

**THE WATER BUREAU**  
**The Metropolitan District**  
555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

**Present:** Commissioners May Ann Charron, Timothy Curtis, Kathleen Kowalyshyn, James Needham, Mark A. Pappa, Helene Shay, Raymond Sweezy and District Chairman William A. DiBella (8)

**Absent:** Commissioners Daniel A. Camilliere, Joseph Klett, Albert Reichin, Pasquale J. Salemi and Special Representative Michael Carrier (5)

**Also**

**Present:** Commissioner Michael Toppi  
Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer  
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel  
Scott W. Jellison, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Engineering & Operations  
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services  
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Gerald J. Lukowski, Director of Operations  
Rob Constable, Manager of Budgeting and Analysis  
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
Cynthia A. Nadolny, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Curtis called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of September 8, 2014 were approved. District Chairman DiBella abstained.***

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES**

Chairman Curtis, called the public hearing to order at 5:09 P.M.

At the direction of the Chairman, Mr. Mirtle read the hearing notice published in the Hartford Courant on November 7, 2014 and November 14, 2014 and also made available to all Town Clerk's within The Metropolitan District's member municipalities:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES**

**The Metropolitan District  
555 Main Street  
Hartford, Connecticut**

Pursuant to Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the Charter of The Metropolitan District, the Water Bureau of The Metropolitan District will hold a public hearing on proposed revisions to The District's Water Supply Ordinances as they apply to the water rates for the fiscal year 2015. The hearing will be held in the Board Room at Metropolitan District Headquarters, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on Wednesday, **November 19, 2014 at 5:00p.m.**

Proposed changes to the rates stipulated under the following sections of the Water Supply Ordinances will be considered:

<b>Section W1b</b>	<b>Customer Service Charge</b>
<b>Section W1c</b>	<b>Surcharge Outside The Metropolitan District</b>

The proposed ordinances are available for inspection at the Office of the District Clerk of The Metropolitan District, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

All interested parties from The Metropolitan District's member municipalities may appear to be heard.

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

Chairman Curtis opened the floor to any members of the public whom wished to speak relative to the proposed Metropolitan District Water Supply Ordinances. No one appeared to be heard.

The public hearing was concluded at 5:13 P.M.

## REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES

To: Water Bureau for consideration November 19, 2014

The 2015 budget in support of Water Operations calls for the water use rate to remain unchanged from the \$2.53 per hundred cubic feet (CCF). Certain peripheral charges associated with the delivery and sale of water have been changed. The changes will become effective January 1, 2015.

A discussion of the several rates that comprise the proposed schedule for 2015 and the recommendations pertaining to each follows:

### Water Used Charge – Treated Water

Staff recommends that the rate charged for the use of treated water based on actual metered consumption remain unchanged from \$2.53 per CCF.

The recommended rate for treated water, based on actual metered consumption, is:

<b><u>WATER USAGE</u></b>	<b><u>CURRENT RATE</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED RATE</u></b>
All Customers	<del>\$2.53/100 Cu. ft.</del>	\$2.53/100 Cu ft.

### Customer Service Charge

Revenues from this customer service charge are to intended to support a portion of the fixed operating, maintenance and debt costs associated with water operations. The customer service charges in the residential category (5/8", 3/4", and 1" meters) will remain unchanged from the \$40.44 per quarter. The customer service charges for the 1 1/2", 3" and 4" will be decreased by \$23.37, \$174.93 and \$72.96 per quarter respectively. The customer service charges for the 2", 6", 8", 10" and 12" will be increased by \$14.07, \$984.81, \$1,254.99, \$1,303.59, \$2,699.43 per quarter respectively.

### Surcharge Outside The Metropolitan District

A fixed "surcharge" rate is added to all accounts for service outside the boundaries of the District. The surcharge is based on the size of the meter that serves each delivery point. Revenues from this charge are for the reimbursement of assets deployed. The surcharge rates have been set at the same rates as the Customer Service Charges. In the residential category a 5/8" meter will be reduced from \$49.74 per quarter to \$40.44 per quarter in 2015.

### Water Used Charge – Untreated Water

The District provides untreated water to other agencies and water companies for a fixed rate based on actual consumption. The current rate for this untreated or “raw” water is \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet of consumption. It is recommended that the charge for untreated water remain at the rate of \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet.

