

## St. Cloud Water and Sewer Utility

Authorized Water Rates and RulesPublic Fire Protection Service - - - Fd-1

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), the municipality has chosen to have the utility bill the retail general service customers for public fire protection service. This rate is also applicable to developed municipal properties\* that are not general service customers of the water utility.

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.

Quarterly Public Fire Protection Service Charge: \$22.75

Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1, Mgt-1, or Mz-1, shall also be subject to the charges in this schedule.

\*Developed properties are properties containing a building or structure.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Public Fire Protection - Suburban - - - F-2

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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	\$ 18.60
3-inch connection	\$ 34.80
4-inch connection	\$ 57.90
6-inch connection	\$ 115.50
8-inch connection	\$ 184.80
10-inch connection	\$ 277.50
12-inch connection	\$ 369.90

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

General Service - Metered - - - Mg-1**Quarterly Service Charges:**

3/8 -inch meter - \$	24.00	4 -inch meter - \$	210.00
1/4 -inch meter - \$	24.00	6 -inch meter - \$	270.00
1 -inch meter - \$	33.00	8 -inch meter - \$	312.00
1 1/2 -inch meter - \$	51.00	10 -inch meter - \$	372.00
2 -inch meter - \$	75.00	12 -inch meter - \$	432.00
3 -inch meter - \$	156.00		

**Plus Volume Charge:**

First 30,000 gallons used per quarter - \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons  
 Next 30,000 gallons used per quarter - \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons  
 Over 60,000 gallons used per quarter - \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons

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 3 percent but not less than 50 cents will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This ONE-TIME 3 percent late payment charge will be applied only to any unpaid balance for the current billing period's usage. 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.

Combined Metering: 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.

#### Public Service - - - Mpa-1

Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, sewer treatment plants, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates 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 \$1.75 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 \$51.30 per quarter. This rate shall be applied only to single-family residential and small commercial customers and approximates the cost of 13,000 gallons of water per quarter under Schedule Mg-1. If it is determined by the utility that usage is in excess of 13,000 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.

#### 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.

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 \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons. A service charge, in addition to the volumetric charge, will be \$24.00. 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

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Reconnection Charges - - - R-1

	<u>During Normal Business Hours</u>	<u>After Normal Business Hours</u>
Reinstallation of meter, including valving at curb stop	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
Valve turned on at curb stop	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00

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

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Hydrant Charges - - - H-1

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Rules and Regulations - - - X-1

Delete Schedule X-1 (17 pages). 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.