

DOMESTIC POLICY

SECTION I - GENERAL

- A. The residential and commercial users in the District are all considered domestic users and shall be charged the same rates and charges. All use of water shall be subject to all rules and regulations as established herein.
- B. This policy shall supersede any and all policies pertaining to residential and commercial use of domestic water.
- C. Such use shall include, but shall not be limited to, general household use, including irrigation of lawns, ornamental shrubbery, gardens and truck gardens, commercial business, and incidental watering of livestock. The District may restrict such uses to levels essential to family sustenance.
- D. The watering of livestock or irrigation of any agricultural products for sale or distribution to other users may be considered as non-essential service, and during periods of water shortage, such uses may be restricted or curtailed.
- E. Definitions As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:
1. Base Rate – shall mean the minimum bi-monthly charge not including water used.
 2. Consumption Charge – shall mean the charge per each 100 cubic feet of water used.
 3. Unit - shall mean any residence or business that may be considered as a separate entity from any other residence on the same parcel, even though they may be contained within the same structure. Each of the following shall be considered as a unit:
 - a. An individual family residence.
 - b. An individual mobile home or occupied trailer space in a mobile home or R/V park.
 - c. An individual apartment or condominium unit.
 - d. Any parcel of land, regardless of whether improvements are completed.
 4. Incidental Structures - shall mean any structure(s), portions of any structure(s), or appurtenances thereto, which serve predominantly for purposes normally considered as incidental use by individuals residing on the same parcel. Such structures shall include, but shall not be limited to, such uses as garages, carports, greenhouses, woodsheds, storage buildings, pet or livestock shelters, workshops, or guest facilities. Incidental structures shall not be considered as units.
- F. Each and every unit which is serviced by District water, even though such service may not be contained within the confines of such unit, shall be subject to charges by the District for such service. Domestic rates, including but not limited to service deposits, bimonthly charges for delivery of service and usage, service calls, bond- debt service, facility fees, availability charges, and standby charges, are periodically established by the Board of Directors and shall be employed by the District to implement required charges to each and every unit.

SECTION II - BILLING

A. GENERAL

1. Each billing shall be made *to* only one individual, and shall not be prorated or otherwise divided by the District for any reason whatsoever.
2. Billing may be made to any individual reasonably determined by the District to be benefiting from use reflected by such billing. The intent of this provision is to allow billing to be made directly to the apparent renter, lessee, or other individual occupying or otherwise using the premises.

B. CHARGES

1. SINGLE CONNECTIONS - A single connection shall mean any service for which an individual meter serves no more than one unit (as defined herein) or one individual business. Charges to be made for each single such unit shall be the sum of all applicable charges, at rates established by the Board of Directors for the particular size meter.
2. MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS - A multiple connection shall mean any service for which an individual meter serves more than one or any combination of residential units as defined herein, or individual businesses or business/dwelling combinations. Each additional unit on a multiple connection shall be billed for all applicable charges at rates established for a 5/8" meter size. Charges for a meter considered to be a multiple connection shall be determined as follows:
 - a. As used hereafter, the term "unit" shall be applied to each of, 1) residential units, 2) individual businesses, and 3) business/ dwelling combinations.
 - b. The base rate of each and every unit shall be added together to determine the combined base rate.
 - c. The consumption of each and every unit shall be added together to determine the consumption charge as cost per 100 cubic feet.
 - d. The base rate (total number of units) and consumption charge shall be added together to determine the bi-monthly charge.

SECTION III - PAYMENT

A. REPORTING UNITS AND DETERMINING CHARGES

REPORTING BILLABLE UNITS - It shall be the responsibility of the owner of any parcel to report to the District any and every residential unit as defined herein and individual business, located on such parcel.

1. NEW UNITS - Any new units constructed shall be reported to the District no later than the time that water service is connected to such units.

2. CHANGED UNITS - Any changes in the nature of use of any units shall be reported to the District at the time such changes or alterations are effected.
3. NON-OCCUPANCY - Charges shall be made on all units whether occupied or not, unless a Certificate of Non-Occupancy has been filed with the District. Charges shall then be adjusted to the correct number of units. It is the responsibility of the customer to report new occupancy as stated above. Failure to report occupancy of new units or re-occupied units may result in a \$50.00 fine.

SECTION IV - RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT

- A. It shall be considered that the persons to whom the sale, distribution, and use of water is made available shall be responsible for payment of charges.
- B. All new customers shall post a deposit of \$128.00 at the time service is provided. Home owners shall receive a refund of their deposit after one year with a good payment record. Renters shall only receive a refund upon termination of service.
- C. Service deposits collected by the District are merely an interim measure to reduce potential actions for non-payment. The owner is advised to make adequate arrangements to provide assurance that charges due the District for benefits received by occupants or other users of a parcel are collected from such occupants or users.
- D. The District shall not be liable for losses incurred from disruption of service for any reason whatsoever, or for disconnection of service for non-payment or as otherwise provided in applicable policies.

SECTION V - ACCESS

It shall be the responsibility of the owner or renter to keep the area around the water meter clean and clear of brush and debris to enable the District unrestricted access