### Private Fire Protection Charge

Rates for private fire protection are charged to all fire service accounts based on the size of the service connection. Staff recommends no changes to the private fire protection rates.

### Conclusion

Staff believes that the foregoing rate change recommendations are justified, reflect the sound financial administration that has earned the District support among credit rating agencies and financial advisors, and are consistent with the policy direction of the Commission.

After reviewing the information contained herein

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

**Voted:** That the Water Bureau, acting under Section 5-4 of the District Charter, establishes revised water rates effective with the meter readings rendered on and after January 1, 2015, as set forth in the following “REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES.”

**Further Voted:** That following the public hearing held on November 19, 2014, as required by Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, and Section 2-14 of the Charter of The Metropolitan District, the Water Bureau recommends to the District Board, through the Committee on MDC Government, approval of the following “REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES” by the enactment of said proposed ordinances. (Additions are indicated by underscoring and deletions are crossed out).

## REVISIONS TO WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES

### W-1 WATER RATES

#### SEC. W1a WATER USED CHARGE (TREATED WATER)

The WATER USED CHARGE is the quantity of water used as read at the meter, as follows:

<u>BILLS RENDERED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY	\$2.53 per 100 Cubic Feet

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#### SEC. W1b CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE

The CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE is a service charge applicable to all metered services and services to be metered. The charge shall be determined from the size of each meter installed or to be installed on the premises, as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>	<u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	13.48	40.44
3/4"	13.48	40.44
1"	13.48	40.44
1 1/2"	28.29	84.87
2"	28.29	84.87
3"	183.52	550.56
4"	183.52	550.56
6"	183.52	550.56
8"	183.52	550.56
12"	183.52	550.56

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5/8"	\$13.48	\$40.44
3/4"	\$13.48	\$40.44
1"	\$13.48	\$40.44
1 1/2"	\$20.50	\$61.50
2"	\$32.98	\$98.94
3"	\$125.21	\$375.63
4"	\$159.20	\$477.60
6"	\$511.79	\$1,535.37

8"	\$601.85	\$1,805.55
10"	\$619.05	\$1,857.15
12"	\$1,083.33	\$3,249.99

### SEC. W1c SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District, in addition to charges under SEC. W1a and W1b, there shall be a surcharge determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, as follows:

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>	<u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	\$16.58	\$49.74
3/4"	\$18.58	\$55.74
1"	\$23.20	\$69.60
1 1/2"	\$29.89	\$89.67
2"	\$48.14	\$144.42
3"	\$182.49	\$547.47
4"	\$232.39	\$697.17
6"	\$344.57	\$1,033.71
8"	\$479.04	\$1,437.12
12"	\$724.75	\$2,174.26

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### SEC. W1d CHARGES FOR UNTREATED WATER

Charges for untreated water sold to water companies and agencies under agreement between The Metropolitan District and such companies or agencies, or by other arrangement, shall remain at the rate of \$1.00 cents per hundred cubic feet.

**SEC. W6f CHARGES FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

Charges for connections to water mains supplying water for fire protection, metered, or unmetered, shall be in accord with the following table:

<u>SIZE OF CONNECTION</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
2"	<u>\$14.38</u>
3"	<u>\$18.72</u>
4"	<u>\$28.10</u>
6"	<u>\$47.12</u>
8"	<u>\$70.85</u>
10"	<u>\$118.65</u>
12"	<u>\$166.87</u>

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Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan  
Chief Executive Officer

***On motion made by Commissioner Sweezy and duly seconded, the resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

**REVISIONS TO WATER ASSESSMENT RATES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES AND SPECIAL WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

To: Water Bureau for consideration on November 19, 2014

In support of the annual water operating budget, staff is submitting these rates in conjunction with the revisions to the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 water rates and other peripheral charges associated with the delivery and sale of water as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Staff has reviewed these rates in light of the costs associated with them on a 'typical' model basis and makes the following recommendations:

Water Assessment Rates and Other Related Charges:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Main Pipe Assessment	\$41.00/ft	\$41.00/ft
DPA Application Deposit		\$2,500.00
Service Pipe Taps Domestic (includes spacer and meter costs):		
1" Service Tap with 5/8" Meter	\$550.00	\$550.00
1" Service Tap with 3/4" Meter	\$575.00	\$575.00
1-1/2" Service Tap with 1" Meter	\$695.00	\$695.00
2" Service Tap with 1-1/2" Meter	\$940.00	\$940.00
4" Service Tap with 2" Meter	\$990.00	\$990.00
4" Service Tap with 3" Meter	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00
6" Service Tap with 4" Meter	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00
8" Service Tap with 6" Meter	\$1,945.00	\$1,945.00
10" Service Tap with 8" Meter	\$2,910.00	\$2,910.00
Fire Service		
2" Fire Service Tap	\$565.00	\$565.00
4", 6", 8" Fire Service Tap	\$460.00	\$460.00
Hydrants		
Installed after the main	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00
Hydrant Maintenance	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hydrant Relocation	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	deposit +/- actual	deposit +/- actual
	cost + overhead	cost + overhead
Fire Flow Testing	\$340.00	\$340.00



Special Meter Charges and Deposits:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Hydrant Meters		
Administrative and meter reading fee, including connection and inspection fees + actual water use to be billed	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Subsequent re-inspection and testing fee, if backflow prevention device required	\$50.00	\$50.00
Frozen, Lost or Damaged Meters		
5/8" meter	\$200.00	\$200.00
3/4" meter	\$240.00	\$240.00
1" meter	\$275.00	\$275.00
1-1/2" meter	\$920.00	\$920.00
2" meter	\$1,155.00	\$1,155.00
3" meter	\$1,355.00	\$1,355.00
4" meter	\$1,615.00	\$1,615.00
6" meter	\$2,560.00	\$2,560.00
8" meter	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Radio transmitter unit	\$155.00	\$155.00
Spacer Charges		
5/8", 3/4"	\$145.00	\$145.00
1"	\$150.00	\$150.00
1-1/2"	\$200.00	\$200.00
2" & larger	\$220.00	\$220.00

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Damaged Hydrant Charge Repair or Replacement	actual cost + overhead	actual cost + overhead
Delinquent Account Review and Lien Fees	\$85.00	\$85.00
Delinquent Account Review and Lien Fees – Condo Assoc.	N/A	\$26.00
Checks Returned for Insufficient Funds	\$50.00	\$50.00
Shut-Off for Non-Payment	\$100.00	\$100.00
Manual Meter Read Fee (Qtrly)	N/A	\$25.00
Scheduled Overtime/Emergency Inspections	\$325.00	\$325.00
Off and On Within 12 Months	\$95.00	\$95.00
Install Permanent Meter (No Service Tap)	81.00	N/A
5/8" – 1" Meter	\$95.00	\$95.00
2" Meter & larger	\$240.00	\$240.00
Backflow Prevention Device Testing	\$90.00	\$90.00
Check reading & leaks (no problem found)	\$90.00	\$90.00
Water Wagon - Non-Sunday	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00
Water Wagon – Sunday	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Water Tanker – Administrative Fee + actual water use to be billed	\$75.00	\$75.00
Administrative Review for Water and/or Sewer Services	\$465.00	\$465.00

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

**Voted:** That the Water Bureau hereby adopts the following schedule of fees effective January 1, 2014:

Water Assessment Rates and Other Related Charges:

Main Pipe Assessment	\$41.00/ft
DPA Application Deposit	\$2,500.00
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Fire Flow Testing

Special Meter Charges and Deposits:

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Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$1,500.00
Subsequent re-inspection and testing fee, if backflow prevention device required	\$50.00

## Frozen, Lost or Damaged Meters

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6" meter	\$2,560.00
8" meter	\$4,000.00
Radio transmitter unit	\$155.00

## Spacer Charges

5/8", 3/4"	\$145.00
1"	\$150.00

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2" & larger	\$220.00
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Repair or Replacement	actual cost + overhead
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Check reading & leaks (no problem found)	\$90.00
Water Wagon - Non-Sunday	\$1,030.00
Water Wagon – Sunday	\$1,350.00
Water Tanker – Administrative Fee	
+ actual water use to be billed	\$75.00
Administrative Review for Water and/or Sewer Services	\$465.00

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Sheehan,  
Chief Executive Officer

***Commissioner Sweezy made a motion to amend the resolution to delete the "Manual Meter Read Fee (Qtrly)" without objection. On a motion by Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the resolution, as amended, was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval