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SECTION 1. APPLICATION FOR CONNECTION

- A. An application must be submitted on the proper form. The applicant shall be a responsible owner and provide proof of ownership, such as a copy of the property deed, tax bill, or settlement sheet, along with a photo ID of the owner. If the applicant is an authorized agent, they must also produce a photo ID and proof of representation. The water supply application must be signed by the owner or their authorized agent, who will be responsible for the connection costs and all water rent payments.
- B. Any different or additional use will require prior written approval from the Authority. All requests for permits to increase water use shall be made on a printed form provided by the Authority. The application must be completed accurately and signed by the owner or an authorized agent; the permit must be issued before work commences. (This restriction does not prevent licensed plumbers or others from assisting in case of an emergency involving a water service pipe that requires immediate attention, provided the work done is reported to the Authority within forty-eight (48) hours).
- C. The applicant must clearly specify all intended water uses. Copies of all conceptual engineering plans and reports should be submitted as applicable.
- D. A permit from the City Engineering Department of Atlantic City is required. The application must be submitted along with a permit from the same department when making an opening in the street, and the fee covers the department's cost of processing the permit.
- E. The application and service agreement must be signed and payment made. A copy of these rules and regulations will be provided to each person applying for a water supply, and before the water is turned on, an application for water use must be signed by the party as outlined in paragraph A of this section. Additionally, a payment must be made for, besides the charges for water service if installed by the Authority, and other fees as detailed in these Rules, Rates, and Regulations.
- F. The Authority will not guarantee service to any property until it has performed an inspection of the site, including but not limited to the location of the service line (existing or proposed) and the house plumbing (existing or proposed). The Authority reserves the right to deny service to any property where the service line (beyond the meter) cannot be entirely placed within the property's boundaries or where any part of the water system crosses a public right of way (street), or where the meter setting extends more than 10 feet beyond the curb line of the street where the Authority's main is located.
- G. All use of water other than by the applicant, or for any purpose or on any premises not specified in the application, must be reported by the applicant. No owner or tenant of premises supplied with water by the Authority shall supply water to other premises or households unless stated in the application. The applicant shall be liable for the water used, according to the Authority's rate schedule.

- H. No application for a connection, meter installation, or any other service to be performed by the AUTHORITY shall be accepted from any property owner who has not paid all past due amounts, including all lien amounts, on all accounts that the property owner owns.
- I. The property shall be considered no longer connected to the AUTHORITY's system if the meter has been removed and there is at least one (1) quarter where no quarterly service charge has been applied to the account by the AUTHORITY.

SECTION 2. CONNECTION FEES

- A. The connection fee shall apply to all connections to the Atlantic City distribution system where new or additional facilities are installed or constructed, resulting in increased water use. The fee shall be calculated based on a daily water supply provided by the Customer's licensed Engineer/Architect and approved by the Authority.
- B. The connection fee shall be an amount representing the connector's fair share of the construction costs, theretofore paid by prior users. It shall be calculated as follows:
 - 1. The amount representing all debt service, including but not limited to sinking funds, reserve funds, the principal and interest on bonds, and the amount of any loans and interest thereof paid by the Municipal Utilities Authority and its predecessor in title, the Water Department of the City of Atlantic City, since 1950, to cover the incurred capital costs of continuing the development of the system as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the Authority, shall be added to all capital expenditures made by the Authority that are not funded by a bond ordinance or debt, excluding interest earned on bond proceeds and any gifts, contributions, or subsidies received by the Authority from any Federal, State, County, or Municipal Government or agency, or any private person, for the development of the system as of the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the Authority, for fiscal years 1980 and beyond.
 - 2. The sum from paragraph 1 shall be divided by the average amount of billable gallons per day served by the authority at the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year to establish a connection fee rate per gallon per day for the current fiscal year.
 - 3. The rate per gallon per day shall then be allocated to each user, along with a connection fee under this section, based on the estimated number of gallons per day attributed to the new construction, to determine the user's contribution to the system's cost.
- C. The connection fee shall be paid at the start of construction or installation of facilities. (Foundation work shall not be considered construction). If the fee exceeds \$100,000, it may be paid in two (2) installments, with the first payment being at least fifty percent (50%) of the total fee, the second payment due within less than 180 days after the first, and both payments made during the same

calendar year. No service commitments shall last more than 180 days unless the connection fee has been paid in full.

- D. In accordance with NJSA 40:14B-22.3, utility authorities shall implement a fifty percent reduction in the connection or tapping fee, as specified in section 21 of P.L.1957, c.183 (C.40:14B-21), for new water system connections charged to public housing authorities and non-profit organizations engaged in constructing affordable housing projects. This fifty percent fee reduction shall also extend to all affordable housing development projects, including those undertaken by for-profit developers, as well as affordable housing units within inclusionary projects pursuant to P.L. Law 2018, c.74, NJSA 40:14B-22.5.
1. For units previously connected to the Authority's system that were demolished or refurbished to enable the creation of new affordable housing units, and for which a connection fee was previously paid, the proposed project shall be granted a credit against the connection fee or tapping fee to be assessed for connecting with the water system, applicable to public housing authorities and non-profit organizations constructing affordable housing projects. The credit shall correspond to the connection fee or tapping fee that was previously assessed and paid for units formerly connected to the Authority's system.
 2. The connection fee or tapping fee payable by a public housing authority or non-profit organization for units that were previously connected to the Authority's system and have been demolished or refurbished to facilitate new affordable housing units shall be the lesser of the reduced rate specified in subsection a of this section, or the current full rate applicable to other types of housing developments, minus the credit granted under subsection b of this section for units for which a connection fee or tapping fee was previously paid. This is contingent upon the public housing authority or non-profit organization being able to demonstrate that the connection fee or tapping fee was previously assessed and paid in connection with the system. If such evidence cannot be provided, the reduced rate stipulated in subsection a of this section shall be applied.
- E. A credit toward the connection fee shall also be authorized for reconnection fees of a property previously disconnected from the Authority's water system, provided that the property has maintained a connection for a minimum of twenty (20) years, and service charges have been paid for at least one of the last five (5) years. The Authority shall assess whether reconnection necessitates a new physical connection or if the existing connection increases the nature, size, or expands the use of the Authority's water system. Such credit shall be determined and calculated in accordance with P.L. Law 2018, c. 74 NJSA 40:14B-22.5. No credit shall be granted for a property that has been disconnected from the Authority's water system for a period exceeding five (5) years. Properties shall be considered disconnected if the meter is physically removed or if water service has been discontinued or abandoned without payments for four (4) consecutive quarters.
- F. In lieu of the credit referred to in subsection E, in cases where service to a location has been temporarily abandoned with the Authority's permission, and all of the following conditions exist, the property owner shall have the option to reconnect

to the Authority's water system without paying an additional connection fee upon the full payment (payment arrangement can be requested) of the total of minimum charges that would have accrued had the meter not been removed or disconnected.

1. The existing water service lateral (or replacement lateral) complies with all other requirements of these Rules, Rates, and Regulations; and
2. The existing water service lateral (or replacement lateral) is the same size or smaller, and
3. The meter to be installed must be the same size or smaller than the previous meter serving the location; and
4. The time period between the meter removal date and the new service application date is less than ten (10) years.
5. Locations where service has been temporarily disconnected as a result of "House Lifting" for the purpose of stormwater prevention shall be eligible for an abatement of a portion of the minimum charges set forth above. Abatement approval is limited to twelve calendar months of service disconnection. Service disconnections during any portion of the period prior to January 1, 2018, are ineligible. Abatement requests shall require proof of participation in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Flood Relief programs, and certification from the customer's building contractor. An \$800 refundable deposit is required for the disconnection fee. Upon the completion of house lifting, the deposit is refundable, or it will be used as a credit against the reconnection fee (if the house lifting is not completed within twelve calendar months) or any damage around the meter pit caused by the owner's contractor during the construction period.

In all other cases, a connection fee must be paid to receive service.

- G. The Authority shall not provide any commitments regarding water service unless a duly signed service agreement exists between the prospective customer and the Authority, and all applicable connection fees have been settled.
- H. A new, single-family dwelling of eight (8) rooms or less shall be considered to have an average daily flow of 225 gallons per day. The connection fees shall be as follows:

YEAR	RATE PER GPD		YEAR	RATE PER GPD
1997	\$ 4.4770		1998	\$ 4.9785
1999	\$ 5.5448		2000	\$ 5.8266
2001	\$ 6.6559		2002	\$ 6.5107
2003	\$ 6,5810		2004	\$ 6.7512
2005	\$ 7.6473		2006	\$ 8.0405
2007	\$ 8.1358		2008	\$ 8.7145
2009	\$ 9.6700		2010	\$10.1302
2011	\$10.9377		2012	\$11.5877

2013	\$11.6516		2014	\$12.1279
2015	\$12.9597		2016	\$14.2784
2017	\$15.4352		2018	\$15.4352
2019	\$19.9722		2020	\$20.6188
2021	\$20.6188		2022	\$22.3479
2023	\$24.9408		2024	\$24.9408
2025	\$24.9408		2026	\$24.9408

I. Condemnation Exemption: Under the following limited circumstances, a new connection to the system shall be exempt from the connection fee, provided that all of the following criteria apply:

1. The original property was acquired by a governmental entity, through either condemnation or simple purchase, for the purposes of redevelopment or any other appropriate governmental purpose.
2. The original structure is demolished.
3. Anything constructed on the original site must pay a connection fee unless the new construction meets the criteria specified in the agreement between the AUTHORITY and the City of Atlantic City or this section.
4. The new connection is identical to the original connection in terms of purpose. For example, a single-family structure replaces a single-family structure, or a restaurant replaces a restaurant.
5. The water usage at the new structure is equal to or less than the water usage at the old structure based upon the average daily use over the greatest six (6) month period during the prior ten (10) years. For the purposes of this section, the new structure will be considered for adjustment if the water usage during the first twelve (12) months is greater than the prior usage. The adjustment shall only be for the additional use of water.
6. At the time of condemnation or purchase by the governmental agency, the property must have an active connection with the AUTHORITY system, and all charges, including those associated with liens or bankruptcies, must be fully paid to the AUTHORITY.
7. Service must be continuous. Payment of fees as provided under this section, including compliance with all criteria, may be used to demonstrate continuous service.

SECTION 3. PLUMBING AND STREET SERVICE

A. The street main is to be tapped by the Authority. The process of tapping the street main, which includes providing the corporation stop, copper service pipe to the curb, curb stop, meter, and meter pit with lid, as well as the installation and connection of these components and the necessary excavating and backfilling, shall be carefully planned and executed by the Authority. The cost for these activities will vary depending on the width of the street, in accordance with the established schedule of charges. The Authority shall decide in each case whether this work shall be carried out by the Authority itself or by the applicant. The charges specified herein are applicable to new street service installations. If the work is performed by the Authority, the applicant shall pay the specified charges in advance for new connections, which will be invoiced to existing service accounts under the same payment terms as those outlined in the annual Water Service bill. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days. If the payment is not received within this period, a penalty of four and one-half percent (4.5%) shall be added to the unpaid bill. Furthermore, an additional four and one-half percent (4.5%) penalty shall be imposed for each quarter that the charges remain unpaid. Any invoice that remains unpaid after sixty (60) days shall result in disconnection of service.

1. Street Services, if installed by the Authority:

- (a) Water and fire service laterals shall be paid in advance based on the size and length of the service pipe in accordance with the Authority's current contract for service installations and the purchase price of all materials provided by the Authority plus 15%.
- (b) When it is determined that the size of the street main after excavation deviates from the size indicated on the official maps, necessitating a revision of the street service as initially planned, the applicant shall be responsible for paying such additional charges or shall be entitled to a refund of any overpayment resulting from the work required for such revision.
- (c) The following is a listing of tapping fees for fire line services for taps made into the Authority water distribution system.

SIZE	TAPPING FEE
4" & SMALLER	\$677
6"	\$734
8"	\$790

2. Replacement of Curb Stop or Valve:

- (a) The fee for replacing a curb stop, including excavation, road restoration, and tapping fee, shall be paid in advance at the rate approved by the Authority.
- (b) Valves controlling Service Lines larger than 2 inches shall be replaced at the expense of labor, equipment, and materials. A deposit, acceptable to the Authority, shall be paid in advance for such a replacement. Any further

charges applicable to such replacement shall be billed to the property owner upon completion of the work.

- B. All service pipes and fittings used to transport water from the street main to the street curb line shall be of a size and material approved by the Authority.
- C. If the applicant's contractor approved by the Authority installs the Street Service (branch tap), the applicant shall provide all labor, equipment, and materials needed for installing the service at their own expense and in a manner satisfactory to the Authority; all upon payment of fees, as outlined in these Rules, Rates, and Regulations. The Authority will supply a meter box, lid, meter stop, couplings, meter, and meter reading device (MTU) based on the Authority's current purchase price plus 15%.

The Authority may, if it so elects, provide all the labor, material, and equipment to completely install street service 2" or smaller in size, upon the payment of the fees set forth in this Resolution.

All material used by the applicant shall be in accordance with the requirements of the standard specifications of the American Water Works Association.

The street service pipe shall be no less than 30 inches below the surface of the ground, preferably 36 inches.

The trench shall be of such width and depth as the Authority shall require. The applicant shall make such provisions as are necessary for barricading, guarding, lighting, and hauling away of excess materials. Backfill after completion shall consist of clean sand, properly compacted.

The applicant shall notify the Authority prior to the pouring of pipe joints or fittings joints, as well as before the placement of concrete, to ensure the presence of an inspector during such activities. All work shall remain open and adequately safeguarded until it has been inspected, tested, and subsequently approved by the Authority.

Work shall be done only between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. unless the Authority shall approve other hours in writing.

- D. The applicant shall pay for all materials provided by the AUTHORITY at cost plus 15%.
- E. Valves on Domestic Service: Water service pipes shall have a suitable valve placed outside the building under the exclusive control of the Authority, which valve shall be in addition to the service tapping valve. This valve, unless otherwise specially permitted, shall be connected with the service pipe, within the sidewalk at or near the curb line, and shall be enclosed in and protected by a valve box or cover of a design approved by the Authority.

The connection of any form of fire suppression system after this valve shall be expressly prohibited. An exception shall be made for storage areas, provided that all of the following criteria are satisfied.

1. A maximum of five (5) total sprinkler heads per service shall be allowed.

2. The property owner submits a certified statement from a licensed design professional affirming that the system complies with all criteria established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the New Jersey Construction Code.
 3. Has received approval from the Atlantic City Fire Department.
- F. The size of the tap permitted on all water mains is subject to the Authority's approval, and a stainless steel tapping sleeve of proper size shall be used. All taps shall be at least one (1) size smaller than the diameter of the main to which it is attached. However, taps onto a 4" main shall be limited to existing customers or for infill housing. New developments, defined as five (5) or more properties on the same block, constructed within a five-year period, shall be prohibited from connecting to a 4" main and will be required to replace the main at a size defined by the Authority.
- G. Each and every water service must be equipped with a suitable valve or stop installed at the owner's expense, positioned within the building at the water supply entrance point or an alternative location approved by the Authority. The valve shall be situated to ensure ease of access and protection from frost damage. The installation costs are to be borne by the property owner. The Authority reserves the right to approve alternative arrangements, provided that appropriately sized shut-off valves are installed both upstream and downstream of the meter.
- H. The Authority shall assess and determine whether a new water service is necessary in instances where the existing service is less than forty (40) years old and requires repair or replacement. A water service that is forty (40) years old or greater shall be replaced with a new water service.
- I. A water service made of any material except copper shall, in no circumstance, be repaired but shall be replaced with a new water service. The Authority shall determine whether a new water service is required in the case of a water service made of copper needing repair.
- J. There shall be a minimum clear distance of 3 feet maintained between sewer connection pipes and water service pipes. Additionally, sewer pipes should be positioned at a lower elevation than water service pipes where feasible.
- K. Work performed by the Authority, for which rates of charge are not specifically set forth herein, shall be charged to the property owner at the cost of labor, equipment, and materials, plus 15%, and the Authority may require a deposit in advance for such work, billing the property owner for any additional amount due after the work is completed and refunding any overpayment.
- L. A service pipe or water service is defined as that part of the water pipe and accessories extending from the public water main to the curb line of the street where the main is located. This pipe is owned by the property owner, who is responsible for its maintenance and repair.

- M. No plumbing shall be conducted without prior issuance of a permit. No individual shall lay and service pipe, undertake any plumbing work, or perform any related activity involving the introduction and supply of water from the public mains, make attachments to any water pipe, or execute alterations, extensions, or repairs without first obtaining a permit from the Authority that specifies the scope of the work to be performed. Upon obtaining such permit, the individual responsible for the work shall report the name of the owner and all modifications or additions to pipes or fixtures within forty-eight (48) hours of completion. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in liability as outlined under section 1(A) herein.
- N. Plumbers are required to ensure the water supply is turned off upon completion of work. After introducing water into a property and conducting testing on pipes and fixtures, plumbers or other responsible individuals shall shut off the water at the curb line. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a fine, as stipulated by the penalties outlined for violations of Authority rules and regulations, particularly those specified in Section 9 (Penalties) herein.
- O. Plumbers must retain possession of the Key. No Plumber shall part with the possession of a key for turning the water on or off except to an employee of the Authority. Violations of this provision shall be subject to the provisions for violation of Authority rules and regulations as contained in section 9 (Penalties) herein.
- P. Type of service pipe to be used: All service pipes extending from the main to the building line shall be installed as far as practicable at the level of the water main. Service pipes less than 4 inches in diameter shall be of Type "K" Soft Temper Copper Pipe, with fittings that are compression type and constructed of copper or brass. All fittings and pipes must meet or exceed the standards set by NSF (National Science Foundation) Standard 61. The installation of service pipes shall be carried out in a manner that prevents breakage or rupture due to settlement. All service pipes measuring 4 inches or larger must be made of Ductile Iron, and the pertinent design drawings must receive prior approval from the Authority.
- Q. Disruption, relocation, or injury to mains, services, or fixtures: Any disruption, relocation, or injury to service pipes, street mains, valves, hydrants, or other fixtures or damage by leakage occasioned thereby shall be made good by the person or entity responsible for such disruption, relocation or injury.
- R. Services to be independent: Every property situated along a street, alley, or by-way where a water main is installed, and from which water is supplied from the public system, shall be equipped with an independent service pipe originating from the said water main unless otherwise directed by the Authority.
- S. Curb Stops and Boxes: Curb stops, unless otherwise specially permitted, shall be connected with the service pipe within the sidewalk at or near the curb line and shall be enclosed in and protected by a valve box or cover of a design approved by the Authority.
- T. Maintenance of Services: The curb stop boxes and service pipes must be maintained in proper condition by the respective owners. Any expenses incurred

by the Authority for shutting off the water due to leakage or nonpayment of rents, as well as for repairs, must be reimbursed to the Authority before the water will be turned on again.

- U. Separate Curb Stop for Each Property: Whenever two (2) or more separate or distinct buildings or premises are to receive water through a branch or sub-service pipe supplied by one main pipe, each branch must be independently equipped with stopcocks, a box, and a meter as designated by the Authority; all stopcocks used on the service shall be of the type known as "round waterways."
- V. Permit Required for Disconnection: No service pipe shall be disconnected ahead of a water meter by any individual without obtaining a special permit from the Authority.
 - 1. A street service shall be permanently disconnected by the Authority only after the fulfillment of the following requirements.
 - (a) All previous water bills have been settled up to the present, including any excess water consumption exceeding the minimum rate paid in advance for the current billing cycle.
 - (b) All accessible outlets and fixtures have been removed from the property served by the street service.
 - (c) The necessary disconnection request form has been properly completed and signed. The said form furnished to the Authority states that the person signing the request is the owner or agent for the owner of the property in question, the address of the property in question, and that as the owner or agent, the party requests the Authority to discontinue water service at the street main; that they agree to pay all bills now due in accordance with this ordinance; and that they further agree to pay for all water used over the advance minimum paid for the current billing period.
 - (d) All fees for disconnection have been paid to the Authority. The Authority may permit a property owner to disconnect service at their own expense, provided that the owner pays the Authority the required inspection fees, and the service is disconnected as close to the street main as specified by Authority personnel.
 - 2. Disconnection of service:
 - (a) Whenever potable water use in Atlantic City is terminated (either through demolition or abandonment), the customer shall be required to also properly disconnect the service laterals in the street as close to the water main as practical. The specific location of the disconnection shall be as specified by Authority staff, shall comply with AWWA (American Water Works Association) Standards, and the disconnection must be observed by Authority staff.
 - (b) Failure to have the disconnection observed by Authority personnel will necessitate the Authority to excavate the site to confirm the proper disconnection. The property owner shall be responsible for reimbursing all expenses incurred by the Authority's excavation on a time-and-materials basis.
 - (c) The property owner shall have the option of having their demolition contractor make the disconnection at the main either prior to or at the time

of demolition or paying the AUTHORITY for the disconnection. The rate to be paid to the AUTHORITY shall encompass all costs incurred by the AUTHORITY, including but not limited to road restoration, plus fifteen (15%) percent overhead, and shall be settled prior to the commencement of demolition.

- (d) In instances where the property owner intends to construct facilities on the property that can reutilize the service (excluding cases where such action is prohibited; refer to Sections 3H and 3I), the Authority shall accept a letter from the property owner indicating their intention to commence construction within twenty-four (24) months, in addition to the required disconnection fee. In such cases, the Authority shall not disconnect the service for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Upon reestablishment of the service, the disconnection fee previously paid shall be credited toward the cost of restoring the service with the Authority.
 - (e) If the property owner has not commenced any construction prior to the end of the twenty-four (24) month period, the property owner may apply to the AUTHORITY for an extension by providing a letter detailing their plans and paying the difference between the current rate for disconnection and the amount previously paid. In no cases shall any extension be for greater than twenty-four (24) months. However, the property owner may apply for as many extensions as needed.
 - (f) Notwithstanding any of the preceding clauses, if the AUTHORITY needs to disconnect the service from the main line due to major reconstruction of the roadway, the service at the main will be disconnected. The resulting charges will be added to the account, and the property owner will no longer have the ability to reconnect that service. Instead, they will be required to install a new service at the Authority's standard rate.
- W. Provisions Concerning Street Mains in Inaccessible Areas: In cases where no main exists in the street opposite the premises seeking connection, the Authority shall be obliged to deny service to the property. The property owner shall retain the right to install, at their own expense, a properly sized water main, subject to approval by the Authority, which connects at both ends to the Authority's mains. The construction of the new water main shall only be permissible if the property owner has executed an agreement for its installation, consented to pay all relevant fees and costs levied by the Authority, agreed to adhere to all applicable rules and regulations of responsible governing bodies, and consented to transfer ownership of the main to the Authority for maintenance and operational purposes. Furthermore, the property owner shall warrant that the water main shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ten (10) years and shall be responsible for all repair costs incurred within this warranty period.
- X. Alterations in Plumbing Require Permit: Whenever any material change is to be made in the plumbing work beyond that specified in the permit, the plumber is required to first present the permit at the office of the Authority for correction and recording.
- Y. Refilling Trench: In refilling any trench excavated for laying service pipe or for repairs, care must be taken to have the sand or gravel rammed under the main and the trench rammed or puddled in such a manner as to prevent settlement.

This work, together with the replacing of the sidewalk, must be done in a workmanlike manner as far as practicable and the street and sidewalk left in as good condition as before the service was laid, or the repairs are done, and in accordance with all of the provisions of Ordinance No. 66 of 1998 of the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey and any ordinances and amendments thereof.

- Z. Plumbing Subject to Approval of Authority: All work of plumbers in connection with the public water supply must be approved by the Authority, and any work not so approved must be removed or reconstructed as the Authority may direct.

SECTION 4. FIRE SERVICES

- A. Application for Fire Service: Standpipes or other pipes to be used solely for fire protection may be installed upon obtaining a special permit from the Authority. Applications for such permits must be accompanied by a detailed plan of the proposed piping system, which shall be subject to the approval of the Authority. No alterations or additional fixtures shall be introduced thereafter without prior approval from the Authority.
- B. Valves on Fire Services: Fire service pipes shall have a suitable valve installed outside the building, under the exclusive control of the Authority. This valve shall be in addition to the service tapping valve and shall include a bypass with a valve on the main line of the fire service pipe, appropriately arranged for the insertion of a meter. Additionally, in the case of standpipes, a valve must be installed at the bottom of the standpipe. Unless otherwise specifically authorized, this valve shall be connected to the service pipe within the sidewalk at or near the curb line and shall be enclosed and protected by a valve box or cover of a design approved by the Authority.
- C. Maintenance of Fire Services: The owner of the premises supplied with fire service shall maintain such service pipes and fixtures along their entire length from the street main, and they shall be held responsible for any damage caused by leaks or fractures of such pipes or fixtures unless caused by the fault of the Authority.
- D. Each fire service shall be provided with a monitoring device satisfactory to the Authority and installed in accordance with plans approved by the Authority. The owner shall, at their own expense, supply and install the monitoring device, placing it in a utility room or constructing a vault to meet the Authority's requirements. The utility room must have a ground-level exterior door, and the monitoring device must be located within 20 feet of where the water service enters the building. The meter shall be sealed, checked, read, and repaired by the Authority. The Authority may charge for any repairs it deems proper. Monitoring devices shall be inspected, repaired, and/or replaced as needed by certified fire system inspectors. Each fire service shall be equipped with an appropriate backflow prevention device as required by the City of Atlantic City or the State of New Jersey.
 - 1. The following is a listing of the quarterly private fire service charge for water service to the standpipe and/or sprinkler systems, which charges shall be in addition to any water registered on the service meter. A 2" Residential Fire Service shall be defined as any fire service 2" or less in diameter serving a single-family residence. A 2" fire service shall be defined as any fire service 2" or less in diameter, not meeting the criteria for a 2" Residential Fire Service.

(a)

DIAMETER	CHARGE PER QUARTER	USER CODES
2" RESIDENTIAL	\$0.00	161
2"	\$60.00	162
4"	\$ 200.00	164, 174
6"	\$ 300.00	165, 166
6" (WITH PUMP)	\$ 500.00	167, 175
8"	\$ 900.00	168, 176

10"	\$1,500.00	170, 177
12"	\$2,000.00	172, 178

(b) Water Charge (Meter Rate) for all water used: **\$4.918 per 100 cubic feet or \$0.6573 per 100 gallons.**

2. Testing of Fire suppression systems:
 - (a) The charges for water used in fire service equipment tests shall be in accordance with the water charge (meter rate established for commercial water service accounts in Section 8.G.2 (b).) All testing of fire services, fire lines, and fire pumps shall have prior approval by the Authority.
 - (b) The applicant shall submit in writing the details of the proposed tests, including existing pump discharge capacity, maximum test flow required in gallons per minute, and duration of the pump test. The applicant shall submit all required flow information to the Authority following completion of the test.
 - (c) The Authority shall base the usage of water used upon the following formula: 50% of the peak rate multiplied by the duration of the test in minutes or the quantity of water as determined by flow rate and time.
 - (d) The inspection charge for each fire suppression system shall be billed to the owner of the system in their regular quarterly or monthly bills. One- and two-family homes are exempt from testing requirements, and since no inspection is required, are exempt from these fees.
 - (e) Dry fire suppression systems that are pressure tested (the test uses no water) are exempt from the notice and fee requirements of this section, provided that a licensed fire suppression system installer certifies that the system is a dry system and that no water is used in any test.
 - (f) The fee for the inspection of fire suppression system tests shall be \$30 per quarter.
 - (g) Testing systems without recirculators shall be prohibited between June 15 and September 15 of each year. Testing of any system is prohibited on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays year-round.
3. The rate for each Fire Service shall be determined by the size of the valve immediately before the backflow preventer.
4. All fire service customers that meet the following criteria shall qualify for a fifty (50%) percent reduction in the fire service fee.
 - (a) The fire service does not need and does not have a pump.
 - (b) The property has an active domestic service connection to the AUTHORITY's distribution system (defined as a meter installed and all related valves are open) and the largest meter connected to the property is three (3) inches or less.
 - (c) The fire service is six (6) inches in diameter or less.
 - (d) All billings from the AUTHORITY for service to the property are paid in full. Any property owner who complies with all of the above criteria may submit an application for a reduction in fire service fees. No application for a reduction shall be approved unless all charges from the AUTHORITY, including liens, for all properties either owned by the applicant or where the applicant has any ownership interest, have been paid in full.

(e) The reduced rate shall commence in the first quarter subsequent to the approval of the application. All accounts receiving this reduced rate shall be subject to annual review to ensure compliance with criteria (a) through (d). Accounts failing to comply with criteria a, b, or c shall have the fee reduction immediately terminated. Accounts failing to comply with criterion (d) shall be issued a thirty (30) days' notice to rectify the non-compliance or face termination of the fee reduction. Once the fee reduction has been terminated, it shall not be reinstated unless the owner submits a new application for the reduced rate and undergoes the standard application procedure.

- E. Pressure not guaranteed: The Authority assumes no responsibility for the supply quantity or pressure beyond what is supplied to its other consumers under normal operating conditions.
- F. The Authority may deny an application: The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all applications for Fire Service at its discretion.
- G. Fire Tests: All usage of water for testing purposes shall have prior approval by the Authority.
- H. Fines: Failure to obtain prior written approval from the Authority for a fire suppression system test, including pumping equipment, shall be Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per occurrence.
- I. Flow Test: The hydrant flow test and certified report shall be Three Hundred Dollars (\$350.00) per occurrence. The applicant must complete the request form. For safety reasons, the Authority will not release prior data generated from tests performed during the normal course of the Authority's business or other development projects.
- J. The Authority reserves the right to restrict fire tests to a maximum of five per day at each location.

SECTION 5. METER INSTALLATION

A. Reinstallation of Meters on Existing Services:

1. When a Street Service has been temporarily abandoned for less than ten (10) years, and the owner requests the further use of such street service, the charge for installing a meter on such street service shall include all charges as specified in Section 2. F and shall be at the following rates, provided the Authority deems such street service usable or it has not been disconnected at the main.

SIZE	CHARGE
5/8"	\$115.00
3/4"	\$115.00
1"	\$115.00
1½"	\$200.00
2"	\$275.00

2. Meters larger than 2" shall be reinstalled under the same conditions as in 5. A. (1) (above) for the cost of labor, equipment, and materials plus 15%. A deposit, in an amount satisfactory to the Authority, shall be paid in advance of such work, and a final cost shall be billed to the owner of the property when the work is completed.
3. When a meter has been removed by the Authority due to non-payment of a water bill or a violation of the Authority's rules, the charge for reinstallation and service reconnection will be based on the following cost if the reinstallation occurs in the same quarter.

