

THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TARIFF – PART 1 OF 2

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE

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District

Town of Morristown	County of Morris
Township of Morris	County of Morris
Township of Hanover	County of Morris
Borough of Morris Plains	County of Morris

Other Territories Partially Supplied by SMCMUA

Township of Harding	County of Morris
Township of Mendham	County of Morris
Township of Randolph	County of Morris
Borough of Florham Park	County of Morris
Township of Chatham	County of Morris
Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills	County of Morris
Borough of Madison	County of Morris
Borough of Wharton	County of Morris

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Section 1. Definitions

- A. Unless stated otherwise herein, words or phrases that have a well-known technical or construction industry or trade meaning are used in this Document in accordance with such recognized meaning.
1. SMCMUA shall mean The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.
 2. AUTOMATIC METER READING (AMR) shall mean the reading of meters electronically. AMR shall also refer to all equipment and devices necessary to remotely read meters.
 3. CONNECTED TO or CONNECTION means any connection of a Premises or any existing or proposed building, facility or other structure thereon to the water system of SMCMUA, including any addition or physical or operational change which increases the number of service units and/or projected water usage of the Premises and for which a building permit or other municipal approval is required.
 4. CONNECTION FEE, as used in these Rules and Regulations is a charge imposed upon the owner of property or Premises to be connected to SMCMUA's water system representing a fair payment toward the cost of the water system and calculated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21. The Connection Fee is in addition to the actual cost of the physical connection or "tapping fee" imposed pursuant to these Rules and Regulations.
 5. CREATING MUNICIPALITIES refers to SMCMUA's four creating municipalities, i.e., the Town of Morristown, Township of Hanover, Township of Morris and Borough of Morris Plains.
 6. CURB STOP/CURB VALVE is the valve located behind the curb or edge or pavement but in the right-of-way that may be used to turn the water on and/or off. On services two inches (2") in diameter or smaller, this is commonly known as the curb stop. On services greater than two inches (2"), this will be called a curb valve. The curb stop/curb valve may be installed by SMCMUA or the Property Owner but is owned, operated, and maintained by SMCMUA. The curb stop/curb valve is the demarcation between the SMCMUA "side" and private "side" of services unless a single-family meter pit is installed in which case the meter pit is the demarcation between the SMCMUA "side" and private "side" of services.

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7. DISCONNECTED PROPERTY, per N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.5.e, means a property that has been physically disconnected from the water system or a property not physically disconnected but to which service has been discontinued without payments being made. A "disconnected property" shall not include a property that has been temporarily disconnected from the water system or to which service has been discontinued without payments being made for less than 12 consecutive months and is being reconnected as it existed, prior to the temporary disconnection or discontinuance of service.
8. DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE is stopping of service for any reason as permitted by these rules and regulations.
9. DISTRIBUTION MAIN is a pipe which delivers water to the service lines attached thereto.
10. DISTRICT means the territory consisting of the combined areas of the Town of Morristown, Township of Hanover, Township of Morris, and Borough of Morris Plains.
11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR means the Executive Director of SMCMUA.
12. FACILITIES CHARGE is as defined in the SMCMUA Fee Schedules.
13. MASTER METER is a single meter serving more than one Service Unit.
14. METER HOUSING is a meter pit, vault or hot box used to protect a meter that is not located indoors. The type of housing required is based upon the design conditions. All types of meter housing are located on the premise side of the curb stop/curb valve. Maintenance of small diameter PVC meter pits for single family residential services shall be the responsibility of SMCMUA. Maintenance of Meter Housing for all other types of service shall be the responsibility of the Property Owner. Purchasing and installation of the meter housing shall be as required by capital improvement or development project standards.
15. MULTI-USE SERVICE is one water service that is tapped to the Distribution Main. This single tap provides both fire and domestic water supply. A service is considered a Multi-Use Service if there is only one tap to the main regardless of whether, or where, the service splits after the single tap.

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16. PREMISES means any building, structure or combination of buildings or structures on one or more contiguous parcel(s) of land owned, leased or occupied by a Property Owner to which Water Service is provided. Without limiting the generality or inclusiveness of the foregoing, the term PREMISES includes any home, apartment building, commercial, industrial or office complex, or cooperative apartment, condominium, townhouse or similar development.
17. PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS are hydrants on private property owned and maintained by the Property Owner.
18. PROPERTY OWNER is the owner of the property as shown on the municipal tax rolls and may include but not be limited to an individual, a homeowner's association, a property management company or any entity ultimately responsible for the payment of fees, charges, fines, etc. for the property.
19. RULES AND REGULATIONS refers to these "Rules and Regulations for Water Service" as the same may be amended or revised from time to time. Also referred to as the "Tariff".
20. SERVICE CHARGE (per the Service Contract between SMCMUA and its Creating Municipalities dated January 20, 1977) means rents, rates, fees or other charges for direct or indirect connection with, or the use or services of, the water system which the SMCMUA is authorized to charge and collect with regard to persons or real property.
21. SERVICE CONTRACT refers to the agreement between SMCMUA and its Creating Municipalities, dated January 20, 1977, unless otherwise specifically noted.
22. SERVICE LINE is a fire, irrigation or domestic water supply line, leading from SMCMUA's Distribution Main to the customer's premise. The service line is split into two parts; SMCMUA owned side (SMCMUA side) and the Property Owner owned side (private side). SMCMUA owns, maintains and controls the portion leading from the Distribution Main to the Curb Stop/Curb Valve (or to a single-family meter pit, if any) (i.e., SMCMUA side). The Property Owner owns that part of the Service Line that extends from the Curb Stop/Curb Valve (or single-family meter pit) to the point of termination on the property (i.e., private side). The SMCMUA side of the service line may be installed by SMCMUA or the Property Owner based upon the design conditions at the sole discretion of SMCMUA. The private side of the service line is installed and maintained by the Property Owner.

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- 23. SERVICE UNIT has the same meaning as Premises and, therefore, the terms may be used interchangeably.
- 24. TAPPING FEE means the actual cost of physical connection to the water system and is in addition to the Connection Fee.
- 25. TRANSMISSION MAIN is a pipeline greater than 12-inches in diameter which delivers water from the various pumping stations and distribution reservoirs to the Distribution Mains. A connection to a Transmission Main can only be granted at the sole discretion of SMCMUA.
- 26. WATER MAIN EXTENSION is an addition to the existing system of Transmission and Distribution Mains. Water Main Extensions shall be constructed by the Property Owner. Ownership and maintenance responsibility for a Water Main Extension after the construction is complete is outlined in a Water Main Extension Agreement.
- 27. WILL SERVE LETTER is a letter that ONLY notifies the applicant for a development that SMCMUA can provide water service to the Premises based upon water quantity demand calculations provided by the applicant. A Will Serve Letter is not a guarantee that the hydraulic demands of the project can be met by SMCMUA.

