

**METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WATER BUREAU
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
4:30 P.M.**

Location

Board Room
District Headquarters
555 Main Street, Hartford

Commissioners

Adil
Buell
Camilliere
Charron
DiBella (Ex-Officio)
Fitzgerald
Gardow
Holloway

Ionno
Kowalyshyn
Lester
Pane (VC)
Salemi
Sweezy (C)
Taylor

Special Representative

Carrier

Quorum: 8

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AND NOVEMBER 15, 2017, AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2017**
- 4. CONSIDERATION OF AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES**
- 5. CONSIDERATION OF AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: REVISIONS TO WATER ASSESSMENT RATES AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES AND SPECIAL WATER RATES AND CHARGES**
- 6. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES

To: Water Bureau for consideration on December 4, 2017

The 2018 budget in support of Water Operations calls for the water use rate to increase to \$3.14 per hundred cubic feet (CCF). The changes will become effective January 1, 2018.

A discussion of the several rates that comprise the proposed schedule for 2018 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 increase from \$2.77 per CCF to \$3.14 per CCF.

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

<u>WATER USAGE</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>	<u>PROPOSED RATE</u>
All Customers	\$2.77/100 Cu. ft.	\$3.14/100 Cu ft.

Customer Service Charge

Revenues from this customer service charge are 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 at \$44.94 per quarter. The customer service charges for the 6" will remain at \$1,458.21 per quarter. The customer service charges for the 1 1/2", 2", 3", 4", 8", 10" and 12" meters will remain at \$145.80, \$233.40, \$437.67, \$730.65, \$2,313.48, \$3,533.31, \$5,689.14 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. The surcharge rates in the residential category (5/8", 3/4", and 1" meters) will remain at \$44.94 per quarter. The customer service charges for the 6" will remain at \$1,458.21 per quarter. The customer service charges for the 1 1/2", 2", 3", 4", 8", 10" and 12" meters will remain at \$145.80, \$233.40, \$437.67, \$730.65, \$2,313.48, \$3,533.31, \$5,689.14 per quarter respectively.

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 increase to the rate of \$1.50 per hundred cubic feet.

Surcharge Outside the Metropolitan District for Capital Improvements

A surcharge is added to the water rate to recover the cost of major capital improvements and/or upgrades such as water main extensions, pump stations, etc. In non-member towns.

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 monthly service charges for the 2", 3", 4", 6", 8", 10" and 12" meters rates increase to \$17.91, \$23.30, \$34.98, \$58.67, \$88.21, \$147.73, \$207.76 respectively.

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, 2018, as set forth in the following Water Supply Ordinances

Further Voted: That following the public hearing held on November 15, 2017, 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 revisions to Water Supply Ordinances §§ W1a, W1d and W6f 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	\$2.77 per 100 Cubic Feet
	<u>\$3.14 per 100 Cubic Feet</u>

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"	<u>\$14.98</u>	<u>\$44.94</u>
3/4"	<u>\$14.98</u>	<u>\$44.94</u>
1"	<u>\$14.98</u>	<u>\$44.94</u>
1 1/2"	<u>\$48.60</u>	<u>\$145.80</u>
2"	<u>\$77.80</u>	<u>\$233.40</u>
3"	<u>\$145.89</u>	<u>\$437.67</u>
4"	<u>\$243.55</u>	<u>\$730.65</u>
6"	<u>\$486.07</u>	<u>\$1,458.21</u>
8"	<u>\$771.16</u>	<u>\$2,313.48</u>
10"	<u>\$1,777.77</u>	<u>\$3,533.31</u>
12"	<u>\$1,896.38</u>	<u>\$5,689.14</u>

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"	<u>\$14.98</u>	<u>\$44.94</u>
3/4"	<u>\$14.98</u>	<u>\$44.94</u>
1"	<u>\$14.98</u>	<u>\$44.94</u>
1 1/2"	<u>\$48.60</u>	<u>\$145.80</u>
2"	<u>\$77.80</u>	<u>\$233.40</u>
3"	<u>\$145.89</u>	<u>\$437.67</u>
4"	<u>\$243.55</u>	<u>\$730.65</u>
6"	<u>\$486.07</u>	<u>\$1,458.21</u>
8"	<u>\$771.16</u>	<u>\$2,313.48</u>
10"	<u>\$1,777.77</u>	<u>\$3,533.31</u>
12"	<u>\$1,896.38</u>	<u>\$5,689.14</u>

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~~ be a rate of \$1.50 per hundred cubic feet.