SIZE	CHARGE
5/8"	\$115.00
3/4"	\$115.00
1"	\$115.00
1½"	\$200.00
2"	\$275.00

4. A fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged for turning on a street service. This includes a street service that has been shut off without removing the meter for any reason, including nonpayment of the water bill or any violation of the Authority's rules and meter installations described in 5.A.1 and 2 above. A fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall also be charged for a work order to activate the service, regardless of whether the actual turn-on is successful, unless the Authority cannot turn on the service due to facilities under its control.
5. A service charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) during business hours and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) during non-business hours and weekends shall be invoiced to the water service account requiring any miscellaneous shut-off of service due to the failure of the property owner to maintain an operable main house valve or due to owner negligence. Any fees associated with shut-offs conducted during an active fire or related to condemnation due to fire shall be waived.

6. The reduction of a water meter size shall be authorized and completed by Authority Personnel only if there is no disruption to the Authority's water system. The customer's engineer shall certify that the meter resizing is sufficient to supply the demand of the property and shall not cause an adverse condition to the Authority's water system. The cost of reducing the meter size shall include the cost of the meter, labor, equipment, and materials, plus 15%, along with the following rates by meter size.

SIZE	RATE
2"	\$300.00
1½"	\$250.00
1"	\$200.00
¾"	\$200.00

The reduction in the size of meters larger than 2 inches shall be carried out at the expense of labor, equipment, and materials, with an additional 15% surcharge. A deposit, acceptable to the Authority, shall be paid prior to the commencement of such work. The final cost shall be invoiced to the property owner upon completion of the work.

7. Any increase in meter size must be completed by Authority personnel on a time and material basis plus 15%.
- B. The Authority shall determine the size, type, and make of the meter to be used for each street service, with such sizing being based on the information provided by the applicant. In cases where a larger meter than originally installed becomes necessary due to inaccuracies in the information supplied by the applicant, the applicant shall bear the expenses for labor, equipment, and materials required for the installation of the larger meter.
- C. For all meters larger than two inches (2") in size, the applicant shall provide a reinforced concrete meter vault at the street curb, with dimensions and construction satisfactory to the Authority. Inside the vault, the meter shall be installed with two non-rising stem gate valves and a bypass line, which also includes two non-rising stem gate valves and a bypass meter (totaling four valves), properly placed and of the required size. If the meter does not have a test plug, a test tee must be installed to facilitate in-place testing of the meter. The Authority will allow the applicant to install the water meter in a metering room or utility room with reasonable access. The metering room must have a ground-level exterior door, and the meter must be installed within 20 feet of where the water service enters the building. The meter installation must not exceed a height of three feet. All services and bypass lines must be metered.
- D. The installed meter (furnished without cost for single-family domestic service only when ¾" in size and smaller) will be sized by the Authority in accordance with the number and type of fixtures connected to the water service as specified in the water service application. The meter installed shall remain the property of and under the control of the Authority.

- E. All meters shall be set on the sidewalk at the curb unless the Authority deems it expedient to select another location, in which case the applicant may be required to furnish proper easements, releases, or other instruments deemed necessary to the Authority.
- F. When more than one building is served by a single meter, the Authority may, if it deems it necessary, install a curb stop and/or water meter for each building served, placed at a location satisfactory to the Authority and at the owner's expense.
- G. Obstructions Hindering Access to Meter/Meter Pit: Any individual or individuals who interfere with unobstructed access to any meter or meter pit by placing any obstruction shall be subject to a fine of Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225.00). In addition, an additional fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be imposed for every twenty-four (24) hours following the receipt of notice from the Authority until such obstruction is eliminated.

SECTION 6. WATER METERS

A. **Placing of and Charging for Meters:** The Authority reserves the right to install water meters along with the necessary connections to any service pipe whenever it deems it advisable to do so, regardless of whether the owner or user of the water has already paid for the water in advance based on the customer class code for the meter to be installed. Whenever a meter is attached to a service pipe for which water rent has been paid in advance at the current rate, the owner or user shall be credited on their bill at the customer class code rate for the amount paid in advance at the time of installation. The amount paid in advance shall be calculated based on the quarterly minimum rates. Once a meter has been installed in this manner, the owner or user shall be subject to all the conditions outlined in these Rules, Rates, and Regulations.

B. **Interference with Meter:** Any property where removal of, or improper interference with, meters, valves, or fittings to connect a "Jumper" or "Spacer", thereby avoiding charges for water use, may be subject to the following:

1. **Charges** - for all water consumed per Authority computation
2. **Fines** - outlined in Section C (below).
3. **Liens** – placed on the property to secure charges/fines.
4. **Criminal Charges** – Theft of Services NJSA 2C:20-8(d)

C. **No continuous flow is permitted without a meter:** No water closet or apparatus of any kind shall be allowed to connect to the water supply through which water will pass unless the water supply is recorded by the meter. All services and all bypass lines must be metered. The fines for violation of this clause shall be as follows:

Size	Charge
1" service or smaller	\$200 per day
1 ½" to 2" service	\$500 per day
3" service	\$1,000 per day
4" service	\$2,000 per day
6" service	\$5,000 per day
8" service	\$10,000 per day
10" service	\$15,000 per day
12" service	\$20,000 per day
Larger than 12" service	\$25,000 per day
Any size not specified above	\$5,000 per day
Any instance where there is no service line shall be fined based upon the size of the AUTHORITY water main	

Testing Meters: Parties desiring to have their water meters tested by the Authority must bear the expense of such testing in accordance with the following schedule:

- 5/8" to 1" meters - \$50.00;
- 1½" to 2" - \$100.00.

An additional fee (cost to the Authority plus 15%) shall apply if parties request to have their water meters tested by a professional vendor or manufacturer. If the meter is shown to run more than three percent (3%) fast or slow, the additional testing fee will be reimbursed, and the water service bill will be adjusted accordingly to reflect the correction.

- D. Readings of Meters: The Authority shall determine the number of meter readings per year required for its purpose, but the required number of readings shall not be less than one (1) per year.
- E. Charge for Meter Readings: The fee for meter readings requested by an owner or their agent shall be \$50.00 for each individual reading. Meter readings for a public building or facilities operated by a public agency may be provided free of charge.
- F. All requests for the Authority to provide outstanding amounts due on a water account shall be charged a \$50.00 fee. This service will include a special meter reading if there is a meter in place, along with the calculation of additional charges based on that reading.
- G. Furnishing of Water Meters: The Authority shall supply all water meters including meter reader devices for services connected to the Authority's system to the owner/ applicant at the Authority's cost plus 15%. (See Section 5. D. for exceptions).
- H. The Authority undertakes only to use reasonable care and diligence to provide a continuous supply of water through its pipes but does not promise to offer any special service or to maintain a specific amount of pressure. In case of any break, failure, accident, or injury caused by an Act of God, the public enemy, or other factors not due to its negligence, the Authority shall not be liable for any damages resulting from those events. However, the Authority reserves the right at any time, without prior notice, to shut off the water in its mains for repairs, extensions, or other purposes.
- I. The Authority further reserves the right to replace water meters at any time during regular business hours to ensure the proper functioning and accurate registration of each water service. The Authority shall not be held accountable for any failure of faulty curb valves or house service piping in a water meter pit that occurs during the removal or reinstallation of a water meter, provided that the work is carried out with reasonable care and workmanship by Authority personnel.
- J. The Authority prohibits the installation of facilities within the water meter pit and/or between the existing service from the main to the curb and such meter connections, couplings, etc., contained within the confinement of the water meter pit. The applicant (owner or customer) shall not connect or have their contractor connect any facilities within the meter pit without written approval from the Authority. The restrictions shall include but not be limited to support facilities for utility services other than the water supply received from the Authority for domestic or fire protection use.

- K. All shut-off valves installed on either side of the meter shall remain in the open position unless approved by the Authority in writing. All valves installed on a bypass line shall be closed and may only be opened by Authority personnel. All valves installed as part of a meter setting (including bypass valving) shall be sealed in the appropriate position by the Authority. If the seals are broken, the owner shall be fined in accordance with Section 6. C.
- L. All bypass valving shall be metered.