Section 2. Applications for Service Within the District

- A. Application for Water Service shall be made by the Property Owner, lessee or duly authorized agent at the General Offices of SMCMUA located at 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey.
- B. An application for Water Service shall be made on the forms provided by SMCMUA.
- C. Each individual lot must have its own fire and/or domestic water service and there shall only be one fire and/or domestic water service per lot. One meter shall be required/permitted per service. In the case of previously metered lots to be subdivided, a new fire and/or domestic water service and associated meter(s) shall be constructed on the subdivided lot(s).
- D. The person applying for service must be the Property Owner and the Property Owner must sign for service. Unpaid service charges are liens against the real property for which the Property Owner is responsible. SMCMUA will enforce such liens until the unpaid service charges and all interest accrued thereon are paid in full.

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- E. SMCMUA may reject applications for Water Service where such service is not available, or cannot practicably or feasibly be provided, or where such service might affect the supply to existing SMCMUA customers; or for failure of the applicant to agree to comply with any of SMCMUA's Rules and Regulations, or for other good cause.
- F. Applications for Water Service are not transferable. Each new Property Owner of the Premises to be supplied is required to make a new application.
- G. A Property Owner shall not allow the use of water by others through the meter located in the Property Owner's Premises, except at such Premises; nor shall water be used at any Premises not designated in the application, except as specifically authorized by SMCMUA in writing.
- H. If an application is made for the supply of water for building construction purposes, SMCMUA shall have the option of providing metered or unmetered service as indicated in the temporary construction water applications.
- I. The applicant will make the application for any street or highway opening permits for installing service lines and no service will be furnished until such permits are provided and delivered to SMCMUA. In the case of state highways, SMCMUA shall assist the applicant with the road opening permit as required by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) permit application process.
- J. If a fee or charge is made by a municipality or other governmental agency controlling the street or highway for permits or escrow, the charge shall be paid by the Property Owner.
- K. Applications for extension of Distribution Mains within the District and outside the District shall be made as outlined in the applicable sections of these regulations.
- L. No service will be provided to any applicant for Water Service until all fees and bills due from the applicant to SMCMUA for past services furnished at any present or previous locations have been paid.

Section 3. Water Main Extensions Within the District

- A. Applications for Water Main Extensions within the District shall be made at the General Offices of SMCMUA located at 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey.
- B. SMCMUA will review all developments requiring a Water Main Extension to determine future ownership and maintenance responsibility for the new main.
- C. Water Main Extensions may only be installed pursuant to agreements promulgated by SMCMUA.

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- D. SMCMUA shall have the right to connect additional Property Owners to an extension of which SMCMUA has taken ownership.
- E. In addition to any Connection Fee to be paid to SMCMUA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:18B-21(b), Property Owners shall be required to install and/or pay for the cost of extending water mains and appurtenant facilities and other improvements as permitted by law ("Off-Site Facilities") to or for their Premises regardless of whether any benefit accrues to SMCMUA as a result of such installation.
- F. Property Owners may be required to reimburse SMCMUA for professional and legal services related to design and construction of any Water Main Extension. This reimbursement may include the cost for SMCMUA personnel's time and/or testing or laboratory fees as well as any professional fees incurred by SMCMUA in connection with the application for service. Reimbursement may be in the form of escrow payment or direct billing as determined by SMCMUA's Finance Department.

Section 4. Applications for Service Outside the District (Distribution Mains and Service Lines)

Note: This section is based upon the Service Contract between SMCMUA and its Creating Municipalities dated January 20, 1977. Requirements of this section cannot be modified unless it is determined the modifications are not in conflict with the Service Contract.

- A. No application for the supply and distribution of water, directly or indirectly, to any parcel of real property situated outside the District shall be approved or accepted unless: (i) such parcel was previously supplied with water by SMCMUA; or (ii) a Resolution has been adopted by SMCMUA's Board to approve the out of district supply; (iii) and written consent to such supply has been obtained by SMCMUA from all of its four Creating Municipalities as a predicate to granting such approval.
- B. 'Will Serve' requests for outside the District developments will only be provided pursuant to the process outlined in this section.
- C. For all outside the District water service requests where the property has not been previously served by SMCMUA, the applicant shall submit the Request for Water Service – Out of District Approval (SMCMUA-Form OD) along with the applicable fee.
- D. Applications for outside the District water service where the premises was previously supplied by SMCMUA shall be processed in the same manner as a water service application within the District. (This is based upon Section 204 of the January 20, 1977, Service Contract.) Any change to the existing premise, or increase in demand to the premise, may require Board approval.

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- E. Applications for water service where the premises was not previously supplied by SMCMUA, whether there is an existing SMCMUA water main fronting the property or whether there is no existing SMCMUA water main fronting the property (i.e., a Water Main Extension is required), shall require the approval of the SMCMUA Board of Members and consent of SMCMUA's four Creating Municipalities.
- F. If SMCMUA does not seek the consent of its Creating Municipalities for any reason, the applicant shall be so advised. In such event, the application fee shall be forfeited.
- G. If the Board Members make the request for consent to the Creating Municipalities, such request shall be made by SMCMUA to its four Creating Municipalities, as well as to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") (per its Water Supply Agreement dated September 10, 2002) and to the municipality in which the project is located, when required. The request shall be accompanied by such documentation as SMCMUA may determine to be relevant.
- H. SMCMUA assumes no obligation with respect to or responsibility for any municipal or MCMUA consent decision and shall in no way be responsible for any failure or inability to secure same after making written request therefor.
- I. In the event any further information or documentation of any nature is required or requested in connection with any application, all such requested information or documentation, and all costs associated therewith shall be borne by the applicant, including the actual costs incurred by SMCMUA for professional legal and engineering services. The costs referred to herein shall be in addition to the preliminary application fee to be paid by the applicant.
- J. Outside the District requests to the Board may be reviewed and/or approved based upon Conceptual Site Plans and requested allocation. After SMCMUA Board approval and municipal consent, Final Site Plans must be submitted for complete technical review. Final Site Plans must comply with all technical review comments per the standard SMCMUA design criteria. Board and Creating Municipality approval does not guarantee that SMCMUA technical requirements can be, or have been, achieved.
- K. The obtaining of outside the District approvals shall not in any way excuse the applicant from complying with all applicable SMCMUA regulations or requirements; nor impinge upon SMCMUA's right to determine whether service shall, in any given case, be provided, notwithstanding such approvals.
- L. Upon receipt of consent from the Creating Municipalities, host municipality (when required) and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, applications for outside the District service shall proceed as any other application within the District.

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- M. Note, SMCMUA is a municipal utilities authority (MUA) not subject to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) regulations regarding outside the District service. However, the municipality's resolution to accept retail service from SMCMUA must be approved by the BPU per N.J.S.A. 40:14B-20(6).

BPU approval for the Township of Harding has been previously obtained per BPU's Decision and Order Docket No. 823-246 petitioned on March 29, 1982.

BPU approval for the Township of Chatham has been previously obtained per BPU's Decision and Order Docket No. WM04030151 petitioned on June 24, 2004.

BPU approval for the Township of Mendham has been previously obtained per BPU's Decision and Order Docket No. (non-cited) petitioned on November 8, 1985.

BPU approval for the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills (Parsippany) has been previously obtained per BPU's Decision and Order Docket No. WM20030235 petitioned on May 5, 2020. (Note: Parsippany has both bulk and retail customers).

BPU approval for the Borough of Florham Park has been obtained per BPU's Decision and Order Docket No. WO24060409 effective September 11, 2024.

Section 5. Service Lines – SMCMUA Side

- A. Only employees or other persons authorized by SMCMUA will be permitted to make connections to SMCMUA Distribution Mains unless SMCMUA otherwise provides written authorization.
- B. No Service Line may be installed where any part of the Service Line is laid or to be laid in the same trench with sewer pipe, gas pipe, electric conduit or any other facility, except as permitted by law.
- C. A Curb Stop/Curb Valve shall be installed at or near the curb line in such a manner as to permit the attachment of the Property Owner's Service Line. The valve is the property of SMCMUA and is intended for turning on and shutting off the supply of water in emergencies, for purposes of repair or to effect collections. Only SMCMUA employees or persons duly authorized to do so by SMCMUA are permitted to operate the valve.
- D. Premises shall be supplied by one Service Line for domestic service and one Service Line for fire service, unless otherwise required or approved by SMCMUA.

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- E. Where two or more Property Owners share a single Service Line, any violation of SMCMUA rules by either or any of said Property Owners shall be deemed a joint violation. SMCMUA may take such corrective action with respect to the violation as would be taken in the case of a single Property Owner. Such action shall not be taken until the Property Owner that is not in violation has been given reasonable opportunity to construct a separate water service.
- F. Any change requested by the Property Owner in the location or size of the existing service line, if approved by SMCMUA, shall be made at the expense of the Property Owner

Section 6. Service Lines – Private Side

- A. The private Service Line shall be constructed of material permitted by State Code. Any non-metallic Service Lines shall be installed with a tracer wire.
- B. The private Service Line shall be installed by the Property Owner at their expense as per the applicable Plumbing Code. The line shall be installed with the maximum lengths possible between joints, with no sharp turns or bends and no unnecessary couplings. The line shall be installed with the required cover to avoid damage and possible interruption to service caused by freezing.
- C. SMCMUA reserves the right to inspect the installation prior to the backfilling of the trench and to withhold the supply of Water Service whenever such installation or any part thereof is deemed by SMCMUA to be leaking, unsafe, inadequate or unsuitable for receiving service, or to interfere with or impair the continuity or quality of service to the Property Owner or to others.
- D. The Property Owner shall make all changes to or replacements of the private Service Line due to changes in grade, relocation of mains, a determination that the line is made of lead or galvanized material, or any other non-SMCMUA causes, at Property Owner's expense.
- E. Where it is necessary to install a private Service Line on the property of persons other than the Property Owner for service, written authorization from such affected Property Owners, in a form approved by SMCMUA, shall be obtained by the applying Property Owner. Following such authorization, the installation shall be subject to the approval of SMCMUA and in its sole discretion.
- F. If there is a leak in the private Service Line, it is the Property Owner's responsibility to repair the leak. The repair should be performed as soon as possible to minimize lost water and to reduce potential for water supply contamination. Property Owners that fail to make the required repairs may be subject to fines and/or discontinuance of service.

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Section 7. Property Owner's Premises

- A. SMCMUA shall have the right of reasonable access to a Property Owner's premises, at reasonable times, for the purpose of rendering of service, reading meters or inspecting, testing or repairing its facilities used in connection with supplying service, or for the removal or replacement of SMCMUA property.
- B. In case of defective service, the Property Owner shall not interfere with the apparatus or appliances belonging to SMCMUA but shall notify SMCMUA immediately.
- C. All piping within a Property Owner's Premises shall comply with applicable State, Municipal and other regulations in force.
- D. In any Premises where a secondary water source is available, the lines carrying water from the mains of SMCMUA are required to be marked in some distinctive manner by the Property Owner for ready identification.
- E. No device or connection shall be permitted between lines or fixtures carrying water from the mains of SMCMUA and any unapproved water supply unless the system is designed to prevent backflow or backsiphonage and the Property Owner obtains a Physical Connection permit from the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of New Jersey.

Section 8. Private Fire Protection Service – Fire Lines and/or Hydrants

- A. New private fire line and private fire hydrant installations shall be made in accordance with SMCMUA standards.
- B. All private fire lines must be equipped with backflow protection devices and must comply with all other provisions of applicable building codes and regulations.
- C. Private Fire Hydrants shall be used exclusively for fire protection purposes.
- D. SMCMUA may install leak detection devices on private fire hydrants after providing ten (10) days' notice to the Property Owner.
- E. Authorized representatives of SMCMUA shall have the right to inspect all fire protection facilities on a Property Owner's Premises.

Section 9. Public Fire Protection

- A. Upon application of a duly authorized representative of a municipality in the territory supplied, SMCMUA will install fire hydrants for purposes of public fire protection at locations agreed upon by governmental officials of the requesting municipality and SMCMUA representatives.

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- B. Such hydrants are owned by SMCMUA and subject to regular inspection and maintenance by SMCMUA.
- C. Hydrants are not to be used for any purpose other than public fire protection, without SMCMUA's prior written permission.

Section 10. Public Use of Fire Hydrants

- A. Where it is necessary to use hydrants for any purpose other than public fire protection, a hydrant use application is required to be completed and submitted to SMCMUA for approval. Any permitted use by SMCMUA may contain restrictions or conditions imposed in the interest of the public health, safety and/or general welfare.

Section 11. Lawn Sprinkler and Irrigation Systems

- A. All irrigation systems shall be tapped downstream of a meter. Unmetered irrigation is subject to fines and/or penalties.
- B. All lawn sprinkler or irrigation systems shall be equipped with a backflow device as required by Plumbing Code.
- C. SMCMUA may restrict the use of irrigation service to certain definite periods or prohibit it entirely. In such event, every endeavor will be made to notify Property Owners in advance by public notice.

Section 12. Multi-Use Service

- A. Property Owners with an existing Multi-Use Service Line shall be required to provide separate domestic and fire Service Lines tapped to the Distribution Main upon redevelopment of the Premises.
- B. If a Property Owner redeveloping a property desires to maintain the existing Multi-Use Service Line, they shall be required to provide documentation that such multi-use service is permitted by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the New Jersey Plumbing Code and the Uniform Fire Code.

Section 13. Appeal Process

- A. Property Owners applying for new water service, as well as existing Property Owners that are modifying their existing water service, are required to meet the design requirements in effect at the time the new service or service modifications are being applied for.

