

Weston Water Utility

Proposed Water Rates and Rules

Public Fire Protection Service - - - F-1

The annual charge for public fire protection service to the Village of Weston shall be \$375,489.

This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.

Public Fire Protection – Village of Rothschild - - - F-2

The Village of Rothschild shall pay a monthly service charge of \$6,358 for the use of mains and hydrants for public fire protection service.

This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Rothschild. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.

Billing: The monthly public fire protection service charge to the Village of Rothschild shall become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance.

Private Fire Protection Service - Unmetered - - - Upf-1

This service shall consist of permanent or continuous unmetered connections to the main for the purpose of supplying water to private fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes, and private hydrants. This service shall also include reasonable quantities of water used for testing check valves and other backflow prevention devices.

Quarterly Private Fire Protection Service Demand Charges:

2-inch or smaller connection	\$	22.50
3-inch connection	\$	42.00
4-inch connection	\$	72.00
6-inch connection	\$	144.00
8-inch connection	\$	228.00
10-inch connection	\$	339.00
12-inch connection	\$	453.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

General Service - Metered - - - Mg-1

Residential Customers*

Quarterly Service Charges:

5/8 -inch meter - \$	18.00	3 -inch meter - \$	165.00
3/4 -inch meter - \$	18.00	4 -inch meter - \$	270.00
1 -inch meter - \$	27.00	6 -inch meter - \$	555.00
1 1/4 -inch meter - \$	36.00	8 -inch meter - \$	720.00
1 1/2 -inch meter - \$	60.00	10 -inch meter - \$	870.00
2 -inch meter - \$	90.00	12 -inch meter - \$	1,020.00

Plus Volume Charges:

First 10,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$2.55 per 1,000 gallons
Over 30,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$3.10 per 1,000 gallons

Combined Metering: For residential customers, volumetric meter readings from all meters on a single service lateral will be combined for billing.

* Residential customers are those that have water service provided for residential or domestic purposes. Sales to multiple dwelling buildings through a single meter serving three or more family units are classified as non-residential.

Non-residential Customers**

Quarterly Service Charges:

5/8 -inch meter - \$	18.00	3 -inch meter - \$	165.00
3/4 -inch meter - \$	18.00	4 -inch meter - \$	270.00
1 -inch meter - \$	27.00	6 -inch meter - \$	555.00
1 1/4 -inch meter - \$	36.00	8 -inch meter - \$	720.00
1 1/2 -inch meter - \$	60.00	10 -inch meter - \$	870.00
2 -inch meter - \$	90.00	12 -inch meter - \$	1,020.00

Plus Volume Charges:

First	30,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$2.30 per 1,000 gallons
Next	470,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	500,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons
Over	1,000,000 gallons used per quarter -	\$1.03 per 1,000 gallons

Combined Metering: For non-residential customers, volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings where metering configurations support such an approach. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

**Non-residential customers include commercial, industrial, and public authority customers.

Billing: Bills for water service are rendered quarterly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. This late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 185.

Other Charges - - - OC-1

Non-Sufficient Funds Charge: A \$25.00 charge shall apply to the customer's account when a check rendered for utility service is returned for non-sufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, other non-sufficient funds charges when the check was for payment of multiple services.

Special Meter Reading Charge: A \$20.00 charge shall apply whenever a customer requests a special meter reading by utility personnel on a date other than the regularly scheduled meter reading. (Note: If the customer schedules an appointment for a special meter reading by utility personnel and the customer fails to be present at such time to allow access to the meter, the customer shall be billed \$10.00.)

Special Billing Charge: A \$10.00 charge to cover administrative expenses shall apply whenever a customer requests special billing outside of the normal utility billing. (Note: No special meter reading charge would apply if the customer provides the meter reading.)

Real Estate Closing Account Charge: A \$15.00 charge shall apply whenever a customer (or the customer's agent, attorney, real estate broker, title company, etc.) requests written documentation from the utility of the customer's account status in connection with a real estate closing.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

General Service - Suburban - - - Mg-2

Delete.

Public Service - - - Mpa-1

Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, sewer treatment plants, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates (Schedule Mg-1) applied.

Water used on an intermittent basis for flushing sewers, street sprinkling, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the superintendent shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of opening, and period of time water is allowed to be drawn. The estimated quantity used shall be billed at the rate of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

General Water Service - Unmetered - - - Ug-1

Where the utility cannot immediately install its water meter, service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis. Such service shall be billed at the rate of \$50.75 per quarter. This rate shall be applied only to single-family residential and small commercial customers and approximates the cost of 15,000 gallons of water per quarter under Schedule Mg-1. If it is determined by the utility that usage is in excess of 15,000 gallons of water per quarter, an additional charge per Schedule Mg-1 will be made for the estimated additional usage.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Standby Water Service - - - Sws-1

Delete.

Seasonal, Emergency, or Temporary Service - - - Mgt-1

Seasonal customers* shall pay an annual seasonal service charge equal to four times the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1. Water use in any billing period shall be billed at the applicable volume rates in Schedule Mg-1 and the charge added to the annual seasonal service charge.

In addition, customers who have an additional meter pursuant to Schedule Am-1 shall also pay an annual seasonal rental charge equal to four times the applicable additional meter rental charge in Schedule Am-1.

For disconnections of service not previously considered as seasonal, emergency, or temporary, if service is resumed at the same premises by the same customer within a 12-month period, and if there has been no service to another customer during the intervening period, the customer shall be billed for the pro rata share of the applicable service charge for the period of disconnection.

Further, if service has been disconnected or a meter removed, a charge under Schedule R-1 shall be applied at the time of reconnection or meter reinstallation.

*Seasonal customers are general service customers whose use of water is normally for recurring periods of less than a year. This includes service under Schedule Mg-1 and/or Schedule Am-1.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Building and Construction Water Service - - - Mz-1

For single-family and small commercial buildings, apply the unmetered rate (Schedule Ug-1).

For large commercial, industrial, or multiple apartment buildings, a temporary metered installation shall be made and general metered rates (Schedule Mg-1) applied.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Bulk Water - - - BW-1

All bulk water supplied from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered, or at the direction of the utility, estimated. Utility personnel or a utility-approved party shall supervise the delivery of water.

Bulk water sales are:

- A. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires outside the utility's immediate service area;
- B. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for purposes other than extinguishing fires, such as irrigation or the filling of swimming pools; or,
- C. Water supplied from hydrants or other temporary connections for general service type applications. (Water supplied for construction purposes - see Schedule Mz-1.)

A charge for the volume of water used will be billed to the party using the water at \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons. A service charge, in addition to the volumetric charge, will be \$30.00. In addition, for meters that are assigned to bulk water customers for more than 30 days, the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1 will apply after the first 30 days.

The water utility may require reasonable deposits for the temporary use of its equipment under this and other rate schedules. The deposit(s) collected will be refunded upon return of the utility's equipment. Damaged or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Bulk Water - - - B-1

Delete.

Additional Meter Rental Charge - - - Am-1

If a customer requests the installation of an additional meter* to receive credit for clear water not discharged into the sanitary sewer system, or if a sewerage service customer who is not a customer of the water utility requests the installation of a meter to determine the volume of sewage discharged into the sanitary sewer system, the utility shall furnish and install this additional meter. This rate applies to single-family residential and small commercial customers. At utility discretion, it may also be applied to other customers. A rental fee shall be charged for the use of this meter and the following rates shall apply.

5/8 -inch meter -	\$ 9.00 per quarter
3/4 -inch meter -	\$ 9.00 per quarter
1 -inch meter -	\$ 13.50 per quarter
1 1/4 -inch meter -	\$ 18.00 per quarter
1 1/2 -inch meter -	\$ 30.00 per quarter
2 -inch meter -	\$ 45.00 per quarter
3 -inch meter -	\$ 82.50 per quarter
4 -inch meter -	\$ 135.00 per quarter

Initial Meter Installation Charge - \$30.00

*For the Schedule Am-1 rate to apply, the additional meter must be installed on the same service lateral as the primary meter. Also, if the metering configuration is in the Addition Method, the Schedule Am-1 rate will apply only if the additional meter is 3/4-inch or less. If the additional meter is larger than 3/4-inch in the Addition Method, then Schedule Mg-1 rates apply to the primary meter and the additional meter as separate accounts.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Reconnection Charges - - - R-1

	<u>During Normal Business Hours</u>	<u>After Normal Business Hours</u>
Reinstallation of meter, including valving at curb stop	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Valve turned on at curb stop	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00

Note: No charge for disconnection.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Water Lateral Installation Charge - - - Cz-1

Subdivision developers shall be responsible, where the main extension has been approved by the utility, for the water service lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box.

When the cost of a utility main extension is to be collected through assessment by the municipality, the actual average water lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box shall be included in the assessment of the appropriate properties.

The initial water service lateral(s), not installed as part of a subdivision development or an assessable utility extension, will be installed from the main through the curb stop and box by the utility, for which the actual cost will be charged.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Temporary Metered Supply, Meter and Deposits - - - D-1

Delete.

Hydrant Charges - - - H-1

Delete.

Rules and Regulations - - - X-1

Delete Schedule X-1 through X-1.17. Incorporate the operating rules for municipal water utilities as provided by the Public Service Commission.

Water Main Extension Rule - - - X-2

Water mains will be extended for new customers on the following basis:

- A. Where the cost of the extension is to immediately be collected through assessment by the municipality against the abutting property, the procedure set forth under Wis. Stat. § 66.0703 will apply, and no additional customer contribution to the utility will be required.
- B. Where the municipality is unwilling or unable to make a special assessment, the extension will be made on a customer-financed basis as follows:
 - 1. The applicant(s) will advance as a contribution in aid of construction the total amount equivalent to that which would have been assessed for all property under A.
 - 2. Part of the contribution required in B.1. will be refundable. When additional customers are connected to the extended main within 10 years of the date of completion, contributions in aid of construction will be collected equal to the amount which would have been assessed under A. for the abutting property being served. This amount will be refunded to the original contributor(s). In no case will the contributions received from additional customers exceed the

proportionate amount which would have been required under A., nor will it exceed the total assessable cost of the original extension.

- C. When a customer connects to a transmission main or connecting loop installed at utility expense within 10 years of the date of completion, there will be a contribution required of an amount equivalent to that which would have been assessed under A.

Water Main Installations in Platted Subdivisions - - - X-3

Application for installation of water mains in regularly platted real estate development subdivisions shall be filed with the utility.

If the developer, or a contractor employed by the developer, is to install the water mains (with the approval of the utility), the developer shall be responsible for the total cost of construction.

If the utility or its contractor is to install the water mains, the developer shall be required to advance to the utility, prior to the beginning of the construction, the total estimated cost of the extension. If the final costs exceed estimated costs, an additional billing will be made for the balance of the cost due. This balance is to be paid within 30 days. If final costs are less than estimated, a refund of the overpayment will be made by the water utility.