

RESOLUTION 54-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA FOR ITS CITIZENS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; PROVIDING THAT THIS SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT ALL TIMES AT THE VILLAGE HALL DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Tequesta, Florida, desires to adopt a schedule of fees and charges relating to the provision of water services rendered by the Village of Tequesta for the citizens of the Village of Tequesta, Unincorporated Martin County, Unincorporated Palm Beach County, and the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony and for other members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to incorporate all such fees and charges assessed in accordance with Section 74-61 of the Code of Ordinances into one comprehensive fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to make certain the schedule of fees and charges are available for inspection such that any member of the public may be aware of the cost of each and every service provided by the Village of Tequesta's Utility Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Village Council of the Village of Tequesta, Florida, hereby officially adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made part hereof as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: This duly adopted Schedule of Fees and Charges shall be available at the Village Hall for inspection by the public during normal business hours.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Exhibit "A"

Village of Tequesta
Water Utilities Fees and Charges

1. **Monthly Water Service Charges**

- A. **Residential and Non-Residential Rate Schedule – Base Facilities Charges** - The Base Facilities Charge is the minimum monthly charge and is based on meter size and monthly billing period as follows:

	Base Facilities Charge Table		
	Effective February 1, 2016	Effective October 1, 2016	Effective October 1, 2017
Meter Size:			
5/8" or 3/4"	\$15.75	\$17.01	\$18.37
1"	\$39.31	\$42.45	\$45.85
1.5"	\$78.80	\$85.10	\$91.91
2"	\$125.82	\$135.89	\$146.76
3"	\$235.92	\$254.79	\$275.17
4"	\$393.16	\$424.61	\$458.58
6"	\$768.34	\$849.25	\$917.19

- B. **Metering of Multi-family Buildings (M.F.)** – Where a single meter is installed in a water connection serving a multi-family structure, the minimum monthly service charge shall be the greater of i) an amount equal to the number of dwelling units multiplied by the minimum charge for a 5/8 inch meter, or ii) the base facilities charge for the installed meter size.

In the event there is a single meter measuring quantities of water for two (2) or more residential units, the gallons measured and charged pursuant to the terms of this section shall be prorated by dividing the total number of gallons metered by the number of units included on the single meter.

- C. **Metering of Multi-Unit Buildings – Non-Residential** – In the case of any non-residential multi-unit building housing more than one (1) business or entity, each business or entity therein shall be metered individually. Monthly minimum service charges shall be based on the established charge by meter size. Where an existing single meter is installed in a water connection serving two (2) or more businesses or entities, the minimum monthly service charge shall also be based on the established charge by meter size. Fire protection charges for fire lines shall be separately included; see paragraph number 2 herein below.

- D. **Quantity Rate Charges for Residential and Non-Residential Rate Schedule** – Applicable to all quantities of water shown by meter readings to have been delivered as follows:

Quantity Step Rate Table			
Per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof	Effective February 1, 2016	Effective October 1, 2016	Effective October 1, 2017
Step 1	\$2.49	\$2.69	\$2.91
Step 2	\$4.20	\$4.54	\$4.90
Step 3	\$5.70	\$6.16	\$6.65
Step 4	\$7.32	\$7.91	\$8.54

Gallage Allowance per Quantity Step Rate Table				
Meter Size	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
3/4"	1 - 12,000	12,001 - 25,000	25,001 - 40,000	Above 40,000
1"	1 - 30,000	30,001 - 62,000	62,001 - 100,000	Above 100,000
1.5"	1 - 60,000	60,001 - 125,000	125,001 - 200,000	Above 200,000
2"	1 - 96,000	96,001 - 200,000	200,001 - 320,000	Above 320,000
3"	1 - 180,000	180,001 - 375,000	375,001 - 600,000	Above 600,000
4"	1 - 300,000	300,001 - 625,000	625,001 - 1,000,000	Above 1,000,000
6"	1 - 600,000	600,001 - 1,250,000	1,250,001 - 2,000,000	Above 2,000,000

