

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES

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 Service Area: Town of Ellicott, New York (District 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 18)

GENERAL SERVICE - METERED ACCOUNTS:

Basic Service Charge per meter size, per month:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4" or 1"	\$ 5.84
1-1/2"	6.45
2"	10.72
3"	22.88
4"	39.93
6"	88.60
8"	156.75
10"	244.38

Consumption Charge per billing unit, per month: \$2.83

UNMETERED PUBLIC SERVICE:

Public occasional water service for sewer flushing, street cleaning, unmetered public drinking and ornamental fountains, skating rinks and the like shall be assessed at the applicable metered rates for general service based on estimates to be prepared by the General Manager of the Board of Public Utilities (JBPU). All unmetered public service shall be arranged in advance with the General Manager or his designee.

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE - HYDRANTS:

Rate per Hydrant per month: \$12.18

A private yard fire hydrant will be billed at the above monthly rate. The customer will pay the actual cost of materials and labor per hydrant and be responsible for any maintenance charges to the hydrant.

METERED PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE:

No charge shall be made for the use of water for the purpose of extinguishing fires.

For all other purposes, the applicable metered water service rates shall apply to each billing unit. If a consistent consumption through the fire service is detected the fire service account will be treated as a general service account and billed accordingly. A basic service charge equal to the Basic Service Charge under General Service Metered Accounts will apply to all fire service accounts. For purposes of determining the basic service charge under this section, meter size and detector check valve size are synonymous.

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATESTEMPORARY OR CONTRACTOR SERVICE FROM WATER HYDRANT:

Contractor use of a water hydrant for temporary construction service will be billed at \$36.00 per day for connections 1 inch or smaller and \$60.00 per day for larger connection sizes. The utility will install and remove the connection to the hydrant. Temporary service will only be provided where the BPU determines that the usage will not disrupt the regular operation of the water system.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSUMERSBILLING DEFINITIONS:

**Water Account:** A *Water Account* is considered an individual water meter providing service to a single consumer, within a building or buildings bounded by public sidewalks, streets, alleys, waterway, railroad, or other right of way. All general service water accounts must have water meters installed.

**Basic Service Charge\*:** A *Basic Service Charge* is a fixed charge per month associated with basic costs such as maintenance of meters, meter readings, billing, etc., plus public fire hydrant installation, operation and maintenance costs. This charge will be billed whether or not there is any water consumption and does not include any usage.

**Billing Unit:** A *Billing Unit* is defined as "100 cubic feet of water" as measured by the meter and is equivalent to approximately 748 US gallons of water.

**Consumption Charge:** The *Consumption Charge* is the charge per billing unit of water consumed each month based on the actual or estimated meter readings.

**Meter Reading:** A *Meter Reading* is typically obtained by reading the actual water meter on a monthly basis. The Board of Public Utilities may estimate that monthly reading in the event it is unable to obtain the actual reading. The estimated reading shall be so designated on the bill and is based on previous meter readings for the account. It is the responsibility of the property/building owner to provide the Board of Public Utilities proper access to the meter to enable its reading, inspection, and maintenance

**Combined Monthly Bill:** A customer in a single dwelling unit that is provided water service plus other City of Jamestown utility services such as electric and/or sewer service will be provided a *Combined Monthly Bill* that clearly states the billing for each individual service provided and total billing for the combined utility services. A single dwelling unit does not have the option of splitting this Combined Monthly Bill, only one bill will be provided per single unit dwelling.

*\*NOTE.- Effective 1/1/95, \$.40 was added to the Basic Service Charge to offset expense for installation, operation and maintenance of public fire hydrants. This expense was previously recovered through a hydrant rental fee billed to the City*

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### PROTECTION OF METERS

The Customer is responsible for providing a reasonable space for the meter, adequate plumbing to both sides of the meter, and the protection of the installed water meter. The Customer is liable for any physical damage occurring to the installed meter whether from "freezing" as a result of inadequate protection from freezing temperatures or any other cause. A replacement charge will be assessed for meters that have to be replaced because of such damage to the meter. Replacement of damaged meters will be billed to the customer at the actual cost incurred by the Board of Public Utilities in replacing the damaged meter.

### METER TESTING

The JBPU reserves the right to remove and test any water meter at any time and to substitute another meter in its place. Where meter accuracy is questioned in the case of a disputed account, such meter will be tested by the JBPU at the request and expense of the consumer. The fee for testing such meters will be \$25.00 for meters 3/4" and smaller and \$50.00 for larger meters, payable in advance of the test. In the event that the meter so tested is found to have an error in registration in excess of four per cent (4%) at any rate of flow within normal test flow to the prejudice of the consumer, the fee advanced for testing will be refunded and, in addition, the bills will be reviewed and adjusted for over-registration for up to a prior 12 month period.

### ACCESS TO METERS

The customer shall provide the JBPU with access to its water meter upon reasonable notice. Customers who fail to provide the BPU with access to the water meter within three months after reasonable notice is given to the customer will be charged a \$25 per month service charge until access is provided, and may be subject to service disconnection.

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER SERVICE

After installation, the customer is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of potable water lines from the curb box to the structure being served. The customer is responsible for fire service lines from the main to the structure being served.

### COMINGLING PROHIBITED

No building that is connected to the BPU water system may be simultaneously connected to a water well or other source of water. Back flow valves shall be installed at actual cost paid for by owner where required by the New York State building Code, or where required by the BPU.

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Regular bills for water service will be rendered monthly. Bills rendered are due upon receipt, and are considered delinquent 23 days from the billing date. Bills may be paid at the JBPU or other place or places designated by the JBPU. If bills are not paid within the period specified thereon, the customer shall be required to pay a late payment charge at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month, which will be applied to all amounts previously billed, including arrears and unpaid late payment charges. Water service and other BPU utility services at the service location and/or at any other service location in the customer's name is subject to disconnection 15 days after payment becomes delinquent. If water service is disconnected for non-payment, it will not be restored except upon payment of the water bill, plus late payment charge, and a service reconnection charge of \$30.00 within regular working hours or \$160.00 outside of regular working hours. The BPU has up to five days to restore service.

Failure to receive a bill will not release a consumer from payment obligations or entitle the consumer to escape the late payment charge imposed on delinquent accounts.

A collection fee of \$25.00 will be assessed on the next bill if the customer's service is subject to disconnection, and payment is received at the customer's premises.

SERVICES CONNECTION POLICY

For new water services, the customer is responsible for the water service lateral from the main tap to the structure. The customer shall pay a New Service Charge, as outlined in Table I below, to defray Board of Public Utilities' labor and material costs for water main tap, curb box, valve, and testing. The customer shall make provisions to properly excavate from the structure to the water main in the street, furnish and install copper water service, backfill, and restore sidewalks and street paving in compliance with local government requirements.

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Table I

New Service Charge

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8"	\$405.00
3/4"	\$442.50
1"	\$540.00
1- 1/2"	\$780.00
2"	\$1,012.50
2" compound *	\$2,490.00

Meters larger than 2" will be provided and installed at BPU labor and material rates.

\* BPU reserves the right to specify meter depending on anticipated usage.

Service Connection fees larger than 2" are available through BPU GM office.

MULTIPLE METER POLICY

Where a single water lateral has been installed to furnish water to multiple accounts within a single structure, the utility will provide the first meter as part of the service connection policy. Additional meters installed from a header arrangement, to be approved by the utility, will be provided by the BPU at owner's expense.

STATEMENT OF CUSTOMER RIGHTS

Customers of the BPU Water Division are entitled to view records pertaining to their water accounts including meter readings, bills and payment history. Customers who believe that the BPU has made an error in the measurement of water supply, the billing of water supply, or the application of payments, and who are unable to resolve their issues through communications with BPU Customer Service, are entitled to a hearing. Customers may call 716-661-1660 to schedule a hearing.