interest income lost by the Authority and are assessed on accounts that are:
  - A. over sixty (60) days past due; and
  - B. shall be charged an interest penalty on a percentage (%) per year on the overdue unpaid principle.
- 1.10 Termination/Reconnection Charges are assessed on accounts that have had their service interrupted for default of payment. Since the Authority is billed by the **Town of Remington** for its Termination/Reconnection expenses or incurs additional direct overhead expenses when services are Terminated/Reconnected, these charges must be paid in full before service is restored.
- 1.11 Returned Check Fees are assessed for each check returned to the Authority for any reason, to cover the extra costs to the Authority and the charges imposed by the banks.
- 1.12 New Account Fees are charges for the overhead of establishing new billing accounts and are assessed for:
  - A. each new water or sewer account initiation of service; or
  - B. change of owner or tenant; or
  - C. any other such reason that requires a billing change.
- 1.13 Water Service Deposits are monies which guarantee payment for services previously received in the event a renter/lessee moves and are collected prior to the initiation of service to either residential rental or commercial accounts but are not required of owner/applicants.
- 1.14 Sewer Service Deposits are monies which guarantee payment for services previously received in the event a renter/lessee moves and are collected prior to the initiation of service to either residential rental or commercial accounts but are not required of owner/applicants.
- 1.15 Construction Meter Deposits are monies which guarantee the return and/or repairs of the Authority's construction meters and are assessed to any applicant requiring a construction

meter (generally temporary or bulk purchases) and shall not be returned until a final inspection has been conducted to insure all work requirements are met.

- 1.16 Meter Installation Fees are assessed to any applicant for meters installed up to five (5) working days from receipt of payment.
- 1.17 Rush Meter Installation Fees are assessed to any applicant requiring meters to be installed in less than five (5) working days from receipt of payment.
- 1.18 Return Installation Fees are assessed when a meter installation has been called for but, upon inspection, the site is determined not to be ready for a meter installation. These fees must be paid in advance of any subsequent meter installation.
- 1.19 Meter Replacement Fees are assessed when a meter has been replaced at the request of the Subscriber.
- 1.20 Meter Test Fees are assessed for any subsequent tests of a Subscriber's meter after its initial test has been performed.
- 1.21 Subscriber - shall mean any person or entity connected to the water and/or sewer system of the Authority.
- 1.22 Unauthorized Water/Sewer Use Fees are assessed to any person or other legal entity who shall use water from or discharge sewerage into any Authority system in any manner without prior authorization of the Authority or without payment of the required charges for its services.

In addition, separate fees shall be charged for each day, or portion thereof, that the unauthorized service has occurred. Examples of unauthorized uses to be charged under these fees shall include but not be limited to:

- A. the diversion of water for any unauthorized use.
- B. the use of water in such a manner as to circumvent a water meter designed to measure the amount of water used.
- C. the wastage or loss of water as a result of any tampering with an Authority water system or from any unauthorized repairs to the system.
- D. the discharge of wastes prohibited without permit as described in Part A, Section 6.1 of the Authority's Rules and Regulations.
- E. the discharge of wastes at any unauthorized point of the Authority sewer systems (such as manholes or cleanouts) so as to circumvent quantitative or qualitative measurements.
- F. the discharge of wastes into the Authority sewer systems in a manner that circumvents pre-treatment requirements.

- G. the discharge of wastes at any unauthorized point of the FCWSA sewer system (such as manholes or cleanouts) so as circumvent quantitative or qualitative measurements.
- 1.23 Septage Hauler's Fees are assessed on a per gallon basis to anyone bringing sewerage collected outside of the Authority's infrastructure to the Authority's facilities for treatment.
- 1.24 Copies of the Authority's Rules and Regulations and Utility Standards Manual are sold for the cost of their reproduction to any applicant.
- 1.25 Preliminary Development Plan/Plat Review Fees are assessed to any applicant requiring the Authority's review and/or approval of any plans submitted to it and are charged to recover the associated costs of said services.
- 1.26 Construction Plan Review Fees are assessed to any applicant requiring the Authority's review and/or approval of any construction plans submitted to it and are charged to recover the associated costs of said services.
- 1.27 Final Subdivision Plat Review Fees are assessed to any applicant requiring the Authority's review and/or approval of any final subdivision plat submitted to it, as part of the approval process for the County of Fauquier and are charged to recover the associated costs of said services.
- 1.28 Plan/Plat Re-Review Fees are assessed whenever the Authority's initial round of review comments are not adequately incorporated into a subsequent submittal of revised plans/plats, or changes have been made to plans/plats after approval and are charged to recover the extraordinary costs of said re-review.
- 1.29 Inspection Fees are assessed to any applicant requiring the Authority's inspection of any construction and includes the first inspection and one re-inspection.
- 1.30 Re-Inspection Fees are assessed whenever an inspection has been called for but, upon inspection of the site, is determined not to be ready, for any inspection subsequent to the first inspection and first re-inspection. These fees must be paid in advance of any subsequent re-inspections.

## 2. Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges

### 2.1 Availability Fees

#### METER SIZING AND FEES

Required Meter Size (i)	Availability Fees	
	Water	Sewer
	\$	\$
5/8" x 3/4"	11,120	14,000
Full 3/4" (3/4")	16,680	21,000
One Inch (1")	27,800	35,000
One & One Half (1 1/2")	55,600	70,000
Two Inch (2")	88,960	112,000
Three Inch (3")	194,600	245,000
Four Inch (4")	333,600	420,000

- (i) Availability Fees for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Availability Fees for the capacity made available to their particular account.

### 2.2 Route 29 Sewer System Sewer Availability Fee Surcharges (in addition to Availability Fees)

Required Meter Size (ii)	Surcharge
	Sewer
	\$
5/8" x 3/4"	4,000
Full 3/4" (3/4")	6,000
One Inch (1")	10,000
One & One Half (1 1/2")	20,000
Two Inch (2")	32,000
Three Inch (3")	70,000
Four Inch (4")	120,000

- (ii) Availability Fee Surcharges for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Availability Fee Surcharges for the capacity made available to their particular account.

2.3 Marshall Water System Water Availability Fee Surcharges (in addition to Availability Fees)

<b>Required Meter Size (iii)</b>	<b>Surcharge</b>
	<b>Water</b>
	<b>\$</b>
5/8" x 3/4"	3,250
Full 3/4" (3/4")	4,875
One Inch (1")	8,125
One & One Half (1 1/2")	16,250
Two Inch (2")	26,000
Three Inch (3")	56,875
Four Inch (4")	97,500

(iii) Availability Fee Surcharges for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Availability Fee Surcharges for the capacity made available to their particular account.

2.4 Base Service Fees

**METER SIZING AND FEES**

<b>Required Meter Size (iv)</b>	<b>Monthly Base Service Fees</b>				
<b>Water – Base Service</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>
5/8" x 3/4"	25.59	27.39	28.21	29.05	29.92
Full 3/4" (3/4")	38.39	41.08	42.31	43.58	44.89
One Inch (1")	63.98	68.46	70.52	72.63	74.81
One & One Half (1 1/2")	127.97	136.93	141.03	145.26	149.62
Two Inch (2")	204.75	219.08	225.65	232.42	239.40
Three Inch (3")	447.89	479.24	493.62	508.42	523.68
Four Inch (4")	767.81	821.55	846.20	871.59	897.73

(iv) Base Service Fees for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Base Service Fees for the costs of the services provided to their particular account.

Required Meter Size (v)			Monthly Base Service Fees		
Sewer – Base Service	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
5/8" x 3/4"	25.86	27.67	28.50	29.35	30.23
Full 3/4" (3/4")	38.78	41.50	42.74	44.03	45.35
One Inch (1")	64.64	69.17	71.24	73.38	75.58
One & One Half (1 ½")	129.28	138.33	142.48	146.76	151.16
Two Inch (2")	206.85	221.33	227.97	234.81	241.85
Three Inch (3")	452.49	484.16	498.68	513.65	529.05
Four Inch (4")	775.69	829.99	854.89	880.54	906.95

(v) Usage Fees for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Usage Fees for the costs of the service provided to their particular account.

