

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, MODIFYING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 929 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF STAR CITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF INCREASING WATER RATES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STAR CITY, MONONGALIA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, THAT ARTICLE 929 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF STAR CITY BE AMENDED, MODIFIED AND REENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 929

Water

- 929.01 Tap fee.
- 929.02 Charges.
- 929.03 Security deposit.
- 929.04 Leak adjustment.
- 929.05 Separate water meters.

CROSS REFERENCES

Power to regulate - see W.Va. Code 8-12-5(32)

Rate review by Public Service Commission - see W.Va. Code 24-2-4(b)

929.01 TAP FEE.

The fee for making connection with the Town water system for residents and businesses located both within and without the Town limits shall be as follows:

Meter (inches)	Tap Fee
5/8 inch or less	\$700.00
3/4	\$700.00
1	\$1,000.00
1 ½	\$1,500.00
2	\$2,000.00
> 2 for fire service protection	Actual Cost

(Passed 3-29-16.)

929.02 CHARGES.

Generally. The monthly charges to users of the Town water system shall be based on the amount of water metered and shall be as follows:

(a) Schedule No.1. Effective July 1, 2022, general, domestic, commercial, and industrial service where water is supplied through meters five-eighths inch or larger in size:

First 50,000 gallons: \$8.84 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

Over 50,000 gallons: \$6.05 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

(b) Minimum Amounts. The minimum monthly charges to users of the Town water system shall be as follows:

		Equivalent Gallons
5/8-inch meter	\$17.68 per month	2,000
3/4-inch meter	\$26.52 per month	3,000
1-inch meter	\$44.20 per month	5,000
1 1/2-inch meter	\$88.40 per month	10,000
2-inch meter	\$141.44 per month	16,000
3-inch meter	\$265.20 per month	30,000
4-inch meter	\$442.00 per month	50,000
6-inch meter	\$884.86 per month	123,200
8-inch meter	\$1,414.84 per month	210,800

(c) Schedule No. 2. Effective July 1, 2023, general, domestic, commercial, and industrial service where water is supplied through meters five-eighths inch or larger in size:

First 50,000 gallons: \$9.11 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

Over 50,000 gallons: \$6.23 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

(d) Minimum Amounts. The minimum monthly charges to users of the Town water system shall be as follows:

		Equivalent Gallons
5/8-inch meter	\$18.22 per month	2,000 (minimum)
3/4-inch meter	\$27.33 per month	3,000
1-inch meter	\$45.55 per month	5,000
1 1/2-inch meter	\$91.10 per month	10,000
2-inch meter	\$145.76 per month	16,000
3-inch meter	\$273.30 per month	30,000
4-inch meter	\$455.50 per month	50,000
6-inch meter	\$911.54 per month	123,200
8-inch meter	\$1,457.28 per month	210,800

(e) Schedule No. 3. Effective July 1, 2024, general, domestic, commercial, and industrial service where water is supplied through meters five-eighths inch or larger in size:

First 50,000 gallons: \$9.38 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

Over 50,000 gallons: \$6.42 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

(f) Minimum Amounts. The minimum monthly charges to users of the Town water system shall be as follows:

		Equivalent Gallons
5/8-inch meter	\$18.76 per month	2,000 (minimum)
3/4-inch meter	\$28.14 per month	3,000
1-inch meter	\$46.90 per month	5,000
1 1/2-inch meter	\$93.80 per month	10,000
2-inch meter	\$150.08 per month	16,000
3-inch meter	\$281.40 per month	30,000
4-inch meter	\$469.00 per month	50,000
6-inch meter	\$938.94 per month	123,200
8-inch meter	\$1,501.34 per month	210,800

(g) Schedule No. 4. Effective July 1, 2025, general, domestic, commercial, and industrial service where water is supplied through meters five-eighths inch or larger in size:

First 50,000 gallons: \$9.66 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.
Over 50,000 gallons: \$6.61 per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.

(h) Minimum Amounts. The minimum monthly charges to users of the Town water system shall be as follows:

		Equivalent Gallons
5/8-inch meter	\$19.32 per month	2,000 (minimum)
3/4-inch meter	\$28.98 per month	3,000
1-inch meter	\$48.30 per month	5,000
1 1/2-inch meter	\$96.60 per month	10,000
2-inch meter	\$154.56 per month	16,000
3-inch meter	\$289.80 per month	30,000
4-inch meter	\$483.00 per month	50,000
6-inch meter	\$966.85 per month	123,200
8-inch meter	\$1,545.89 per month	210,800

(i) 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 only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

(j) Reconnection Charge. The charge for restoring water service previously terminated for violation of rules, non-payment of bills or fraudulent use of water shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) provided, however, that any customer who desires a reconnect outside of normal business operating hours between 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday, inclusive, shall be charged an additional service surcharge in the amount of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per meter connection.

(k) Return Check Charge. A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the Town of Star City, up to a maximum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), will be imposed upon any customer whose payment is dishonored.

(l) Fire Protection Service. The minimum monthly charge for connection to the Town's distribution system for private fire protection service shall be as follows:

(1) Schedule No. 1. Effective July 1, 2022.

Size of Connection	Rate per Month
3/4-inch (or less)	\$8.53
1-inch	\$14.17
1 1/4-inch	\$21.25
1 1/2-inch	\$28.43
2-inch	\$45.32
3-inch	\$84.98
4-inch	\$141.65
6-inch	\$283.28
8-inch	\$453.25

(2) Schedule No. 2. Effective July 1, 2023.

Size of Connection	Rate per Month
3/4-inch (or less)	\$8.79
1-inch	\$14.60
1 1/4-inch	\$21.89
1 1/2-inch	\$29.28
2-inch	\$46.68
3-inch	\$87.53
4-inch	\$145.90
6-inch	\$291.78
8-inch	\$466.85

(3) Schedule No. 3. Effective July 1, 2024.

Size of Connection	Rate per Month
3/4-inch (or less)	\$9.05
1-inch	\$15.04
1 1/4-inch	\$22.55

1 1/2-inch	\$30.16
2-inch	\$48.08
3-inch	\$90.16
4-inch	\$150.28
6-inch	\$300.53
8-inch	\$480.86

(4) Schedule No. 4. Effective July 1, 2025.

Size of Connection	Rate per Month
3/4-inch (or less)	\$9.32
1-inch	\$15.49
1 1/4-inch	\$23.23
1 1/2-inch	\$31.06
2-inch	\$49.52
3-inch	\$92.86
4-inch	\$154.79
6-inch	\$309.55
8-inch	\$495.29

(Passed 4/19/2022)

929.03 SECURITY DEPOSIT.

A refundable security deposit equal to the greater of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or two-twelfths of the average annual usage of the applicant's customer class shall be required prior to service being established. Said deposit will be refunded with interest upon satisfactory termination of account. (Passed 2-7-12)

929.04 LEAK ADJUSTMENT.

Whenever a bill for service reflects unusual consumption, which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter, the following rates per one thousand (1,000) gallons (or portion thereof) shall be applied to all consumption above the customer's historical usage. Leaking commodes, dripping faucets, malfunctioning appliances and similar situations shall not constitute leaks which entitle the customer to a recalculated bill.

(a) Effective July 1, 2022: Five dollars and eighty-two cents (\$5.82) per one-thousand gallons.

(b) Effective July 1, 2023: Five dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$5.99) per one-thousand gallons.

(c) Effective July 1, 2024: Six dollars and seventeen cents (\$6.17) per one-thousand gallons

(d) Effective July 1, 2025: Six dollars and thirty-six cents (\$6.36) per one-thousand gallons.

(Passed 4/19/2022)

929.05 SEPARATE WATER METERS.

(a) Each permanent residential unit built, erected, or constructed in the Town shall have a separate water meter attached to the main water supply line leading to the unit from the Town's water supply line. Such meter shall be located in a place which is readily accessible for any person wishing to repair, adjust, read or replace the meter.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term "permanent residential unit" includes apartments, mobile homes and houses used as single-family residences but shall not include any room or rooms in hotels or motels customarily rented on a daily basis. The term "permanent residential unit" includes any part or section of any larger structure, which part is used as a single-family residence. (Passed 8-17-04.)

This Ordinance shall be effective 45 days from the date of adoption.

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

Adopted _____

Mayor

Recorder