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- B. Property Owners seeking relief from SMCMUA design requirements must submit a letter to the Executive Director requesting a waiver of the requirement. Any such request must include the reasons supporting the requested waiver.
- C. In the event the requested waiver is denied by the Executive Director, the Property Owner may request the decision to be reviewed by the SMCMUA Engineering Committee. In the event a Committee review is requested, the Property Owner shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to supply additional materials or information to the Committee in support of its waiver request.
- D. Unless otherwise requested by the Committee, its decision shall be based upon the provided submittals and no appearance by the Property Owner or any representative(s) of the Property Owner will be required or permitted. When decided, the Committee's decision will be promptly provided to the Property Owner within seven (7) calendar days. Unless appealed to the SMCMUA Board of Members within seven (7) calendar days of the Property Owner's receipt of the Committee's decision, such decision shall be treated as final action.
- E. In the event a timely appeal of the Committee's decision is received by the SMCMUA, the waiver request, any supporting materials and the grounds for the prior denials shall be reviewed by the SMCMUA Board of Members at a regular or special meeting of the Board. In the event of such a review, the Property Owner and/or representative(s) of the Property Owner shall be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board in support of the waiver request and to answer any questions the Board may have. When decided, the Board's decision shall be provided to the Property Owner within seven (7) days and, unless specifically stated otherwise, shall be treated as final action by the SMCMUA.

Section 14. Meters

- A. SMCMUA will determine the type and make of all meters to be used, based upon the service desired. All meters are owned and maintained by SMCMUA regardless of the entity that either pays for or paid for the meter, the type of housing in which the meter is located, or the entity that installed the meter.
- B. Only employees or persons authorized by SMCMUA shall remove any meter under any circumstances, including irrigation meters.
- C. The Property Owner shall not permit access to the meter or other facilities or property of SMCMUA except by authorized employees of SMCMUA or other duly authorized persons.
- D. New meters shall be furnished as follows:

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1. For the initial meter, any size meter shall be paid for by the Property Owner. Meters up to two inches (2") shall be installed by SMCMUA. Meters larger than two inches (2") shall be installed by the Property Owner per SMCMUA requirements.
 2. For an existing account:
 - a) Meters misused or damaged at the Property, the Property Owner shall pay for the meter repair or replacement and SMCMUA installation of the meter regardless of its size. Misuse or damage to a meter includes damage caused by effects of temperature extremes (such as freezing).
 - b) Meters being replaced as part of an SMCMUA meter replacement program shall be provided and installed by SMCMUA, with the exception of meters that are larger than two inches (2") in size and installed prior to 2019 which are subject to a meter replacement fee. Where a meter replacement fee is required, the Property Owner shall be responsible for paying for the cost of the meter. Installation costs shall be borne by SMCMUA.
- E. Tampering with the meter or its connections is prohibited, and fines shall be assessed as per these Rules and Regulations.

Section 15. Meter Location and Housing

- A. The location of the meter shall be subject to inspection and approval by SMCMUA. A valve is to be installed on the inlet and outlet side of the meter.
- B. Meters shall be installed in Meter Housings or inside buildings as determined by SMCMUA. Meters installed indoors shall be located in a clean, dry, safe place not subject to great variations in temperature, at or near the front wall as close as possible to the point of entrance of the private Service Line. The location shall be such as to be easily accessible, with a minimum of inconvenience to the Property Owner, or to SMCMUA, for reading, inspecting, testing, changing and making necessary adjustments or repairs.
- C. Meters shall be on a support which is free from appreciable vibration.
- D. A water pressure reducing valve, if required, shall be installed by the Property Owner in accordance with local Plumbing Codes and regulations.
- E. In all cases where a meter is installed outside of a building, the meter shall be placed in a Meter Housing. This installation is subject to SMCMUA approval. The Meter Housing shall be located in an accessible place away from terraces, fences and other structures and shall be so located that it will not be a hazard.

- F. The Meter Housing shall conform to specifications adopted by SMCMUA. The access shall be kept clear of snow, ice, dirt, vegetation or any other objects which might prevent easy accessibility for reading, inspecting, testing, changing and making necessary adjustments or repairs of the meter.

Section 16. Meter Operation

- A. Upon request, SMCMUA will explain the method of reading meters and computing bills.
- B. Where the meter has ceased to register or where access to the meter cannot be obtained, meter readings may be estimated by a fair and reasonable method based upon the best information available.
- C. If a Property Owner observes an unusual increase over the average quantity of water used, which cannot be accounted for, the Property Owner should inform SMCMUA immediately.
- D. In case a dispute arises as to the accuracy of a meter that is not part of a meter replacement program, SMCMUA will have the meter tested, provided that a meter at the property has not been replaced or tested within the period of one year previous to such request. After testing, if the meter is found to be accurate, the Property Owner will be billed for reimbursement of the meter testing costs. If the meter is found to be inaccurate, SMCMUA will pay for the meter testing costs. Additionally, if the meter is found to be inaccurate, appropriate adjustments may be made. If testing is requested at an interval of less than one year, the Property Owner will be charged for each such test regardless of the test results and may be charged for the new meter.
- E. In addition to item D above, in case a dispute arises as to the accuracy of a meter that is not part of a meter replacement program:
 - 1. If the meter is found to be inaccurate and running in excess of 101.5 percent of actual flow, SMCMUA will not charge the Property Owner for the meter replacement cost.
 - 2. If the meter is found to be accurate or running below 98.5 percent of actual flow, the Property Owner will be billed for the replacement meter cost.
- F. Meter accuracy is defined per American Water Works Association (AWWA). In general, an acceptable meter can register between 98.5 to 101.5 percent of actual flow. SMCMUA contracts an independent testing agency to certify meter accuracy.

Section 17. Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)

- A. SMCMUA will install AMR equipment for all Property Owners. The cost of installation will be borne by SMCMUA.
- B. All AMR equipment will be the property of SMCMUA and will be maintained by SMCMUA or its authorized agent.
- C. SMCMUA shall determine the location of the AMR equipment installation in all cases.
- D. Property Owners not served by AMR equipment, that are unwilling to have AMR equipment installed at their property, are subject to additional fees and/or service interruption up to and including installation of a Meter Housing by SMCMUA at the cost of the Property Owner.
- E. AMR equipment misused or damaged by the Property Owner, the Property Owner shall pay for the AMR equipment's repair and/or replacement and SMCMUA re-installation of the AMR equipment as required.

Section 18. Bills

- A. All bills will be computed in accordance with the current SMCMUA Fee Schedules for Water Service.
- B. Bills for general metered Water Service will be rendered monthly or quarterly at the discretion of SMCMUA.
- C. Bills will show the meter reading at the beginning and end of the billing period, the reading dates, the number of cubic feet used and the amount of consumption. The bill will also include a Facilities Charge based upon the size of the meter.
- D. Where a bill has been estimated, it will be so noted on the bill. An appropriate adjustment will be made for any difference between actual use and estimated use of water when the actual meter reading is obtained.
- E. A Property Owner's responsibility to pay for Water Service continues from the time service is commenced, pursuant to their application, until SMCMUA receives written notice of a change of ownership or occupancy of the Premises or SMCMUA receives written notice to discontinue the applicable service. Upon receipt of such notice, SMCMUA will arrange for a final meter reading and billing. No allowance will be made in cases of non-occupancy, unless SMCMUA is notified in writing in the manner stated above.

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- F. An application for service must identify the property's Block and Lot numbers as listed on the Municipal or County tax roll. The Property Owner of the Block and Lot is responsible for all accounts within the Block and Lot.
- G. If requested in writing by the Property Owner, SMCMUA will send bills to, and will receive payments from, agents or tenants. However, this accommodation will in no way relieve the Property Owner of the responsibility of paying such charges. SMCMUA does not assume any obligation to notify the Property Owner of the non-payment of bills by agents or tenants.
- H. Bills are payable on presentation and may be paid by mail, in person at the offices of SMCMUA or other locations approved by SMCMUA, or by other means authorized and permitted, from time to time, by SMCMUA.
- I. Interest at the rate permitted by law will be imposed upon all balances for Service Charges outstanding thirty (30) days or more until such time as all such Service Charges and the interest thereon shall be fully paid.
- J. At appropriate times, SMCMUA shall deliver to the clerk and/or the officer enforcing municipal liens on real property in each of the municipalities served by SMCMUA, a list stating the amount of each unpaid balance of Service Charges with regard to real property within such municipality and identifying such real property. The municipalities are then required to enforce the lien of such unpaid Service Charges.
- K. In the event a bill for Water Service remains unpaid after routine SMCMUA collection procedures have been applied, Water Service may be discontinued and/or the lien process may be enforced.
- L. Where Water Service is discontinued, service will not be resumed until payment or satisfactory arrangements for payment of all unpaid amounts has been made.
- M. In case of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraud or where it is indicated that the Property Owner is preparing to vacate the Premises served, immediate payment of accounts may be required.
- N. The Property Owner is responsible for all water and Water Service directly or indirectly supplied or furnished to the Premises and shall be bound by all other provisions of these Rules and Regulations. Inadvertent delay or failure of SMCMUA to bill for such service during any one or more billing periods shall not excuse payment for such service and payment shall be made for such service upon receipt of an appropriate bill covering the period of delay or failure to bill. In appropriate situations, for good cause shown, SMCMUA, in its discretion, may permit payment via a SMCMUA approved payment plan.

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Section 19. Discontinuance of Service

A. General

1. Discontinuation of Service may be initiated by either the Property Owner or SMCMUA. The reasons for discontinuation may include but are not limited to:
 - a) removal of the meter and cutting and capping the line for demolition; or
 - b) removal of the meter and shut-off at the curb stop to close an account for demolition; or
 - c) temporary shut-off of the service until the reason for the shut-off is rectified.

B. Discontinuance Initiated by SMCMUA

1. SMCMUA shall, upon reasonable notice when such notice can be reasonably given, have the right to suspend, curtail or discontinue service for the following reasons:
 - a) for the purpose of making permanent or temporary repairs, changes or improvements in any part of its system;
 - b) for compliance in good faith with any governmental order or directive notwithstanding that such order or directive may subsequently be held to be invalid;
 - c) for any of the following acts or omissions on the part of the Property Owner:
 - (i) persistent failure to comply with the standard terms and conditions contained in these SMCMUA Rules and Regulations;
 - (ii) refusal of reasonable access to the Property Owner's Premises for necessary purposes in connection with billing and/or rendering of service, including meter installation, reading or testing, or the maintenance or removal of SMCMUA's property;
 - (iii) non-payment of bill;
 - (iv) tampering with any SMCMUA equipment or facility;

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- (v) misrepresentation in relation to application for, or use of, service;
- (vi) providing Water Service to others without SMCMUA approval;
- (vii) refusal to contract for service where such contract is required;
- (viii) failure to protect against backflow or backsiphonage;
- (ix) failure to make necessary repairs without delay whenever leakage occurs in lines and facilities owned by the Property Owner;
- (x) failure to properly construct and maintain Meter Housings, including clear access to such housing;
- (xi) violation of any State law, or any rule, regulation, order or restriction of any governmental agency, entity, or official having jurisdiction.

C. Discontinuance Initiated by Property Owner

1. A Property Owner wishing to discontinue service for any reason must give notice to that effect in writing. Where such notice is not received by SMCMUA, the Property Owner shall be liable for service until the final reading of the meter is taken. Notice to discontinue service shall not relieve a Property Owner from any minimum payment under any contract or rate schedule.
2. Where SMCMUA agrees to mail bills in care of tenants of a property on behalf of the Property Owner, the Property Owner is not relieved from being ultimately responsible for all fees, penalties, outstanding invoices and liens on the Premises due to unpaid water bills or violations of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 20. Restoration of Discontinued Service

A. Service shall be restored upon:

1. proper application when the conditions under which service was discontinued are corrected;
2. payment of all proper charges provided for SMCMUA's Fee Schedules and Rules and Regulations for Water Service;

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3. direction of a court, the SMCMUA Members, or a governmental entity having jurisdiction.
- B. Services that have been discontinued may be subject to new rules or standards that are in place at the time the service is to be restored. This condition may apply regardless of whether any site work or improvements are being conducted on the property.
- C. Restored fire and/or irrigation services are not subject to back fees and facility charges.
- D. Restored services are subject to back fees and facility charges as follows. Note, these fees are independent of any required improvements to meet the SMCMUA standards in effect at the time of the service application.
 1. If the restored service is subject to Connection Fees, then back fees and Facilities Charges shall not apply.
 2. If the restored service is re-established without being subject to Connection Fees, then back fees and Facilities Charges will be assessed. These fees are based upon the cost the present or future Property Owner would have contributed towards the maintenance of the public system had service to the property not been discontinued.
 3. Unless Connection Fees apply, back fees and Facility Charges apply to all restored services regardless of the reason for the discontinuation or the amount of time the service may have been discontinued. As per N.J.S.A. 2A:14-1.2, the statute of limitations for recovery of a claim upon an account is ten (10) years.

Section 21. Bill Disputes

- A. SMCMUA will not discontinue service because of non-payment in cases where a charge is the subject of a good faith dispute, provided any undisputed charges are paid and a request is made to SMCMUA for an investigation of the disputed charge.
- B. If a Property Owner is unable to pay an outstanding bill, because of specific extenuating circumstances, the Property Owner may contact SMCMUA to apply for a reasonable deferred payment agreement. All such applications shall be subject to SMCMUA review and approval on a case-by-case basis.

