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Water Utility Regulations and Rates

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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.

Monthly Private Fire Protection Service Demand Charges:

2-inch or smaller connection	\$ 10.00
3-inch connection	\$ 19.00
4-inch connection	\$ 31.00
6-inch connection	\$ 62.00
8-inch connection	\$ 100.00
10-inch connection	\$ 149.00
12-inch connection	\$ 199.00
14-inch connection	\$ 249.00
16-inch connection	\$ 299.00

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Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

General Service - Metered - - - Mg-1

Monthly Service Charges (All Customer Classes):

5/8 -inch meter - \$ 14.80	3 -inch meter - \$ 88.26
3/4-inch meter - \$ 14.80	4 -inch meter - \$ 149.61
1-inch meter - \$ 18.84	6 -inch meter - \$ 209.89
1 1/4 -inch meter - \$ 30.68	8 -inch meter - \$ 275.55
1 1/2, -inch meter - \$ 46.01	10 -inch meter - \$ 341.20
2 -inch meter - \$ 61.35	12 -inch meter - \$ 405.78

Plus Volume Charges:

Residential Customers:

For all water used per month - \$9.53 per 1,000 gallons

Non-Residential Customers:

First 10,000 gallons used per month - \$9.53 per 1,000 gallons

Over 10,000 gallons used per month - \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons

Residential Class includes customers who have water service provided for residential or domestic purposes. Sales through a single meter to buildings with three or more dwelling units are classified as commercial.

Nonresidential Class includes commercial, industrial, and public authority customers. Commercial customers include business entities and institutions, except governmental entities, that provide goods or services. Sales through a single meter to buildings with three or more dwelling units are classified as commercial. Churches and parochial schools are not governmental and are classified as commercial. Industrial customers include customers who are engaged in the manufacture or production of goods. Public Authority customers include any department, agency, or entity of local, state, or federal government, including public schools, colleges, and universities.

Billing: Bills for water service are rendered monthly 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.

Combined Metering: Volumetric readings may 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 may not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings where metering configurations support such an approach. Volumetric readings from individually metered separate service laterals may not be combined for billing purposes.

Other Charges - - - OC-1

Non-Sufficient Funds Charge: The utility shall assess a \$25.00 charge when a payment 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 payment was for multiple services.

Special Billing Charge: The utility shall assess a \$10.00 charge to cover administrative expenses shall apply whenever a customer requests special billing outside of the normal utility billing.

Special Meter Reading Charge: The utility shall assess a \$15.00 charge whenever a customer requests a special meter reading by utility personnel on a date other than the regularly scheduled meter reading. This charge may not be assessed if the customer provides the meter reading.

Missed Appointment Charge: The utility shall assess a missed appointment charge if a customer schedules an appointment with utility personnel at the customer's location and, without providing reasonable cancellation notice to the utility, fails to be present. The utility may not charge for the first missed appointment during normal business hours but may apply the charge to subsequent missed appointments. The utility shall apply the charge for the first missed appointment after normal business hours.

During normal business hours:	\$40.00
After normal business hours:	\$60.00

Real Estate Closing Account Charge: The utility shall assess a \$15.00 charge whenever a customer or the customer's agent requests written documentation from the utility of the customer's account status in connection with a real estate closing.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-I.

General Service - Suburban - - - Mg-2

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Public Service - - - Mpa-1

Metered Service

Water used by the Village of Merrilan on an intermittent basis for flushing sewers, street washing, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered and billed according to the rates set forth in Schedule Mg-I for nonresidential customers.

Unmetered Service

Where it is impossible to meter the service, the utility shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of opening, and the period of time the water is used. The estimated quantity shall be billed at the volumetric rates set forth in Schedule Mg-I for nonresidential customers, excluding any service charges.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-I.

General Water Service - Unmetered - - - Ug-1

Service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis where the utility cannot immediately install a water meter, including water used for construction. Unmetered service shall be billed

the amount that would be charged to a metered residential customer using 3,000 gallons of water per month under Schedule Mg-I, including the service charge for a 1/2-inch meter. If the utility determines that actual usage exceeds 3,000 gallons of water per month, an additional charge for the estimated excess usage shall be made according to the rates under Schedule Mg-I.

This schedule applies only to customers with a 1-inch or smaller service connection. For customers with a larger service connection, the utility shall install a temporary meter and charges shall be based on the rates set forth under Schedule Mg-I.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-I.

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

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Seasonal Service - - - Sg-1

C A customer who voluntarily requests temporary disconnection of water service and who resumes service at the same location within 12 months may be classified as a seasonal customer, unless service is provided to another customer at that location in the intervening period. The utility shall bill a seasonal customer the applicable service charges under Schedule Mg-I, prorated for the period of voluntary disconnection, if necessary.

Seasonal service shall include customers taking service under Schedule Mg-I or Schedule Ug-1.

Upon reconnection, the utility shall apply a charge under Schedule R-1 and require payment of any unpaid charges under this schedule.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-I, unless the utility and customer agree to an alternative payment schedule for the period of voluntary disconnection, such as a one-time annual payment.

Building and Construction Water Service - - - Mz-1

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Bulk Water - - - BW-1

(All bulk water supplied from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered or estimated by the utility. Utility personnel or a party approved by the utility 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 service area;
- B. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for purposes other than extinguishing fires, such as water used for irrigation or filling swimming pools; or,
- C. Water supplied from hydrants or other temporary connections for general service type applications, except that Schedule Ug-1 applies for water supplied for construction purposes.

A service charge of \$30.00 and a charge for the volume of water used shall be billed to the party using the water. The volumetric charge shall be calculated using the highest volumetric rate for residential customers under Schedule Mg-1. In addition, for meters that are assigned to bulk water customers for more than 7 days, the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1 will apply after the first 7 days.

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

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-I

Reconnection Charges - - - R-1

The utility shall assess a charge to reconnect a customer, which includes reinstalling a meter and turning on the valve at the curb stop, if necessary. A utility may not assess a charge for disconnecting a customer.

During normal business hours:	\$	40.00
After normal business hours:	\$	60.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-I.

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Water Lateral Installation Charge - - - Cz-1

The utility shall charge a customer for the actual cost of installing a water service lateral from the main through curb stop and box if these costs are not contributed as part of a subdivision development or otherwise recovered under Wis. Stats. Chapter 66.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Rules and Regulations - - - X-1

Delete Schedule X-1. 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:

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- 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.I. 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.
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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.