SEC. W1f SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District for which capital improvements or layout and assessment projects are constructed, in addition to charges under SEC. W1a, W1b and W1c, there shall be a surcharge on the water rates determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, as follows:

Farmington

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>	<u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	<u>\$1.32</u>	<u>\$3.96</u>
1"	<u>\$2.21</u>	<u>\$6.63</u>
1 1/2"	<u>\$4.41</u>	<u>\$13.23</u>
2"	<u>\$7.06</u>	<u>\$21.18</u>
3"	<u>\$13.23</u>	<u>\$39.69</u>
4"	<u>\$22.05</u>	<u>\$66.15</u>
8"	<u>\$70.56</u>	<u>\$211.68</u>

Glastonbury

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>	<u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	<u>\$1.74</u>	<u>\$5.22</u>
3/4"	<u>\$1.76</u>	<u>\$5.28</u>
1"	<u>\$2.90</u>	<u>\$8.70</u>
1 1/2"	<u>\$5.81</u>	<u>\$17.43</u>
2"	<u>\$9.29</u>	<u>\$27.87</u>
3"	<u>\$17.43</u>	<u>\$52.29</u>
4"	<u>\$28.99</u>	<u>\$86.97</u>

SOUTH WINDSOR

<u>SIZE OF METER</u>	<u>MONTHLY BILLING</u>	<u>QUARTERLY BILLING</u>
5/8"	<u>\$1.71</u>	<u>\$5.13</u>
3/4"	<u>\$1.71</u>	<u>\$5.13</u>
1"	<u>\$2.85</u>	<u>\$8.55</u>
1 1/2"	<u>\$5.73</u>	<u>\$17.19</u>
2"	<u>\$9.15</u>	<u>\$27.45</u>
3"	<u>\$17.16</u>	<u>\$51.48</u>
4"	<u>\$28.53</u>	<u>\$85.59</u>
6"	<u>\$57.06</u>	<u>\$171.18</u>

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:

SIZE OF CONNECTION

2"
3"
4"
6"
8"
10"
12"

MONTHLY CHARGE

\$15.75
\$20.49
\$30.76
\$51.59
\$77.57
\$129.91
\$182.70

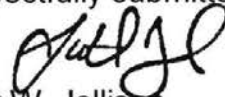
SIZE OF CONNECTION

2"
3"
4"
6"
8"
10"
12"

MONTHLY CHARGE

\$17.91
\$23.30
\$34.98
\$58.67
\$88.21
\$147.73
\$207.76

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

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

To: Water Bureau for consideration on December 4, 2017

In support of the annual water operating budget, staff is submitting these rates in conjunction with the revisions to the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 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 the following rates and recommends the rates remain the same as Fiscal Year 2017.

It is RECOMMENDED that it be:

Voted: That the Water Bureau hereby adopts the following schedule of fees effective January 1, 2018:

Water Assessment Rates and Other Related Charges:

Main Pipe Assessment	\$95.00/ft
Service Pipe Taps	
Domestic (includes spacer and meter costs):	
1" Service Tap with 5/8" Meter	\$550.00
1" Service Tap with 3/4" Meter	\$575.00
1-1/2" Service Tap with 1" Meter	\$695.00
2" Service Tap with 1-1/2" Meter	\$1,400.00
4" Service Tap with 2" Meter	\$1,450.00
4" Service Tap with 3" Meter	\$1,580.00
6" Service Tap with 4" Meter	\$1,780.00
8" Service Tap with 6" Meter	\$2,400.00
10" Service Tap with 8" Meter	\$3,370.00
Fire Service	
2" Fire Service Tap	\$565.00
4", 6", 8 " Fire Service Tap	\$460.00
Hydrants	
Installed after the main	\$9,800.00
Hydrant Maintenance	\$100.00
Hydrant Relocation	\$15,000.00
	deposit +/- actual
	cost + overhead
Fire Flow Testing	\$340.00

Special Meter Charges and Deposits:

Hydrant Meters

Administrative and meter
reading fee, including
connection and inspection fees
+ actual water use to be billed \$1,000.00

Hydrant Meter Deposit \$1,500.00

Subsequent re-inspection and
testing fee, if backflow
prevention device required \$50.00

Frozen, Lost or Damaged Meters

5/8" meter \$200.00

3/4" meter \$240.00

1" meter \$275.00

1-1/2" meter \$920.00

2" meter \$1,155.00

3" meter \$1,355.00

4" meter \$1,615.00

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

1-1/2" \$200.00

2" & larger \$220.00

3rd Party Damaged Hydrant Charge

Repair or Replacement actual cost
+ overhead

Delinquent Account Review and Lien
Fees

\$85.00

Delinquent Account Review and Lien
Fees – Condo Assoc.

\$26.00

Checks Returned for Insufficient
Funds

\$50.00

Shut-Off/Turn-on for Non-Payment

\$100.00

Shut-Off/Turn-on for Non-Payment
(subsequent event in same year)

\$200.00

Scheduled Overtime/Emergency
Inspections

\$325.00

Off and On Within 12 Months

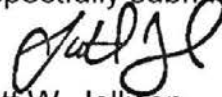
\$95.00

Install Permanent Meter
(No Service Tap)

5/8" – 1" Meter \$95.00

2" Meter & larger	\$240.00
Backflow Prevention Device Testing	\$90.00
Service Call 1 st visit free	N/A
Service Call - Subsequent visits	\$90.00/ea
Closing Meter Reading Fee	\$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
Tampering of Hydrant or Water Supply	
First offense	\$500.00
Subsequent offense	\$1,000.00
Water Service Installation Charge	\$1,800.00

Respectfully submitted,



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