Failure to Meter: Any property where removal of, or improper interference with, meters, valves, or fittings to connect a "Jumper" or "Spacer" thereby avoiding charges for water use may be subject to the following:

- 5. Charges - for all water consumed per Authority computation
- 6. Fines - outlined in Section C (below).
- 7. Liens – placed on the property to secure charges/fines.
- 8. Criminal Charges – Theft of Services NJSA 2C:20-8(d)

SECTION 7. CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

- A. No cross-connection shall be permitted.
- B. No interconnections shall be permitted except where all the following criteria are met.
 - 1. (a) The interconnection was established prior to April 28, 1987. Subsequent repairs, replacement, improvements, and/or modifications may be carried out after April 28, 1987, provided that such actions are performed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.1 et seq.
 - (b) Where the interconnection involves an "Unapproved Water Supply," all of the following conditions must additionally be satisfied:
 - (1) The interconnection shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C.7:10-10.1 et seq.
 - (2) The interconnection shall be inspected by the Authority, which inspection shall be such as to permit the user to obtain all necessary permits.
 - 2. The interconnection shall remain closed except for emergencies. An emergency shall be defined as failure of the user's water supply, well-casing, points, or pumps, together with any and all such other devices needed in the maintenance and/or operation of the water supply; or where the demand exceeds the capacity of the supply (either due to pumping rates or diversion permit limitations).
 - 3. The interconnection may be opened for scheduled maintenance if the schedule is approved at least thirty (30) days in advance and the maintenance is limited to twenty-four (24) hours per month during June, July, August, and September. During January, February, March, April, May, October, November, and December, there will be no limit on maintenance time, provided it is performed Monday through Thursday and does not occur on a State Holiday.
 - 4. The interconnection may be opened for testing periods required by any and all regulatory agencies, provided that the testing is scheduled thirty (30) days in advance.
- C. Backflow Prevention Devices: The Authority may require that commercial and industrial establishments furnish and install approved backflow preventers and/or antisiphon devices immediately following and adjacent to the meter when the Authority deems it advisable to protect public health and welfare or as directed by local or State health and/or environmental agencies. Additionally, whenever pipes are connected with heaters or boilers, a checked valve must be installed to prevent water from leaving the heater or boiler if the pressure in the street main is removed.
- D. Where the physical connection is with a hazardous facility, which includes a hospital, sewerage or industrial waste treatment plant, or pumping station, or a commercial, industrial, or manufacturing facility where liquids, vapors, gases, or chemicals of unsafe, unknown, or questionable quality are handled, stored, used, and/or manufactured in accordance with 7:10-10.1 et seq.

1. The physical connection shall comply with all provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:10-10.1 et seq.
2. The physical connection must have an approved backflow prevention device. The physical connection shall be inspected by the Authority, and this inspection shall be conducted to verify compliance with the physical connection inspection procedure.

SECTION 8. WATER SERVICE CHARGES

- A. Bills for water service and minimum charges shall be due quarterly in advance of each successive billing quarter. The bills rendered shall show the amount of water consumed for the period for which the bill is rendered, as registered on the meter furnished by the Authority in gallons or cubic feet, as the Authority shall decide. If a meter is out of service for any reason whatsoever between billing periods, the water consumption for the premises served for the period during which the meter is out of service shall be determined by such procedure as is satisfactory to the Authority.
- B. The date on which the water consumption year begins for each water service shall be determined by the Authority, and the Authority shall issue a bill at least once each quarter of the year for the amount due. If this starting date has been changed from the start of the service quarter, the first bill issued after such a change may cover the current billing quarter. After that, each bill shall be for one billing quarter unless circumstances make this impractical.
- C. The Authority shall not be responsible for the delivery of the quarterly water bill to the owner of the premises. It shall be the obligation of the owner to notify the Authority of his proper mailing address. In the absence of the proper mailing address, the Authority at its option may use the last address recorded on its books, or may mail the bill to the "Owner" at the address being served with water. The failure of an owner to receive a bill shall not relieve them of the requirement to pay, when due, all water service charges against the premises having water service and shall not act as a deterrent in incurring such penalties as rules of the Authority prescribe. The owner shall complete and submit the Verification of Billing form and the required documentation to update the billing address. The billing address and any other account information cannot be changed upon the tenant's request.
- D. The Board of Directors, by Resolution, may approve the adjustment of bills rendered, the waiver of penalties, and the adjustment of such other charges as the Board of Directors may determine.
- E. In the event that the bill for water charges due on the date of starting the service quarter for any property is not ready for mailing on that date, an extension of time for payment without penalties shall be allowed by the property owner, equal to the delay beyond the date of starting the service quarter in the mailing of such bill.
- F. One (1) dwelling unit in a multi-unit structure is considered a single living area that includes permanent cooking facilities and at least one bathroom (sink, toilet, tub, and/or shower) integrated with the living quarters. To be defined as a dwelling unit in a multi-unit structure and classified as residential, the unit must be listed as such on the tax assessment rolls. (This rate does not apply to Hotels and Motels). All charitable organizations shall be regarded as single-family accounts. To be classified as a charitable organization, proof of 501 (C) (3) status is required. The Authority may request proof of a charitable organization on an annual basis.

G. The water service charge for each customer shall be the sum of the (1) Customer Charge and the (2) Water Charge (Meter Rate). The customer charge is the minimum charge, except as provided for supplemental service.

The water service charge is based on the following classification of the property:

1. Residential

(a.) Customer Charge - Minimum

Customer Class	Dwelling Units	Rate Per Quarter	Water Allowance Per Quarter
R-1	One or Two	\$ 89.00	2,500 cubic feet or 18,700 gallons
R-2	Three or More	\$ 89.00 per dwelling unit	1,250 cubic feet or 9,350 gallons per dwelling unit

The quarterly customer fee for three or more dwelling units shall be calculated by multiplying the number of units by the \$89.00 rate; however, it shall not be less than the customer charge corresponding to the meter size specified in the commercial schedule provided below.

(b) Water Charge (Meter Rate) for all water used in excess of the water allowance: \$4.981 per 100 cubic feet or \$0.657 per 100 gallons.

(c) Senior Discount

The Authority will provide a discounted flat rate of \$83.00 per quarter for senior citizen residents who receive a senior citizen discount on their property tax bill. Beginning January 1, 2026, the discounted rate will be applied each quarter to customers' bills who receive the State Senior Tax Deduction. To be eligible to receive the senior water utility credit, the customer must meet the following criteria:

- (a) Shall be at least 65 years old,
- (b) Shall own and live at the address listed on the application
- (c) Shall have the water bill in the customer's name
- (d) Shall provide proof of receiving a senior citizen discount on the property tax bill

Only one discount shall be permitted per property, regardless of the number of approved owners. Water usage above 2,500 cubic feet per quarter will be billed at the standard meter rate described in Section 1 (b).

2. Mixed Residential and Commercial

(a) Customer Charge

Customer Class	
M-1 (USER CODE: 21)	This charge will be \$95.00 per meter per quarter plus \$89.00 per dwelling unit (as defined in Section 8 F)

(b) Water Charge (Meter Rate) for all water in excess of 1,250 cubic feet per

dwelling unit per quarter, \$4.981 per 100 cubic feet or \$0.657 per 100 gallons

3. Commercial and Governmental

(a) Customer Charge - Minimum Charge

Customer Class	Meter Size	Per Quarter	USER CODES
C-1	5/8	\$ 112.00	40, 41, 144, 191
C-2	3/4	\$ 197.00	42, 39, 145, 192
C-3	1	\$ 210.75	43, 31, 141, 193
C-5	1½	\$ 628.25	45, 37, 142, 194
C-6	2	\$ 1,078.00	46, 33, 143, 195
C-7	3	\$ 2,495.00	47, 35, 146, 196
C-8	4	\$ 3,764.00	48, 34
C-9	6	\$ 8,181.25	49, 36
C-10	8	\$ 14,319.50	50, 38
C-11	10	\$ 21,783.00	51, 30
C-12	12	\$ 34,226.00	52, 32

The above charge is applied to each meter installed.