#### 2.5 Marshall Water System Water Base Service Fee Surcharge

The Base Service Fee Surcharges and this Section 2.5 are hereby repealed.

#### 2.6 Usage Fees

##### Water Usage Fees (vi)

Month Water Usage Fees Gallons (per 1,000)	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
0 - 2000	4.06	4.35	4.48	4.61	4.75
2001 - 10,000	5.69	6.08	6.27	6.45	6.65
10,001 – 50,000	7.31	7.82	8.06	8.30	8.55
Over 50,000	8.94	9.56	9.85	10.14	10.45

**Note: Unmetered residential customers will be charged 7,000 gallons per month.**

(vi) Usage Fees for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Usage Fees for the costs of the services provided to their particular account.

**Sewer Usage Fees** (vii)

Per 1,000 Gallons					
Usage	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
	8.48	9.07	9.34	9.62	9.91

**Note: Unmetered residential customers will be charged 7,000 gallons per month.**

(vii) Usage Fees for meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes the applicable Usage Fees for the costs of the services provided to their particular account.

2.7 Marshall Water System Usage Fee Surcharges

The Usage Fee Surcharges and this Section 2.7 are hereby repealed.

2.8 Water Demand Charges

The Water Demand Charges and this Section 2.8 are hereby repealed.

2.9 Penalty on Delinquent Accounts

A penalty of ten percent (10%) is charged on the principal amount of all delinquent accounts when such amounts become past due.

2.10 Interest on Delinquent Accounts

Interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum is charged monthly on the unpaid principal balance due over sixty (60) days.

2.11 Termination/Reconnection Charges \$75.00

2.12 Returned Check Fee \$25.00

2.13 New Account Fees \$25.00

2.14 Water Service Deposit \$150.00

2.15 Sewer Service Deposits \$150.00

2.16 Construction Meter Deposits The then current cost of the meter, as may be adjusted from time to time



2.17	<u>Meter Installation Fees</u>	\$90.00 <u>plus</u> the then current cost of the meter, as may be adjusted from time to time	
2.18	<u>Rush Meter Installation Fees</u>	\$270.00 <u>plus</u> the then current cost of the meter, as may be adjusted from time to time	
2.19	<u>Return Installation Fees</u>		\$90.00
2.20	<u>Meter Replacement Fees</u>	\$90.00 <u>plus</u> the then current cost of the meter, as may be adjusted from time to time	
2.21	<u>Meter Test Fees</u> (after first test)		\$100.00
2.22	<u>Unauthorized Water/Sewer Use Fees</u> (initial charge) (additional daily charges)		\$500.00 \$500.00
2.23	<u>Septage Hauler's Fees</u>	\$20 plus \$0.08 per gallon	
2.24	<u>Copies of Authority Rules and Regulations</u>		\$5.00
	<u>Copies of Authority Utility Standards Manual</u>		\$15.00
2.25	<u>Preliminary Development Plan/Plat Review Fees</u> (to be paid at time of preliminary plan submission)		
	A. Review Fee (per submission)		\$200.00
	<u>PLUS</u> \$0.10 per linear foot of water line; and \$0.20 per linear foot of sewer line.		
2.26	<u>Construction Plan Review Fees</u> (to be paid at time of Final Construction Plan Submission)		
	A. Review (per submission)		
	<i>Minor</i> – by-lot review (fee per lot <u>up to five residential lots</u> )		\$75.00
	<i>Major</i> – All submissions will be based on total length of pipe until the plan has been approved. Once the plan has been approved, if revision to an approved plan is submitted the fees are based on the revised lengths of pipe.		
	\$0.35 per linear foot of water line	\$250.00 minimum charge	
	\$0.45 per linear foot of sewer line	\$250.00 minimum charge	

Note: All commercial and industrial projects will be assessed Major level fees, regardless

of the number of lots in the project.

