



**CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**ORDINANCE No. 2017-09**

An ORDINANCE increasing water rates for customers of the Harpers Ferry Water Works in two steps.

[Introduced to Town Council by Water Commission, 11 December 2017.]

*Be it enacted by the Town Council of the Corporation of Harpers Ferry:*

That Section 905.04 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 905**

**Water**

**STEP 1 RATES**

**(Effective upon adoption)**

**905.04 Schedule of rates.**

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**RATE SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**APPLICABILITY:**

Applicable in the entire area served by the Harpers Ferry Water System.

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:**

Available for general domestic, commercial, and industrial service.

**RATES:**

FIRST	30,000 gallons used per month	\$14.97 per 1,000 gallons
ALL OVER	30,000 gallons used per month	\$10.76 per 1,000 gallons

**MINIMUM CHARGE:**

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts according to the size of meter installed.

<u>Meter</u>	<u>Per month</u>
5/8"	\$29.95
3/4"	\$44.93
1"	\$74.88
1 1/4"	\$109.32
1 1/2"	\$149.75
2"	\$239.60
3"	\$449.25
4"	\$748.75
6"	\$1,497.50

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:**

The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, 10% will be added to net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**SECURITY DEPOSIT:**

A deposit not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual estimated charge for residential service or one-sixth (1/6) of the annual estimated charge for commercial service, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, shall be paid at the time of initial connection.

**FORM OF PAYMENT; RETURNED CHECK FEE:**

Payment may be made with cash, check, money order, or credit card. A service charge equal to the actual bank fees assessed to the water utility, not to exceed \$25.00, will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned due to insufficient funds. If more than 2 checks within a 3-year period are returned, payment must be made by cash or money order.

**RECONNECTION CHARGE:**

\$20.00 will be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, nonpayment of bills or fraudulent use of water.

**TAP FEE:**

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant.

A tap fee of \$750.00 will be charged to customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

A tap fee of \$375.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

**INCREMENTAL LEAK ADJUSTMENT:**

\$0.60 per 1,000 gallons of water is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate will be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

**RATE SCHEDULE NO. 2**

**APPLICABILITY:**

Applicable in entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:**

Available for private fire protection service.

**RATE:**

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Per annum</u>
(1) Annual minimum charges	2" service line	\$150.00
	4" service line	\$375.00
	6" service line	\$683.03
	8" service line	\$1,137.50

(2) Unit charges	Standard fire hydrant	\$227.14
	Hose connection	
	2 1/2" or less	\$75.00
	Sprinkler head	\$0.32

(3) Rules relative to private fire protection:

The annual minimum charge entitles the customer to any combination of unit charges up to the amount of annual minimum charge. Additional units will be charged at the rates stated. Where private fire service is metered, the charge will be based on metered and minimum charges stated under Schedule No. 1. Installation cost of private fire service facilities will be borne by the customer.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:**

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, 10% will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**RATE SCHEDULE NO. 3**

**APPLICABILITY:**

Applicable in entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE:**

Available for public fire protection.

**RATE:**

\$12.00 per month per hydrant.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:**

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**CAPITAL CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT FEE**

In addition to all the fees provided above, there shall be paid to the Corporation of Harpers Ferry at the time of issuance by the Corporation of a final water availability letter for the property to be served a capital capacity improvement fee of \$2,925.00 for each residential connection. Connections for non-residential use is to be paid in accordance with a residential usage equivalent schedule set forth below. The funds collected from the capital capacity improvement fee will be maintained in a separate fund by the Water Department's financial officer and are to be used only for the purpose of improving the Corporation's water system treatment, storage, and transmission facilities. The usage equivalent for other than single family residential units for the capital capacity improvement fee is based upon the following:

**RESIDENTIAL USAGE EQUIVALENTS  
FOR CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL COST FEE**

UNIT	WATER	RESIDENTIAL USAGE
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	<u>GALLONS/DAY</u>	<u>EQUIVALENT</u>
Apartments	150/unit	1.0/unit
Bowling Alleys	200/alley	1.33/alley
Churches with Kitchens	8/member	0.05/member
Churches without Kitchens	2/member	0.013/member
Food Service	32/seat	0.213/seat
Fast Food Restaurant	35/seat	0.23/seat
Bar & Cocktail Lounge (additive)	2/patron	0.013/patron
Tavern-Little or no food	20/seat	0.132/per seat
Hotel	120/room	0.8/room

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**STEP 2 RATES**

**(Effective 60 days prior to commencement of project debt service)**

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**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Ordinance shall not come into effect sooner than 45 days after its passage, pending approval by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Passed FIRST READING the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Passed SECOND and FINAL READING the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Wayne Bishop, Mayor

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Kevin Carden, Recorder