(b) Water Charge (Meter Rate): for all water used: \$ 4.918 per 100 cubic feet or \$0.657 per 100 gallons.

5. Bulk Users

(a) A Bulk User shall be defined as a customer that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) The customer is connected to the AUTHORITY's system on the AUTHORITY's Water Treatment Plant site in Pleasantville, New Jersey, bordered by North Main Street and California Avenue;
- (2) The customer has constructed and paid for all improvements necessary to make the connection;
- (3) The customer shall purchase or be billed for the purchase of a minimum of 28 million gallons per month.

(b) Customer Charge: \$98,623.00 per month (based upon 15 million gallons per month times the excess rate of \$4.918 per 100 cubic feet or \$0.657 per 100 gallons)

(c) Allowance: 2,005,348 cubic feet (15,000,000 gallons)

(d) Water Charge:

- (1) For all water used in excess of 2,005,348 cubic feet per month: \$ 4.179 per 100 cubic feet or \$0.988 per 100 gallons.
- (2) For all water used in excess of 401,070 cubic feet per day (weekends and holidays only): \$ 8.355 per 100 cubic feet or \$1.117 per 100 gallons.

(e) Customers who would otherwise qualify under this classification and purchase less than 28,000,000 million gallons per month shall be billed at the appropriate commercial rate, including both the customer charge and meter charge.

H. The Authority shall furnish the water and make charges therefore on the basis of the number of cubic feet registered on the meter supplied by the Authority under

the following rules and conditions: Each owner of a property shall pay, in advance, a minimum rate or charge, for water supplied, which minimum rate is the lowest amount which shall be accepted by the Authority for said water supply, for one billing quarter. The payment of this minimum rate and excess consumption shall be charged in accordance with the provisions of paragraph F of this section.

- I. The following interest shall be added to the amount of the bill rendered if the same is not paid when due:
 1. The monthly interest of one and one-half percent (1½% %) of the amount of the bill rendered if the same is not paid by the due date shown on the water service bill.
 2. Bills remaining unpaid beyond the current billing period shall accrue interest at the Per Diem rate of 18% per annum on the unpaid balance until the charges are fully paid.
 3. Bills that remain unpaid for any property sixty (60) days after the due date shall authorize the Authority to disconnect the water supply to said property.
 4. Prior to re-establishing water supply or turning it on to the property, all outstanding bills and interest shall be settled in full.
- J. The property with delinquent account balances shall be subject to a lien under the provisions of N.J.S.A 54:5.19 et seq., which governs the enforcement of the collection of all unpaid taxes. A water meter shall be removed from the property with outstanding municipal lien balances. The municipal lien balances and the current balances must be paid before the water can be supplied to such property.
- K. If there is a billing error due to property reclassification or inaccurate estimated readings, the Authority reserves the right to recalculate water charges and adjust accounts if warranted. The Authority shall adjust and back bill water charges for up to three years. Rates in effect at the time of the underbilling will be applied. Interest-free payment plans, depending on the amount owed, are available for back billings.
- L. The Board of Directors, by resolution, may modify existing water consumption charges if it is determined that such charges are the result of improperly functioning meters or other causes for which the property owner is not accountable.
- M. Service charge for a check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds shall be \$20 per check or other written instrument.

SECTION 9. USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND FEES

- A. Restrictions on the Use of Private Hydrants: All private fire hydrants shall be equipped with meters. Any individual or individuals who have been granted permission to install a fire hydrant or other connection on their premises for fire protection purposes, and who subsequently use or allow the use of such hydrant or connection for any purpose other than fire protection, shall be subject to a fine of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars for the initial offense. Repetition of such conduct shall result in the removal of the fire hydrant or connection from the main, regardless of the fact that the installation costs were borne by the individual or individuals involved.
- B. Operation of Fire Hydrant and Valves: No fire hydrant valve or other appliance used in connection with the mains of the Authority shall be operated or caused to be operated by individuals other than the Authority or Fire Department without obtaining a special permit from the Authority. Any persons who violate this regulation shall be subject to a penalty of Two Thousand (\$2,000) dollars for each instance in which a valve or hydrant is opened.
- C. No hydrant shall be operated by anyone without a permit, except employees of the Authority and authorized City of Atlantic City Emergency Personnel. Violations will result in a penalty of Two Thousand (\$2,000) dollars per day.
- D. A permit for the use of Authority fire hydrants can be obtained from the office of the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority with a proper application and a deposit, based on the schedule listed below, for the security of a fire hydrant meter and related equipment. This meter must be attached to the fire hydrant according to Authority requirements. The permit should be in the name of the property owner whenever possible. The property owner must complete an application for service and confirm responsibility for all charges. The deposit will be refunded once the fire hydrant meter is returned in good condition and the fire hydrant rental fees are paid.
1. 2" or smaller: \$1,500 (fifteen hundred dollars)
 2. 3" and larger: the AUTHORITY'S cost to purchase the meter plus a 15% restocking charge (non-refundable) plus \$1,500 (fifteen hundred dollars) against water charges.
- E. The following are the charges for the use of Authority fire hydrants.
1. Base Charge. This charge shall be applied for every day or part of a day that the customer has the hydrant meter in their possession.
 - (a) 2" or smaller: \$40 per day
 - (b) 3": \$45 per day
 - (c) 4": \$55 per day
 - (d) (d) No other meter sizes shall be permitted.
 2. All water registered on the fire hydrant meter shall be charged at the current water charge meter rate (Section 8.G.3. (b)).

3. The base charge (under a) and the excess charge (under b) will be billed monthly. Payment is due by the 25th of the month. Failure to pay will result in an interest charge (as per Section 8I) on the unpaid balance and termination of service.
 4. The Authority, at its discretion, may issue a one-day permit for the use of a hydrant without a meter. The charge shall be \$300.00 per day, or any part of a day, and must be paid in advance.
- F. All customers renting hydrant meters shall have the option of being billed at the Authority's commercial rates for regular water service (Section 8.G.3 (a) and (b)) under the following conditions:
1. *Charges to initiate this type of account must be equal to one (1) year's base charges (Section 8.G.3. (a)) by meter size and must be paid in addition to the deposit required in Section 9(D). An amount equal to one year's charges must be placed on the account. These charges are non-refundable.*
 2. *The account shall be billed quarterly, and the customer shall be responsible for the full quarterly charge for any part of a quarter during which the customer uses a hydrant. The customer shall be required to maintain a credit balance on the account equal to the security deposit.*
- G. *The customer shall be responsible for completely closing the valve on the fire hydrant after use. Allowing water to flow from the hydrant shall be considered a violation of section 6. C.*
- H. **Obstructions to Access to Fire Hydrants:** Any person or persons who interfere with the free access to any fire hydrant by placing any obstruction shall be subject to a fine of Two Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$225.00) and an additional Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for every two (2) hours after receiving notice from the Authority until such obstruction is removed.

SECTION 10. ELECTRONIC FILE TRANSFERS

- A. The Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority will transfer electronic files to interested parties. Existing electronic files that contain general customer information, such as owner details, billing information, lien information, and outstanding balances, will be available for a flat fee regardless of how many of these data types are requested.

- B. The fee for each electronic transfer of generic customer information, as stated in A (above), is \$30.00. Electronic files can be transferred weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. An annual fee of \$1,430.00 will be charged to parties requesting files every week throughout the year. This fee covers only the transfer of information currently available in electronic format. Customers who want the information in a different form are responsible for all programming and development costs related to creating and transferring those files.