2. **Fire Protection Charge**

- A. **Monthly Charge** - See Section 74.63, Village Code of Ordinances

Within the Village.....\$1.21 monthly
 Outside the Village.....\$1.21 monthly

- B. **Private Fire Connections** – * The following monthly service charges shall apply to private fire lines for sprinkling systems or other fire protection systems:

Meter Size	Amount
2"	\$10.80
3"	\$24.67
4"	\$44.71
6"	\$107.95
8"	\$185.03
10"	\$241.22

* No taps will be allowed which may be used for other than fire protection purposes; and there shall be no connection with any other source of water.

3. **Meter Installation Charge** – All water meters shall be installed by the Village of Tequesta, and the charge for making such meter installations or replacement of a meter of a different size upon request of the customer shall be as follows (all meters installed remain the property of the Village):

A.

Meter Installation Only	
Meter Size	Amount
3/4"	\$244.08
1"	\$274.61
1.5"	\$549.19
2"	\$839.04
Above 2"	Actual Cost Plus 10%

B.

Meter Installation with Water Main Tap (includes service line – maximum 100 LF)	
Meter Size	Amount
3/4"	\$732.27
1"	\$869.55
1.5"	\$1,159.40
2"	\$2,501.90
Above 2"	Actual Cost Plus 10%

4. **Interrupted Service Charges**

- A. **Meter Turn-On - (New Accounts)**.....\$38.12
- B. **Meter Turn-On or Turn-Off; Customer Request - (vacation or close-out of account)**
- During business hours..... \$22.87
- Non-business hours.....\$49.43
- C. **Meter Turn-Off; for Non-Payment - 4x min. monthly service charge for the specific meter**
- D. **Transfer of Service**.....\$15.25

5. **Capital Connection Charge**

Meter Size	Water
3/4"	\$3,008.72
1"	\$7,521.72
1.5"	\$15,043.46
2"	\$24,069.51
3"	\$45,130.80
4"	\$75,218.00
6"	\$150,436.00

6. **Security Deposits**

Meter Size	Amount
3/4" (adjust per index)	\$91.55
1" (3x month Service Charge)	\$117.94
1.5" (3x month Service Charge)	\$236.39
2" (3x month Service Charge)	\$377.42
3" (3x month Service Charge)	\$707.72
4" (3x month Service Charge)	\$1,179.50
6" (3x month Service Charge)	\$2,359.02

7. **Interest on Deposits** - See Section 74-68., Village Code of Ordinances.

8. **Meter or Hydrant Re-location for Customer's Convenience** – Actual cost plus 10% of all related charges. See Section 74-69., Village Code of Ordinances.

9. **Emergency Bulk Water Service Rate, per 1,000 gallons**.....\$2.21

10. **Capacity Reservation Fee (monthly per ERU)**.....\$10.33

11. **Water Restriction Surcharge Adjustment** – See Section 74-74., Village Code of Ordinances.

12. **Excessive Variance Step Adjustment** – The Village Manager may approve an excessive usage credit (EUC) to a water bill, which, due to circumstances beyond the customer's control (e.g. leaks on the customer's side of the meter), reflects consumption in an amount that is at least two times the customer's average monthly usage over the previous three (3) month period No customer shall be eligible for such an adjustment more than once per three (3) calendar year period. No such adjustment shall be granted in the event that the adjustment would cause a violation of Village Code Section 74-78 regarding prohibited free service, or Village Code Section 74-81 regarding the provision of adequate revenue to cover all costs of operation, maintenance and debt service. Any downward adjustment shall be made based on the Village's then current step rates. The lowest step rate that results in an adjusted water bill commensurate with the customer's average water bill over the previous three (3) months of billing shall be applied. In the event that application of the lowest step rate results in an adjustment that continues to exceed an amount that is

double the customer's average water bill over the previous three (3) months of billing, then an adjustment equal to an amount equivalent to double the customer's average water bill over the previous three (3) months of billing shall be made. The Village Manager shall determine that the customer meets each of the following criteria prior to approving any EUC:

- Customer notifies the Village of Tequesta's Customer Service Department of an excessive water bill that may be related to a leak or other circumstance beyond the customer's control.
- Water consumption exceeds two times the customer's average monthly usage over the previous three (3) month period.
- Customer acted promptly to remediate excessive water use (e.g. had leak on Customer's side of the meter repaired as soon as practicable) as documented by repair receipts or other acceptable methods.
- The request for EUC was made within 1 month of the remedial action.

No EUC may be approved where any of the following circumstances exist:

- Excessive consumption is due to seasonal usage such as watering of sod, gardening, or usage from filling swimming pools and hot tubs/whirlpools, or washing vehicles, etc.
- A leak resulting in excessive consumption was caused by a third party from whom the customer is able to recover their costs. Examples include, but are not limited to, theft, vandalism, negligence and construction damage, including unoccupied or vacant properties.
- When excessive consumption continues for two (2) or more months, there will be no adjustment for the second or subsequent months.
- The meter has been accessed, tampered with, or turned on/off by anyone other than a Village of Tequesta Utility employee and that action results in excessive consumption.
- The EUC would violate Village Code Sections 74-78 or 74-81.
- An EUC was approved within the past three (3) calendar years at the same property.

Notwithstanding the above provisions of this Excessive Variance Step Adjustment policy, the Village Manager may, from time to time, allow for step adjustments in excess of once per three (3) calendar years at the same property when extenuating circumstances exist that warrant the granting of relief. All such requests shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any relief granted by the Village Manager pursuant to this provision shall be limited to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per award.

13. **Miscellaneous Fees and Charges**

- A. **Returned Check** - \$25.00 if the face value does not exceed \$50.00; \$30.00 if the face value is more than \$50.00 but does not exceed \$300.00; \$40.00 if the face value is more than \$300.00.
- B. **Late Payment Fees** – 1% of outstanding delinquent amount with a minimum

charge of \$5.00

- C. **Past Due Amounts on Disconnected Service** - A 1% per month penalty will be charged on all past due amounts after discontinuance of service plus any and all costs associated with securing collection of the past due amount.
- D. **Meter Re-read** \$15.25
- E. **Meter Testing**
 - 3/4" \$68.68
 - 1" \$83.91
 - 1.5" \$99.17
 - 2" \$137.29
- F. **Field Premise Visit** \$22.87
- G. **Line Location Services**.....\$61.04
- H. **Plan Review**.....3% of the construction cost, \$150.00 minimum
- I. **Inspection Fee, Per Visit**.....\$87.27

14. **Tampering with Turned-Off Service**

- A. **Removal charge**..... \$107.44
- B. **Re-installation charge**
 - 3/4"\$268.51
 - 1" or LargerActual Cost
- C. **Destruction of meter related equipment**
 - (1) Assessment for replacement of meter or meter related equipment
 - (2) A minimum of \$27.75 administrative charge per occurrence

15. **Surcharge - Customers Outside the Village** - 25% surcharge on monthly rates, fees, and charges except for those set forth at Section 13.C. will be imposed for all customers located outside the corporate limits of the Village.

16. **Automatic Annual Rate Adjustment** – See Sections 74-72 and 74-73, Village Code of Ordinances.

RESOLUTION

54-17



Date

11/09/2017

Motion

Vice-Mayor Frank D'Ambra

Second

Council Member Vince Arena

VOTE

	FOR ADOPTION	AGAINST ADOPTION	ABSENT
Mayor Abigail Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice-Mayor Frank D'Ambra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Tom Paterno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Vince Arena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Steve Okun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted.

MAYOR OF TEQUESTA

ATTEST:

 Abigail Brennan

 Lori McWilliams, MMC
 Village Clerk