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- C. A Property Owner who wishes to contest a bill or any portion thereof shall contact SMCMUA's Customer Service Division who shall investigate the matter promptly and thoroughly, advise the Property Owner of the results of the investigation and attempt to resolve the dispute in a manner satisfactory to the Property Owner and SMCMUA.
- D. If the Property Owner and SMCMUA's Customer Service Division are unable to resolve the dispute in a mutually satisfactory manner, the Property Owner may request that the matter be reviewed by the SMCMUA Executive Director
- E. In the event the Property Owner and Executive Director are unable to resolve the matter in a mutually satisfactory manner, the Property Owner may request the Executive Director's decision to be reviewed by the SMCMUA Finance Committee. In the event a Committee review is requested, the Property Owner shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to supply additional materials or information to the Committee in support of its request.
- F. Unless otherwise requested by the Committee, its decision shall be based upon the provided submittals and no appearance by the Property Owner or any representative(s) of the Property Owner will be required or permitted. When decided, the Committee's decision will be promptly provided to the Property Owner within seven (7) calendar days. Unless appealed to the SMCMUA Board of Members within seven (7) calendar days of the Property Owner's receipt of the Committee's decision, such decision shall be treated as final action.
- G. In the event a timely appeal of the Committee's decision is received by the SMCMUA, the Property Owner's request, any supporting materials and the grounds for the prior denials shall be reviewed by the SMCMUA Board of Members at a regular or special meeting of the Board. In the event of such a review, the Property Owner and/or representative(s) of the Property Owner shall be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board in support of the request and to answer any questions the Board may have. When decided, the Board's decision shall be provided to the Property Owner within seven (7) days and, unless specifically stated otherwise, shall be treated as final action by the SMCMUA.

Section 22. General Rules

- A. SMCMUA reserves the right to install services and meters based on the normal requirements for service. SMCMUA does not undertake to provide service for unduly high rates of water demand prevailing only for short periods of time and reserves the right to refuse to install oversized services or meters to serve such temporary demands.

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- B. No person, unless authorized by SMCMUA, is permitted to turn the water on or off at any valve, corporation stop and/or other street connection, or tamper with, disconnect or remove, any meter without the SMCMUA consent. Penalties provided by law for any such action will be rigidly enforced.
- C. SMCMUA will endeavor to provide regular and uninterrupted supply of water through its facilities, but in any case in which service is interrupted, irregular, defective or fails because of breakdown or emergency, or from causes outside the control of SMCMUA, SMCMUA will not be liable for damage, injury or inconvenience resulting therefrom.
- D. SMCMUA does not undertake to render any special service or maintain any fixed pressure. In the event of any accident or for other reasons, SMCMUA may shut off the water in its mains and lines and may restrict the use of water whenever the public welfare may require. All Property Owners requiring an uninterrupted supply or a uniform pressure of water for steam boilers, hot water or other apparatus, or greater pressures than supplied at the meter, or for any other purpose, shall provide such improvements as may be needed to obtain such service, subject to SMCMUA's inspection and approval of such improvements.
- E. All newly installed equipment required for such purposes, including pumps for maintaining or increasing pressure beyond the meter, shall be purchased, installed, maintained, repaired and/or replaced by and at the expense of the Property Owner.
- F. SMCMUA does not undertake to supply any uniform quality of water for special purposes, such as manufacturing or processing plants, laboratories, swimming pools, bleaching or dyeing plants or laundries. Property Owners requiring water of special quality, or water always free from discoloration or turbidity, shall provide their own means of filtering the water or such other protection as may be deemed necessary for the purposes required.
- G. Neither by inspection nor non-rejection, nor in any other way, does SMCMUA give any guarantee or assume any responsibility, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety or characteristics of any structures, equipment, lines, appliances or devices owned, installed or maintained by the Property Owner, or leased by the Property Owner from third parties.
- H. Except as to liability, if any, imposed by law, SMCMUA shall not be responsible for any injury, casualty, or damage resulting from the supply, or use of Water Service, or from the presence or operation of SMCMUA structures, equipment, pipes, appliances or other devices on the Property Owner's Premises.

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- I. Except as specifically provided herein, no agent, representative or employee of SMCMUA has authority to modify any provision contained in these Rules or Regulations or to bind SMCMUA by any promise or representation contrary thereto.
- J. Water Service supplied by SMCMUA shall not be resold by a Property Owner, except (a) when expressly authorized by SMCMUA, or (b) by a duly authorized water utility.
- K. These Rules and Regulations are hereby incorporated into and made a part of all agreements for the supply of Water Service unless specifically modified.
- L. SMCMUA reserves the right to terminate, change, revise or supplement these Rules and Regulations, to the extent permitted by law.

Section 23. Penalties for Violations

- A. SMCMUA has a zero-tolerance approach for water theft. When water theft is identified, the local police department will be called. The police department shall issue a report per their procedures and SMCMUA will issue a report, including suspected impacts to the distribution system and the potential risk of contamination to SMCMUA's water supply system. Fines shall be issued as outlined below.
- B. In the event of any violation of these Rules and Regulations of SMCMUA or of any improper or unauthorized use of any portion of the water system by any Property Owner or other person, such Property Owner or other person shall, in the discretion of SMCMUA, be fined for each such violation or improper or unauthorized use. Each action constituting a violation or improper or unauthorized use, as well as each property for which a benefit was intended by the violation or improper or unauthorized use, as well as each day that the violation or improper or unauthorized use exists, shall be counted as separate violations for the purposes of determining the fines to be imposed.

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- C. All fines shall be paid within 15 days from the date that the violator is notified in writing of the violations charged and the fine imposed. If water has been turned off, payment in full is due prior to restoration of service. If any person wishes to contest the violation or the fine imposed, the aggrieved person must file with SMCMUA within 15 days of receipt of notification of the violation and fine imposed, a written notice requesting review by the Executive Director. In the event the Property Owner and Executive Director are unable to resolve the matter in a mutually satisfactory manner, then any appeal from that point forward shall proceed to the appropriate committee and then to the Board of members in the manner and sequence set forth for billing disputes under Section 21 of these Rules and Regulations. The fine, if any, imposed by SMCMUA as final action following its review and/or appeal, shall be paid within 15 days after the Property Owner receives written notice of the decision of SMCMUA.
- D. If any fine is not paid as required under these Rules and Regulations, then SMCMUA, in its sole discretion, may terminate all Water Services to the violating Property, person or entity and may terminate all agreements or contract with such person or entity subject to the terms of such agreements or contracts.
- E. The penalties imposed in this section shall be cumulative to the penalties described in other sections of these Rules and Regulations and to whatever other remedies may be available to SMCMUA by law.

Section 24. Connection Fees

- A. Connection Fees are imposed as per N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21(b) and N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22a. The Connection Fee is calculated in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21 and is recalculated at the end of each fiscal year of SMCMUA as required by law.
- B. Connection fees are imposed as follows:
 - 1. for new construction on vacant lots,
 - 2. where existing buildings have been demolished and new construction is proposed,
 - 3. for renovations where the size of the building is increased,
 - 4. where there are no physical changes to the site, but the demand is being increased (i.e., change from retail/office to restaurant use).
- C. For determining Connection Fees, new units within existing Master Metered developments are considered to be newly connected and subject to Connection Fees and credits, if any.