B. Community Water and/or Wastewater Systems Engineering Review

(1) Engineering Review Fees for Treatment, Pumping, and/or Storage Components \$1,500.00

(2) The *Major* Review Fees, as detailed above, will be assessed for the review of the collection and conveyance and distribution system portions of Community Water and/or Wastewater Systems

C. Mechanical Facilities

In addition to the Review Fees, as detailed above, Plan Review Fees of \$100.00 per sheet will be assessed for the review of all mechanical, structural, or electrical drawings.

2.27 Final Subdivision Plat Review Fee

A. Review Fee (per submission) \$100.00

PLUS \$50 per plat sheet and \$0.20 per linear foot of any addition, deletion, revision, or any other modification of the Authority's Utility Easement

2.28 As-Builts Fee

To ensure consistency and quality within and among surveys and record drawings, the Authority has engaged one or more firms to conduct this work, under the direction of the Authority's staff. A fee for this service is collect from the applicant and must be paid prior to the work receiving the status of beneficial use. The as-built fee is calculated based on the following linear footage of water and/or sewer main installed. There is a minimum charge per project of \$1,000.00.

A. Water Lines - \$1.20 per linear foot (as may be adjusted from time to time)

B. Sewer Lines - \$1.80 per linear foot (as may be adjusted from time to time)

This program is not employed for treatment, pumping or storage facilities at community systems. For these facilities, the developer's engineer will conduct the as-built survey and prepare record drawings subject to the review and approval by the Authority.

2.29 Inspection/Re-Inspection Fee

A. Minor Water \$20.00 per service connection  
(fee per lot up to five residential lots)

B. Minor Sewer \$20.00 per service connection  
(fee per lot up to five residential lots)

- C. Water Lines - \$2.00 per linear foot OR \$200.00 minimum charge per project, whichever is greater; PLUS \$20.00 per service connection
- D. Sewer Lines - \$3.00 per linear foot OR \$300.00 minimum charge per project, whichever is greater; PLUS \$20.00 per service connection
- E. Community Water and/or Wastewater Systems
  - (1) Treatment, Pumping, and Storage Component Inspection Fees will be charged at the rate of 2.5% of the approved bond amount for the facilities being inspected
  - (2) The *Major* Inspection/Re-Inspection Fees, as detailed above, will be assessed for the inspection of the collection and conveyance and distribution system portions of Community and/or Wastewater Systems

2.30 Hydrant Meter Fees

- A. Meter Deposit: \$2,000
- B. Monthly Rates: Hydrant Meters are billed the same rates as domestic water meters
- C. Miscellaneous Charges:
  - 1. Inspection Fee - \$20.00
  - 2. Failure to report monthly reading - \$500.00
  - 3. Unauthorized use charge - \$250.00
  - 4. Late payment fee is the same as the Authority's domestic customer accounts

### 3. Fee History

- 3.1 Minutes 01/23/90 Continued Availability Fee/Non-User Fee - (reserved availability): \$12.50/mo. - Water and \$15.00/mo. - Sewer (per EMU). Effective 02/01/91.
- 3.2 Minutes 06/26/90 Water Availability Fee: from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Effective 07/01/90.
- 3.3 Minutes 10/23/90 Sewer Availability Fee: from \$3,300 to \$6,500. Effective 11/01/90.
- 3.4 Minutes 02/22/94 Section 2.8 rewritten, new Section 3.0 added. Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, Water Availability Fee: from \$5,000 to \$4,400 and Sewer Availability Fee: from \$6,500 to \$6,000. Effective 07/01/94.
- 3.5 Minutes 06/27/95 Section 2.8 renumbered as Volume 2, Part A, Section 4. Section 3.0 renumbered as Volume 2, Part B. Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges. Effective 07/01/95.
- 3.6 Minutes 12/23/97 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, establishing gallon Usage Limits and Supplemental Availability Fees. Effective 01/01/98.
- 3.7 Minutes 06/27/00 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, reducing the Water Base Service Fees by \$2.00 per month. Effective 07/01/00.
- 3.8 Minutes 08/22/00 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, establishing Sewer Availability Fee Surcharges for the Route 29 Sewer System. Effective 08/22/00.
- 3.9 Minutes 06/25/02 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, reducing the Water and Sewer Base Service Fees by \$1.44 per month and establishing a Plan Re-Review Fee of \$100 per plan sheet. Effective 07/01/02.
- 3.10 Minutes 07/28/04 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, increasing Review Fees, Re-Review Fees, Inspection Fees and Re-Inspection Fees and adding Community Wastewater Systems to the review and inspection schedules. Effective 08/01/04.
- 3.11 Minutes 03/22/06 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, increasing Water Availability Fees from \$4,400 to \$5,800, Sewer Availability Fees from \$6,000 to \$11,000, and Usage Limits. Effective 03/22/06.
- 3.12 Minutes 01/24/07 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, establishing Base Service Fee and Usage Fee Surcharges for the customers of the Marshall Water System. Effective 04/01/07.

- 3.13 Minutes 02/28/07 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, deleting Usage Limits, establishing Water Demand Charges, increasing the average monthly water usage from 6,000 to 7,000 and correspondingly increasing the related Water Base Service Fee. Effective 03/01/07.
- 3.14 Minutes 10/23/07 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges, increasing the Route 29 Sewer Availability Fee Surcharge by \$500 per EMU. Effective 10/23/07.
- 3.15 Minutes 06/24/08 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Base Service Fees and Usage Fees by 6%, adjusting the Marshall Water System Surcharges and various administrative fees as costs have dictated. Effective 07/01/08.
- 3.16 Minutes 06/23/09 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Water Base Service Fees and Usage Fees by 4% with corresponding adjustments to the Water Demand Charges and increasing Sewer Base Service Fees and Usage Fees by 11% to offset Chesapeake Bay Regulatory Requirements. Effective 07/01/09.
- 3.17 Minutes 06/22/10 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Water/Sewer Base Service Fees and Usage Fees by 10% with corresponding adjustments to the Water Demand Charges. 5% of the increase is to offset Chesapeake Bay Regulatory Requirements. In addition, a New Final Subdivision Plat Review Fee is being established to offset legislative requirements. Effective 07/01/10. Finally, Water Availability Fees are increased from \$5,800 to \$6,500 and Sewer Availability Fees from \$11,000 to \$13,500 also to offset Chesapeake Bay Regulatory Requirements. Effective 07/11/10.
- 3.18 Minutes 06/28/11 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Water/Sewer Base Service Fees and Usage Fees by 3% with corresponding adjustments to the Water Demand Charges. In addition, Sewer Availability Fees were raised from \$13,500 to \$14,000 to offset the expense associated with having to refinance the WWTP improvements to comply with the Chesapeake Bay Regulatory Requirements. Effective 07/01/11.
- 3.19 Minutes 01/28/14 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Water Availability Fees from \$6,500 to \$8,900, Water and Sewer Service Deposits, Construction Meter Deposits, Meter Installation Fees, Meter Replacement Fees, and Meter Test Fees, effective 02/01/14.
- 3.20 Minutes 05/27/14 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Water/Sewer Base Service Fees, Usage Fees and Water Demand Charges, effective 07/01/14.

- 3.21 Minutes 06/30/15 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges increasing Water/Sewer Base Service Fees, Usage Fees and Water Demand Charges, effective 07/01/15.
- 3.22 Minutes 08/25/15 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Other Charges suspending the Water Demand Charge and the Marshall Water System Base Service Fee Surcharge and Usage Fee Surcharge, effective 09/01/15.
- 3.23 Minutes 07/07/16 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges increasing Water/Sewer Base Service Fees, Usage Fees and Water Demand Charges, effective 07/01/16.
- 3.24 Minutes 10/25/16 Revised Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges increasing the Water Availability Fees and revising all Plan/Plat Review Fees and removing As-Built Fees.
- 3.25 Minutes 10/31/17 Revised Scheduled of Rates, Fees and Other Charges for Hydrant Meters, effective 10/31/17