SECTION 11. RESTRICTION TO USE AND WASTE OF WATER

- A. Owners and others controlling water draws who permit persons not designated in the permit issued to them by the Authority to use water shall incur a penalty of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) for each offense, and shall be held liable for the rent of such unassessed taker, and in default of payment may be deprived of water until the difficulty is adjusted and all charges paid.
- B. Access to Premises: Upon presentation of an employee photo identification (ID) badge or other proper credentials, duly authorized agents of the Authority shall be granted access at reasonable hours of the day to all parts of the premises to which water is supplied in order to make the necessary examinations and perform such other duties as may be required by said Authority; and any person who may obstruct or oppose said agent of the Authority in making such examination or other work relative to the water service, shall have the supply cut off.
- C. Right to Cut Off Supply if Wasted: The Executive Director or other duly authorized agents of the Authority shall be authorized to inquire at any dwelling or other places where water is being wasted into the cause of the waste. If said waste is due to neglect or repair in the pipes or other fixtures, and the owner or occupant of said dwelling fails or refuses, upon written notice being given, to have the necessary repairs made, the water supply to such place or dwelling shall be cut off. Any person who turns the water back on without a written permit from the Authority will be subject to a fine of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$450.00).
- D. Stop-cocks for Exclusive Use of Authority: Stop-cocks at the curb line and on branch services are for the exclusive use of the Authority, and all persons are forbidden to interfere. If any person turns the water on without a written permit from said Authority, such person shall be liable to a penalty of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00).
- E. Main Service may be cut off if the branch is in default: No branch may be connected to any service pipe without a written permit from the Authority. This permit will only be issued if a meter and stopcock are installed with a meter box and lid, as provided or approved by the Authority, and these must always be under the Authority's control. If there is a branch, and a consumer fails to pay water rent, the main service pipe can be cut off until the overdue charges are paid. The Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority will not be responsible for damages to any other consumer who loses water due to such a shutoff.
- F. Water for Temporary Use Paid for in Advance: Contractors, builders, and others will be required to obtain a written permit from the Authority before using water for building purposes and make payment at that time for the amount in accordance with the terms of this schedule. For failure to comply with this requirement, they will be liable for fines in accordance with Section 6. C.

- G. The Authority May Restrict Supply. The Authority may at any time restrict or regulate the amount of water used by all consumers during a shortage if, in its judgment, such restrictions or regulations are necessary for the public good; and if needed, the Authority shall have the right to shut off the entire supply to make repairs.
- H. The Authority may Cut Off for Other Than Proper Use. The water must not be left running longer than necessary; for willful or unnecessary waste of water, the supply may be cut off at the Authority's discretion, and will not be turned on again until satisfactory assurances are given that the abuse will not happen again.
- I. Restrictions on Sprinkling: The use of water for sprinkling purposes, even if supplied through a meter, is subject to the following restrictions: The sprinkling season shall be limited to six (6) months from April 1st to October 1st, and water usage for this purpose is prohibited outside the hours of 6 am to 9 am and 6 pm to 9 pm.
- J. The Authority may Cut Off Supply. For violating any of the above rules, the Authority reserves the right to turn off the water or remove the water meter without notice, in addition to the penalty specified. The water shall not be turned on until all charges, penalties, and expenses for turning the water on and off are paid.
- K. Extension or Increase in Size of Authority Mains: Adequacy of Developed Supply and Conditions of Pressures.
- L. The Authority mains shall be extended in an area only where conditions of pressure in the distribution system in said area permit; and provided that the developed water supply is adequate to install new, or additional, service without detriment to existing service.
- M. Extension of Mains Made Only on Public Streets and Highways.
- N. The Authority mains shall be extended only on public streets and highways, the grades of which have been established by official action, and the grading completed.
- O. Extension of Mains to New Building Developments;
 - 1. Where an extension of a City main to an area where no main exists is applied for by the owner of a building development and the installation of the extension is authorized by a service agreement, the terms of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the owner and the Authority, and the responsibility for the cost of such extension shall be more specifically assigned in the service agreement.
 - 2. The Authority Determines Diameter and Location of Extension: The diameter of the extension; and other details, regarding the extensions shall be determined by the Authority. [Revised: The Authority Determines Diameter and Location of Extension: The diameter of the extension; and other details, regarding the extensions must be determined by the Authority.]
 - 3. The minimum diameter of an extension shall be eight (8") inches, except if laid between existing mains of smaller diameter.

SECTION 12. PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED BY AUTHORITY

Moreover, any person or persons violating any of the above regulations governing the introduction, supply, and consumption of water for which no penalty has previously been provided for the specific violation shall be liable to a penalty of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) for the first offense and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each subsequent offense. Whenever any person or persons incurs any fine or penalty under these regulations, it shall be understood to include the amount specified, along with costs of prosecution, and any civil remedy that the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority may have in an action of law against the offending party.

SECTION 13. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to all other obligations under these Rules, Rates & Regulations and applicable law, the Owner shall:

1. Ensure that all plumbing service connections, water mains and street service lines from the public mains to the property, including all privately-owned laterals and service pipes, are installed, maintained, repaired, and replaced at the Owner's cost in accordance with ACMUA standards, these Rules & Regulations and relevant state/local law. (See ACMUA Section 3 – "Plumbing and Street Service".)
2. Be responsible for the installation and upkeep of the water meter(s) and any required device(s) (for example back-flow prevention, clean-outs) between the property and the main, including excavation, backfill, pavement restoration, and other restoration of the adjacent street or sidewalk as required by ACMUA.
3. Notify ACMUA promptly of any broken, damaged or missing meter, service pipe, valve, or other part of the service from the public main to the property, including any irregularity in water service, meter reading, leakage or excessive unaccounted use. Failure to notify may result in rebilling or other corrective action by ACMUA.
4. Ensure that no water service or use occurs at the property unless properly connected, metered and accounted for under these Rules & Regulations; the Owner remains liable for all charges until written notice of service discontinuation is given to ACMUA, and service has been properly terminated or capped by ACMUA.
5. Comply with all material, design, testing, installation and inspection requirements set forth by ACMUA (and applicable state regulation) for mains, services, meters, and back-flow control. Privately-owned mains or services must meet the applicable ACMUA technical standards and be approved by ACMUA prior to operation.
6. Permit ACMUA or its designated agents reasonable access to the property for inspection, meter reading, maintenance, testing, repair or emergency operations, upon reasonable notice, or immediately in the case of emergencies.
7. Pay all bills, fees, charges or assessments imposed by ACMUA for services rendered or pursuant to these Rules & Regulations, and remain liable for any

such charges until service is properly discontinued according to ACMUA's procedures.

8. Inform tenants, agents, occupants or other users of the property of these Rules & Regulations, and ensure compliance by such persons with respect to service usage, damage to ACMUA property or other violations (the Owner remains responsible for such persons' acts).
9. Ensure the building, premises, or facility remains in compliance with all applicable state codes (e.g., New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, Title 5 housing standards), local ordinances, and ACMUA's rules relating to service, use and waste of water (see Section 11 – "Restriction to Use and Waste of Water").
10. In the case of any change in the ownership of the property, or any change in the occupancy or use of the property that might affect water service demand, service piping, meter sizing, or billing category, promptly provide written notice to ACMUA and make any required application for service re-classification or new connection as required by ACMUA (see Section 1 – "Application for Connection").

SECTION 14. RESERVATION, RIGHT TO MODIFY

The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify or change any of the foregoing rules or make such addition, by rules and regulation, as may be found essential for the more perfect protection of the public interests and the management of the Authority, and to impose such additional restrictions as may be deemed proper.

SECTION 15. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Resolution is declared or held to be unconstitutional or legally inoperative, no other portion of the Resolution shall be affected thereby, but the unconstitutional or inoperative provision shall be rescinded and the remaining provisions of this Resolution shall continue in full force.

SECTION 16. INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS

All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent herewith shall be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.