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- D. Connection Fees must be paid in full before Water Service is provided.
- E. Connection Fees may be waived by the Board Members of SMCMUA in connection with an application by any of its Creating Municipalities for Water Service to a direct public project of a Creating Municipality. Any such waiver shall be subject to approval by the SMCMUA Board Members at a duly constituted meeting upon written request of a Creating Municipality setting forth the nature of the public project and the reasons for the requested waiver.
 - 1. A “direct public project” shall mean a project owned and administered by a Creating Municipality or by a department or division thereof and which is primarily supported by tax revenues or general bond obligations of the municipality. It shall not include projects of independent authorities, agencies or commissions created by the municipality that are supported by service or user charges or revenues other than from taxes or general bond obligation of the Creating Municipality.

Section 25. Connection Fee Credits

- A. Connection Fee credits are to be determined and calculated as provided in N.J.S.A 40:14B-22.3 and 22.5.
- B. For the purposes of complying with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.5, SMCMUA will consider that all properties, whether currently connected to, or disconnected from, the system, have previously paid Connection Fees if an existing use and customer account can be verified. Vacant properties do not have an existing use. Properties served by private wells do not have customer accounts.
- C. Connection Fee credits shall be established by calculating the existing water demand based upon N.J.A.C. 5:21-5.2 (Table 5.1), N.J.A.C. 7:10-12.6 (Table 1) and/or N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3. In certain instances, specifically where average daily water demand is not established by one of the listed sources, actual metered water usage or other criteria may be used to establish flow volume at SMCMUA’s discretion.
- D. The credit shall be calculated as follows:
 - 1. If the reconnection does not increase the nature or size of the service or the number of service units, or does not expand the use of the water system, the credit shall be equal in amount to the new Connection Fee.

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2. If the reconnection increases the nature or size of the service or the number of service units, or expands the use of the water or sewerage system, the credit shall be equal in amount to any Connection Fee previously paid for the property, and SMCMUA shall charge the difference between the credit and the Connection Fee for the new use or class.
- E. Reduced Rate/Credit for Public Housing Authorities, and Non-profit Organizations Building Affordable Housing:
1. Per N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22.3, public housing authorities, non-profit organizations building affordable housing and other affordable housing, including affordable housing in inclusionary projects, shall be allowed a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the Connection Fee for new connections to the water system. Where there is a previous connection to the water system the fee reduction shall be the lesser of the 50% reduction or the credit towards the existing connection fees as described for standard developments. If the public housing authority or non-profit cannot establish that connections fees have been previously paid, the 50% reduction shall be applied.

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APPLICABLE WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND IN ALL TERRITORY SUPPLIED BY SMCMUA.

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TERRITORY SERVED

District

Town of Morristown	County of Morris
Township of Morris	County of Morris
Township of Hanover	County of Morris
Borough of Morris Plains	County of Morris

Other Territories Partially Supplied by SMCMUA

Township of Harding	County of Morris
Township of Mendham	County of Morris
Township of Randolph	County of Morris
Borough of Florham Park	County of Morris
Township of Chatham	County of Morris
Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills	County of Morris
Borough of Madison	County of Morris
Borough of Wharton	County of Morris

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**SCHEDULE NO. 1
CONSUMPTION CHARGE**

The total of a Property Owner's bill for a billing period includes Consumption Charge (Schedule 1) plus the Facilities Charges (Schedule 2).

CONSUMPTION CHARGE: This charge includes the cost of treating the water and pumping it to the Property Owner.

NOTE: One consumption unit (1 CCF) = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons

**SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY (TWO METER OPTION) RESIDENTIAL RATE
(BILLED QUARTERLY)**

	Quantity Used Quarterly (CCF)	RATE (per 100 Cubic Feet)
Conservation Rate	0 - 30	\$5.376
High Usage Rate	31 - 60	\$8.061
Incentive Rate	61 & Over	\$10.750

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATE ⁽¹⁾

Per 100 Cubic Feet	\$7.392
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⁽¹⁾ Master metered residential complexes, including two-family (single meter option), are considered Industrial and Commercial for the purposes of billing.

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**SCHEDULE NO. 2
FACILITIES CHARGE**

The total of a Property Owner's bill for a billing period includes Consumption Charge (Schedule 1) plus the Facilities Charges (Schedule 2).

FACILITIES CHARGE: This charge covers the cost of water service lines, meter replacement, meter reading, billing costs and other expenses. This does not change with consumption.

QUARTERLY FACILITIES

Meter Size (inches)	Charges
5/8	\$36.94
3/4	\$45.24
1	\$74.15
1 1/2	\$113.57
2	\$159.79
3	\$266.34
4	\$412.42
6	\$773.23
8	\$1,201.77
10	\$1,697.92

MONTHLY FACILITIES

Meter Size (inches)	Charges
5/8	\$12.34
3/4	\$15.08
1	\$43.99
1 1/2	\$57.18
2	\$72.63
3	\$107.95
4	\$156.77
6	\$277.07
8	\$419.92
10	\$585.30

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**SCHEDULE NO. 3
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION**

Applicable to all property owners for private fire protection.

QUARTERLY FIRE LINE SERVICE

Service Size (inches)	Charges
2	\$134.84
3	\$179.07
4	\$267.58
6	\$442.43
8	\$741.61
10	\$1,059.74

PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT

Applicable to all property owners for private fire hydrants.

Private fire hydrants are those installed by property owners and must be installed pursuant to SMCMUA's requirements.

QUARTERLY PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT

Hydrant Size	Charge
N/A	\$172.75

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**SCHEDULE NO. 4
METER INSTALLATION**

Meter installation includes a charge for the cost of the meter and a charge for the labor to install the meter by SMCMUA personnel.

IMPORTANT: This schedule is not applicable to the SMCMUA meter replacement program.***

Meter Size (inches)	Labor Charges	New Meter Fee
5/8	\$73.76	Cost plus Administrative Fee**
3/4	\$73.76	Cost plus Administrative Fee**
1	\$73.76	Cost plus Administrative Fee**
1 1/2	\$120.10	Cost plus Administrative Fee**
2	\$120.10	Cost plus Administrative Fee**
3	*	*
4	*	*
6	*	*
8	*	*
10	*	*

* The Property Owner may be required to purchase meters larger than 2" directly from a meter supplier as directed by SMCMUA. Meters larger than 2" must be installed by the Property Owner.

** See Schedule 16 for Administrative Fee.

***Property Owner is responsible for all charges (at cost) incurred by SMCMUA as a result of work needed to be done outside of normal business hours for the SMCMUA meter replacement program.

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SCHEDULE NO. 5
MUNICIPAL NON-METERED SERVICE

This charge is applicable to the entire territory serviced by SMCMUA for municipal entities only.

Use	Charge (per Quarter)
Outdoor Drinking Fountain	\$40.55

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**SCHEDULE NO. 6
WET CUT AND TAPPING FEES
(ONE TIME CHARGE)**

Tapping fees are the fees charged for making the physical connection to SMCMUA's water main.

TAPPING FEES*

For installation of the tap and all materials from the main to the curb stop, except the service saddle.

Service Size (inches)	Standard Charge for Work Done During Normal Business Hours
3/4	\$1,165.07
1	\$1,685.44
1 1/2	\$1,797.13
2	\$2,580.87

For installation of the tap and corporation stop only.

Service Size (inches)	Standard Charge for Work Done During Normal Business Hours
1 1/2	\$848.63
2	\$876.00

WET CUTS*

Service Size (inches)	Standard Charge for Work Done During Normal Business Hours
3	Not Offered
4	\$901.70
6	\$1,028.13
8	\$1,114.53
10	\$1,422.09

*See Schedule 16 for Additional Surcharge for Work Done Outside Normal Business Hours.

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**SCHEDULE NO. 7
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

TURN-OFF AND TURN-ON REGARDLESS OF REASON*

Standard Charge for Work Done During Normal Business Hours	\$73.75
Additional Surcharge for Work Outside Normal Business Hours	\$42.35

*Minimum charge: One hour. Time over one hour is subject to hourly rates. Charge is per trip.

METER TESTING

Meter Size	Charge
N/A	Actual Cost

OTHER SERVICES

Description	Charges
Pump Out Meter Vault*	\$147.48
Locate and Clear Curb Box and/or Meter Pit*	\$73.75
Annual Backflow/Detector Check	\$147.48
All Other Labor and Materials	Any labor performed and all materials furnished by SMCMUA will be charged to the Property Owner, at cost, unless otherwise provided in these schedules.

*Minimum charge: One hour. Time over one hour is subject to hourly rates.

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SCHEDULE NO. 8
SERVICE TO OTHER WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS (OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT)

BULK (WHOLESALE) RATE

\$4.33 per 100 Cubic Feet

See Schedule 16 for Outside the District Water Service Application Fee.

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SCHEDULE NO. 9
APPLICATION FOR WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Applicable to cover engineering, inspection, legal, etc., costs incurred relating to application.

These fees are in addition to other fees including Tapping Fees, Connection Fees and Outside the District fees that may be required.

Application fee and deposit are non-refundable.

Additional fees may be required to cover actual costs incurred in connection with the application.

Fee for Application for Board Approval	\$1,028.13
Fee for Design Review and Construction	\$979.69 plus \$7.36 per foot of water main extension

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SCHEDULE NO. 10
UNCOLLECTIBLE CHECK CHARGE

SMCMUA may charge a handling fee plus any penalties SMCMUA incurred from the bank for handling an uncollectible check in payment of a bill, deposit or any service rendered.

Uncollectible Check Charge	\$63.21
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**SCHEDULE NO. 11
TEMPORARY WATER FEES**

Applies to the entire territory service by SMCMUA for temporary water use including public hydrant use for purposes other than fire protection. All monthly fees are payable in advance.

**PUBLIC HYDRANT USE
(19 SADDLE ROAD HYDRANT)**

Billed based upon a flat fee. Billing is not based upon metered water.

Hydrant at 19 Saddle Road	\$208.57 per month
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**HYDRANT USE
(OTHER THAN 19 SADDLE ROAD HYDRANT)**

Billed based upon a base fee for the meter⁽¹⁾ plus the metered usage.

Public Hydrant Base Fee	\$208.57 per month
Public Hydrant Metered Use Fee	\$10.79 per 100 cubic feet

CONSTRUCTION WATER

Billed based upon base facilities charge and metered⁽¹⁾ usage.

Base facilities charge	\$15.08 per month
Metered Usage	\$10.79 per 100 cubic feet

⁽¹⁾ The temporary construction water meter shall be returned to SMCMUA upon termination of temporary water use. If the meter is damaged, lost or stolen charges shall be incurred for replacement of the meter.

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SCHEDULE NO. 12
IRRIGATION SERVICE

The rate for irrigation service is higher than the rate for standard domestic use because irrigation water is not calculated in Connection Fees.

The applicant is responsible for understanding how their domestic and irrigation water usage affects their municipal sanitary sewer bill.

Irrigation Service	\$10.79 per 100 Cubic Feet
Seasonal On/Off; Drain Meter Charge	\$221.23

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**SCHEDULE NO. 13
CONNECTION FEE**

Any applicant for potable water supplied by SMCMUA shall be required to pay a connection fee pursuant to SMCMUA's Rules and Regulations.

Reduced rates, credits and allowances regarding connection fees, including but not limited to, reduced rates for affordable housing shall be allowed as provided by SMCMUA's Rules and Regulations and as otherwise required by applicable laws as such laws shall be amended or supplemented from time to time.

Equivalent Dwelling Unit	200.078 gallons per day
Connection Fee (per Equivalent Dwelling Unit)	\$5,784.00

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SCHEDULE NO. 14
HYDRANT FLOW TEST

Applies to hydrant flow tests performed on public hydrants. SMCMUA does not perform flow tests for private hydrants.

Hydrant Flow Test	\$350.00
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**SCHEDULE NO. 15
THEFT OF SERVICE**

Applies to the entire territory service by SMCMUA. Any such fine shall be exclusive of and in addition to any charges that may be imposed by the SMCMUA for (a) water usage or losses relating to the violation, and/or (b) damage to the SMCMUA system resulting from the violation.

Anyone that has connected to the SMCMUA water system without such connection being performed by SMCMUA may be reported to the local Police Department for prosecution pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:20-8 as a criminal act. Any resulting fines and/or penalties, including imprisonment up to six (6) months, shall be in addition to the following SMCMUA imposed fines and charges.

**THEFT OF SERVICE FEES
(included but not limited to)**

Non-Permitted Use of Fire Hydrant	\$ 1000
Meter Jumping	\$ 1000
Illegal Turn On/Off	\$ 1000
Illegal Tap	\$ 1000
Additional Fee for Risk of Water Contamination ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1000
In addition to the above charge for unmetered water use.	10 consumptions per day
Additional Charge for Second Offense ⁽²⁾	\$2500
Additional Charge for Each Additional After Second Offense ⁽²⁾	\$5000

⁽¹⁾ Water contamination risk is apparent due to lack of, or improper, backflow installation or any cross contamination as determined by SMCMUA.

⁽²⁾ Additional fees apply to any Property Owner, Developer or Contractor that have already been fined for Theft of Service.

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**SCHEDULE NO. 16
OTHER FEES**

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

Administrative Fee	\$100
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TAPPING AND WET CUT FEE*

Additional Flat Fee for Work Done Outside Normal Business Hours	\$500
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OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEE

Preliminary Fee intended to defray the cost for SMCMUA review and, when appropriate, to make written requests to its Creating Municipalities for processing the Outside District application. Additional fees shall be required as per the In District process.

Additional Fee for Outside the District Application for Board Review (including Will Serve letters)	\$100
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