

ORDINANCE 121**WATER TARIFF****TOWN OF FRANKLIN**

1 ½ inch meter	\$650.00
2 inch meter	\$750.00
3 inch meter	\$850.00
4 inch meter	\$950.00

The rates, fees, and charges provided herein shall be effective 45 days after the enactment.

The above ordinance will come before the Town Council of the Municipality of Franklin on June 13, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall for a final vote. Copies of the Ordinance can be requested at the Town Office Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

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Rules and Regulations for the Government of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

SECURITY DEPOSITS:

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.

APPLICABILITY: Applicable to entire territory served**CALL OUT CHARGES:****RATES FOR GENERAL DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE EXCEPT RESALE:**

First 1,000 Gallons used per month--	\$19.55 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 3,000 Gallons used per month--	\$14.25 per 1,000 Gallons
Next 16,000 Gallons used per month--	\$12.65 per 1,000 Gallons
Over 20,000 Gallons used per month--	\$11.80 per 1,000 Gallons

A fee of \$50.00 will be charged to customers for call outs after working hours or on holidays for problems other than the Town's responsibility. This charge will be assessed if the problem originates in an area beyond the utility's point of service is so determined at the time of the call out by the Town.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS:

\$0.71 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

MINIMUM CHARGE:

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

5/8 inch meter	\$19.55
1 inch meter	\$48.85
1 ¼ inch meter	\$71.35
1 ½ inch meter	\$97.75
2 inch meter	\$156.40
3 inch meter	\$293.25
4 inch meter	\$488.75
6 inch meter	\$977.50
8 inch meter	\$1564.00

EFT, ACH, CREDIT CARD AND DROP BOX PAYMENTS:

A service charge will be imposed on EFT, ACH, Credit Card or Drop Box payments. The amount shall be equal to the actual charges to the Utility from the financial institution for processing payment.

MUNICIPAL EXCISE TAX SURCHARGE:

The municipality listed below, having imposed public utility tax computed on the basis of 2.00 percent of the revenues from water sales by the Franklin Municipal Water Department within the corporate limits of such municipality, shall be billed as a "Utility Tax" to the customers receiving service within said corporate limits.

FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply):

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$62.30 per month (Equivalent to 4,000 gallons of water usage).

The water utility is required to collect the utility tax pursuant to West Virginia Code §8-13-5a.

RESALE RATE:

All usage per month \$6.04 per 1,000 Gallons

Customers receiving water service within the corporate limits of the specified municipality shall pay a surcharge based on the following surcharge rate:

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY:

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent 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.

Utility Excise Tax	
Municipality	Local Tax Rate
Town of Franklin	2.00%

SEPARABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES:**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE:**

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the Town or a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

The provisions of this Ordinance are separable, and if any court of competent jurisdiction hereof holds any clause, provision, or section void or unenforceable, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date of the fees, rates, charges, and delayed penalty charges as herein set forth, all resolution, orders conflict, hereby repealed; and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provision of prior resolution, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION RATE:

Where connections, hydrants, sprinklers, etc. on private property are maintained by consumer: \$35.00 per month

STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING:**RECONNECT FEE:**

To be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violations of rules, non-payment of bills, or fraudulent use of water: \$50.00

Following the first reading hereof, the Business Manager shall publish a notice of this ordinance in the newspaper at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which said Ordinance is to be finally adopted, and said notice shall state the day, time, and place of the meeting and that any person interested may appear before Council to present comments or protest. At such hearing, all objections and suggestions shall be heard and the Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper.

TAP FEE:

The following charges are to be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

5/8 inch meter	\$450.00
1 inch meter	\$550.00

EFFECTIVE DATE: