

PLUM CREEK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING WATER SERVICE

SECTION A - DEFINITIONS

1. **AUTHORITY:** The word "Authority," whenever the same appears herein, means Plum Creek Municipal Authority, a body incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. **CORPORATION STOP:** A valve which is inserted into the main for the connection of the water supply service piping.
3. **CURB STOP:** A valve for insertion in the service pipes at or near the property line of the customer.
4. **CURB STOP BOX:** A plastic or metal housing which encloses, protects and provides access to the curb stop.
5. **CUSTOMER:** The word "Customer," as used herein, means the rightful owner(s) owning any lot(s) in the Lake Wynonah subdivision applying for or receiving water service from the Authority, or having water available for his use, even if no water is actually served or used.
6. **DATE OF PRESENTATION:** The date upon which a bill or notice is mailed as evidenced by the United States Post Office mark.
7. **MAINS:** The system of water piping, valves, fittings and equipment used to distribute water throughout the area served by the Authority.
8. **METER:** A device which measures the volume of water delivered to a Customer's premises.
9. **OWNER:** The word "Owner," as used herein, means the person, persons, firm, corporation or association having an interest as owner in any premises which is located in the community of Lake Wynonah.
10. **PREMISES:** The word "Premises," as used herein, means the property or area, including improvements thereto, to which water service is or will be provided or made available to.

11. **RATE SCHEDULE:** The entire body of effective rates, rentals, and charges as adopted by the Authority at an open, regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority, as amended from time to time, are made a part of these Rules and Regulations.

12. **REMOTE READER:** A device, connected to a meter by means of a wire, which indicates the volume of water delivered to a Customer's premises as measured by the meter.

13. **SERVICE:** Provision of water for household residential purposes, including water for sprinkling lawns, gardens and shrubbery, washing vehicles and other similar customary purposes.

14. **SERVICE LINE CONNECTIONS:** (Authority Service Line) The pipe, valves and other facilities by means of which the Authority conducts water from its distribution mains to the curb stop, including the curb stop, the curb stop box and other such facilities.

15. **SERVICE LINE EXTENSIONS:** (Customer Service Line) The pipe, a stop cock or compression valve placed immediately ahead of the meter, connections for inlet and outlet sides of the meter, a stop, waste cock, a backflow preventer on the outlet side of the meter, and other facilities by means of which water is conducted from the curb stop to the premises of a customer.

SECTION B - CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

16. **GENERAL:** The Authority will furnish water service and water availability in accordance with the currently prevailing and as hereafter revised Rates, Rules and Regulations of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right, as often as it may deem necessary, and without notice, to alter and amend all or part of these Rates, Rules and Regulations at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority.

SECTION C - APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

17. **APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE:** Service connection will be permitted and water will be furnished upon written application by the Customer (or

his authorized agent), on a form furnished by the Authority prepared for this purpose, after approval of such application by the Authority or its authorized designee, and after all required fees and charges have been paid by the Customer or his authorized agent.

18. CONTRACT: The application and these Rates, Rules and Regulations constitute a Contract between the Customer and the Authority; each Customer agrees to be bound thereby. Rates for water service shall accrue from the date the water supply service has been connected to the premises.

19. CONTRACT WITH DELINQUENTS: No application for water service connection will be approved until all arrears for water availability have been paid.

20. CONDITION OF PLUMBING SYSTEM: The piping and fixtures on the property of the Customer must be in satisfactory condition at the time service facilities (including meters) are connected and water furnished. The Authority will not be liable in any case for accidents, breaks or leakage that in any way are due to connection with the supply of water, or for the freezing of piping and fixtures of the Customer, nor for any damage to the property which may result from usage or nonusage of water supplied to the premises. If piping fixtures are not suitable for a meter connection, the customer shall render them suitable.

SECTION D - SERVICE LINE EXTENSION CONNECTIONS

21. SERVICE CONNECTIONS: All lots are provided with a service connection lateral suitable for extension to Customer premises. Two types of services are normally provided: (1) Service to a dwelling to be permanently or seasonally occupied, and (2) Service to a frost-free yard spigot of an Authority-approved type and design.

22. EXISTING CONNECTIONS: All existing connections to the Authority water distribution system shall have a water meter, remote reader and backflow preventer installed. Meters, remote readers and backflow preventers will be purchased from the Authority and installed and maintained at the Customer's expense.

23. NEW CONNECTIONS NOT REQUIRING HOME SPRINKLER SYSTEMS: The service line extending from the curb stop to the premises, and all required accessories, shall be installed by and at the expense of the Customer. The installation shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

a. Prior to performing any connection to the Authority's water distribution system, a water connection permit must be obtained by the Customer (or his authorized agent), completed, submitted with the existing permit fee and approved by the Authority or its designee. All delinquent availability fees owed to the Authority which are associated with a given lot must be paid in full prior to approval of a water connection permit for that lot.

b. A shut-off valve must be purchased by and installed at the Customer's expense. The meter and valve must be inspected by the Authority or its designee prior to turning on the water at the water distribution connection (curb stop).

c. A meter (inside), remote reader (outside), and backflow preventer must be purchased from the Authority and installed at the Customer's expense. After the meter is installed, the remote will be wired to the inside meter, inspected, and sealed by the Authority or its designee.

NEW CONNECTIONS REQUIRING HOME SPRINKLER

SYSTEMS: Starting January 1, 2011 (or any other date as amended by the state of Pennsylvania), the International Residential Code, adopted through the PA Uniform Construction Code, may require installation of sprinkler systems in new single family homes. The service line extending from the curb stop to the premises, and all required accessories, shall be installed by and at the expense of the Customer. The installation shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

a. Prior to performing any connection to the Authority's water distribution system, a water connection permit must be obtained by the Customer (or his authorized agent), completed, submitted with the existing permit fee and approved by the Authority or its designee. All delinquent availability fees owed to the Authority which are associated with a given lot must be paid in full prior to approval of a water connection permit for that lot.

b. A dual setting meter pit assembly with integrated backflow protection, two 5/8" x 3/4" meters, two remote readers, and two shut-off valves must be purchased from the Authority and installed at the Customer's expense. Said pit meter is to be constructed at the property line. A diagram of the meter pit assembly is supplied in the water permit package.

c. A Watts Reduced Pressure Zone Backflow Preventer, which must be purchased from the Authority, is required inside the home prior to connection to the home sprinkler system and installed at least 1 foot from the floor in a location readily accessible for testing and service. Two isolation ball valves will be required on each side of the backflow preventer. There shall be no screws or threads in the

waterway exposed to the line fluids. Provision for drainage of water released during normal operations of the backflow preventer should be provided.

The Authority will not be responsible for altering water pressure for any device or apparatus constructed on the Customer's premises; the Customer must utilize the water pressure that already exists.

d. After the meter assembly, the Watts Reduced Pressure Backflow Preventer, ball valves, and piping is installed, the installation will be inspected and sealed by the Authority or its designee.

24. SPECIFICATIONS: The service line extension (Customer water supply line):

a. must be purchased and installed at the Customer's expense.

b. must be constructed entirely of type K copper material.

c. may not contain any branches or cross-connections of any kind.

d. must be buried beneath the earth at a minimum depth of 3-1/2 feet.

e. must be located in a separate trench and not closer than 4 feet to any electrical power line.

f. must be located in a separate trench and not closer than 10 feet to any sewage piping or sewage system.

g. must be visually inspected and tested, in its entirety, by the Authority or its designee, prior to backfilling the trench in which it is contained. Any trench that is backfilled prior to this inspection shall be re-excavated so that said inspection and testing can be done to finalize the water connection.

The Authority exercises the right to revise these specifications at any time and to stipulate the size and weight per foot of pipe, and the kind and quality of all materials laid between the curb stop and the premises.

25. MAINTENANCE: All service line extensions and fixtures installed by the Customer shall be maintained by him in satisfactory condition. Meters and remote readers on the property of the Customer shall be protected properly and cared for by the Customer.

The Authority shall in no event be responsible for maintaining any portion of the service line or service line facilities owned by the Customer, or for any damage

done by water escaping from the service line or service line fixtures on the Customer's property.

26. LENGTH OF SERVICE LINE: The Authority will exercise the right, in all cases where deemed advisable, to require the Customer to furnish, at his expense, an approved meter pit provided with a suitable cover and constructed in accordance with a plan furnished by the Authority. Said meter pit is to be constructed at the property line and is to be used to house the meter required for the service of the premises. Pit meters are purchased from the Authority and are installed at the Customer's expense.

27. PENALTY FOR PLACING OBSTRUCTIONS OVER, IN OR AROUND CURB BOXES: If obstructions are placed over, in or around curb boxes in such a manner as to prevent normal operation of the curb stop or result in damage to the curb box, curb stop or service line (Authority's), the Authority will shut the water off at the curb stop and plug the curb box or disconnect the service line, or turn the water off at the corporation stop, as it may deem necessary. Before service is restored, the customer shall pay to the Authority the expenses incurred in shutting off the water and in turning it back on again.

28. USE OF CURB STOPS: Curb stops shall not be used by anyone for turning on or shutting off the water supply. Curb stops are for the exclusive use of the Authority or its designee.

29. LEAKS: All leaks in the service line extensions (Customer's) from the curb box to, in and upon the premises supplied shall be promptly repaired by the Customer. If the service extension line is constructed of any material other than copper, the entire length of the service extension line shall be repaired and replaced entirely with copper piping as specified in ITEM 24 of these rules and regulations. On failure to make such repairs within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Authority, the Authority may, at its option, terminate water service as provided in SECTION H of these rules and regulations.

SECTION E - METERS AND REMOTE READERS

30. MAINTENANCE, CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE: The Customer is liable and responsible for all damage to all meters and remote readers while on his premises. In the event of damage to, or nonworking of the meter or remote reader, the Customer shall promptly notify the Authority. The Authority

will furnish and set another meter or remote reader to replace the one frozen or damaged, and the cost of replacement, including parts, labor, transportation charges, testing and reinstallation or changing of the meter shall be billed to the Customer and paid by him according to such costs and fees as are currently in effect.

31. METER TESTS: Should the Customer at any time doubt the accuracy or correctness of the meter measuring water delivered to a Customer's premises, the Authority will, upon written request of the Customer, and if he so desires in his presence or that of an authorized representative, make a test of the accuracy of the meter. If the meter tested is found to be accurate within the allowances of AWWA Standard C700, a fee as is currently in effect shall be paid to the Authority by the Customer regarding such test. If the meter reads high, the cost shall be borne by the Authority.

The Authority reserves the right to remove and/or test any meter at any time, at its own expense and, if the meter is found to be inaccurate, to substitute another meter either permanently or temporarily.

32. SEALS: No seal placed by the Authority on any meter or remote reader may be broken, tampered with or defaced. It shall not be broken except upon authorization by the Authority. If a seal is broken, the Authority reserves the right to replace, remove and/or test the meter or remote reader at the Customer's expense, even though said meter or remote reader may register accurately.

33. BYPASSES: No person may cause water to bypass a meter or to perform any act which may alter the correct indication of water consumption.

34. CONSUMPTION: No allowance will be made by the Authority for water used, lost, stolen or wasted which has passed through and been measured by the water meter.

35. READING OF METERS AND/OR REMOTE READERS: Reading of meters and/or remote readers shall be taken at the option of the Authority. In the case of a dispute, the quantity recorded by the meter shall be taken to be the amount of water used by the Customer, which amount will be conclusive on both the Customer and the Authority, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In such cases, the quantity will be determined by the water consumed during a previous corresponding period as a basis for settlement.

36. ACCESS TO METERS AND REMOTE READERS: The Authority, at all reasonable times, shall have access to the Customer's premises and to any property for the purpose of meter or remote reader maintenance, operation and reading. Failure to permit reasonable access shall be sufficient cause for discontinuance of water service.

37. MINIMUM (BASE RATE) CHARGE: Every meter installed is subject to a fixed minimum (base rate) charge, as determined by the Authority, in accordance with the rates as are currently in effect, for which certain quantities of water will be allowed without additional charge. Such minimum shall not be reduced for a nonuser of water, and the minimum shall be noncumulative against subsequent consumption.

SECTION F - DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE

38. REASONS: Water Service may be discontinued by the Authority for the additional following reasons:

- a.** For misrepresentation in the water permit application.
- b.** For failure to maintain in good order the service extension lines owned by the Customer.
- c.** For molesting, tampering with or in any other way interfering with any Authority service lines, curb stop, curb box or other fixtures owned by the Authority.
- d.** For molesting, tampering with or in any other way interfering with meters, remote readers or any Authority-applied seal for such meters and remote readers.
- e.** For refusal of reasonable access to the Customer's premises for the purpose of inspecting piping, fixtures, meters, remote readers, or for the reading, repair or replacement of meters and remote readers.
- f.** For nonpayment of water service or for any other charge or fee accrued under this application.
- g.** For premises where apparatus, appliances or equipment using water is dangerous, unsafe or not in compliance with any laws or ordinances.
- h.** For fraud or abuse.

i. For violation of these Rules and Regulations or other requirements governing the supply of water furnished by the Authority, including, but not limited to, the Water Conservation Policy of the Authority. (See SECTION I).

j. For refusal of access to the Customer's premises for the purpose of sewage inspections.

k. For nonpayment of sewage charges.

l. For refusal to remedy a sewage violation as determined by the Authority's Sewage Management Program or as determined by the applicable Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

If water service is terminated for domestic use to a home that has a residential sprinkler system, no water shall be used for domestic use through the residential sprinkler system connection. If, after water has been terminated, water is used through the residential sprinkler system for any reason other than fire, the Authority will pursue other administrative or judicial remedies.

39. CONTAMINATION: Water service shall be discontinued immediately and without notice to the Customer if a duly authorized regulatory agent determines that the Authority water distribution system is being or is in immediate danger of being contaminated or polluted.

40. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE DUE TO EMERGENCY: The Authority shall have the right as necessity may arise in case of breakdown, emergency or other unavoidable cause, to temporarily terminate the water supply in order to make necessary repairs, connections and to do such other work. The Authority will use all reasonable and practical measures to notify the customer of such discontinuance of water. Nothing in these Rules and Regulations, however, shall be construed as a guarantee, covenant or agreement of the Authority to give notice of any termination due to emergencies or otherwise. In such cases, the Authority shall not be liable for any damage or inconvenience suffered by the Customer, or any claim against it at any time for interruption of service, lessening of the supply, inadequate pressure, poor quality of water, or for any other cause beyond its control. Such temporary termination of the water supply shall not entitle the Customer to any abatement or deduction in or from the water service charges, nor the refund of any portion of such service charges paid in advance during or for the time of the termination.

SECTION G - BILLING

41. **AVAILABILITY:** Each lot owner is subject to an availability charge as adopted by the Authority and listed in the Rate Schedule. This charge is due and payable whether or not water is actually served to the premises. In cases where the Owner has title to multiple lots, the Owner is entitled to one lot free of the availability charge if the lot is contiguous to a paid lot and water is not serviced to that non-charged lot.

42. **PLACE OF PAYMENT:** All bills are payable at the Authority Business Office by mail or in person as designated by the Authority.

43. **BASIS FOR PREPARATION OF BILLS:** All bills for services by the Authority will be based on the Rate Schedule of the Authority in accordance with the rates as are currently in effect. All bills shall be rendered and are due and payable at the option of the Authority.

44. **BILLS RENDERED AND DUE:** In addition to the minimum (base rate) charge, the Authority will make regular meter readings at its option, and bills will be rendered as soon as practicable after reading of the respective meters. All bills are due on or before the due date prescribed on the bill. In the absence of a due date, all bills will be due within 30 days from the date of issue.

45. **INTEREST:** If bills are not paid on or before the due date as indicated on the bill, or within 30 days of the date of issue in the absence of a due date, the Authority will, at its option, charge an interest amount not to exceed 10% per annum OR the full amount allowed by law at the current time.

46. **TERMINATION OF SERVICE:** If bills are not paid within the required period during which the gross amount shown thereon applies, service may be terminated as provided in SECTION H of these Rules and Regulations. Service will not be restored until full payment of delinquent amounts is made, including a restoration (turn-on) fee, as listed in the Rate Schedule.

47. **MAILING:** The Authority shall mail the bills and notices to the Customer at his address as given in the application for service and the Authority shall not be responsible for the delivery thereto. Failure to receive bills will not be an excuse for nonpayment.

48. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** It is the Customer's responsibility to inform the Authority of any changes in his mailing address. Bills returned to the Authority by the Post Office due to being undeliverable will not be an excuse for nonpayment.

49. CHECKS RETURNED UNPAID: Any check received by the Authority in payment of any bill due the Authority which is returned unpaid by the drawee bank for any reason shall be charged against the account involved and, in addition, charges will be made against said account for cost of handling, as determined by the Authority, and as are listed in the Rate Schedule.

50. COLLECTION AGENCY/CREDIT BUREAU: If bills are not paid within the required period as specified in these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall, at its option, refer these unpaid accounts to a professional collection agency of the type and format which may or may not include a delinquency notation on the Customer's personal credit history for a period of time as is allowed by law.

51. LIENS: If bills are not paid within the required period as specified in these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall, at its option, enter these amounts as liens against the premises, including those premises which have accumulated availability fees only, and such liens shall be filed and collected in a manner provided by law for the filing and collection of liens. All charges for the filing of liens will be charged to the Owner.

SECTION H - PROCEDURE FOR DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE

52. TERMINATION: Termination of water service shall be regulated by these Rules and Regulations as follows:

a. A violation notice shall be mailed to the Customer specifying such violation of these Rules and Regulations as has occurred, informing the Customer that unless the Customer remedies the violation within the specified period, water service termination procedures shall thereafter be initiated.

b. A Shut-Off Notice shall be mailed to the Customer by certified mail with return receipt. The certified mailing cost is added to the Customer's account. This notice informs the Customer of the specific date the water service will be terminated if the violation has not been remedied. A written notice in the form of a door hanger shall also be posted at the premises.

c. If during such period as specified by the certified mailing, the person(s) liable for the violation delivers to the Authority a notarized written statement stating that he has a just defense to the violation, or part of it, the water supply shall not be terminated until the defense has been reviewed by not less than three members of

the PCMA Board. The person(s) liable for the violation will be informed via certified letter whether or not the defense was accepted.

d. If water service is terminated pursuant to this Item 52, it shall not be restored until all monies owed to the Authority, both water and sewage, are paid in full, along with a restoration fee, and until reasonable assurance is given that the Customer will comply with these Rules and Regulations, as the violation may apply.

SECTION I - WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

53. GENERAL: No water shall be provided for internal or external use to any residential, recreational, or public building or structure of any kind which is constructed or remodeled and in which plumbing, water piping or water fixtures are to be installed, extended or altered in any way, unless the new, extended, or altered plumbing, water piping and other water-using fixtures therein conform to the requirements and standards of Item 54 this Section.

54. STANDARDS FOR PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FITTINGS: Water conservation performance standards for plumbing fixtures and fittings are as follows:

a. The water consumption of water closets shall not exceed an average of 1.6 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of the ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

b. Urinal water consumption shall not exceed an average of 1.5 gallons per flush cycle over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixtures shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.19.2M and ANSI A112.19.6M.

c. Showerhead discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

d. Sink and lavatory faucet discharge rates shall not exceed 3.0 gallons of water per minute over a range of test pressures from 20 to 80 psi. The fixture shall perform in accordance with the test requirements of ANSI A112.18.1M.

e. The performance standards of Section I shall not apply to fixtures and fittings such as emergency showers, aspirator faucets, and blowout fixtures that, in order to perform a specialized function, cannot meet the specified standards.

f. Any person(s) may apply to the Authority for an exemption to the terms of this Policy which may be granted by the Board of Directors upon proof that some other device, system, or procedure will save as much or more water as those set forth herein, or that those set forth herein cannot be complied with without undue hardship.

55. OTHER REQUIREMENTS: All reasonable means should be exercised to save as much water as possible:

a. Use common sense when watering lawns. Grass does not need to be watered every day, during rain storms, nor even the day after it stops raining. While watering grass, care should be taken to not "water" driveways, roads, etc.

b. The same rules apply for shrubbery as does for lawns except that the watering should be tended during the watering process (ie. hand-held hose while watering or use of buckets).

c. Washing of vehicles should be done using a bucket, and only if absolutely necessary. Over-rinsing should be avoided.

d. Water may be used for pre-washing in preparation of street or driveway paving, recoating, and sealing. General washing of driveways, patios, sidewalks, garages, etc. should only be done if absolutely necessary. Over-rinsing should be avoided.

e. Permission must be obtained from the Authority prior to filling swimming pools. Periodic "topping" is allowed within reason.

f. Items a through e above shall only be performed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and only between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM.

g. Any water usage restrictions enacted by the State of Pennsylvania during droughts or other emergencies shall supersede those previously described here if the State's restrictions are more severe.

SECTION J - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

56. COMPLAINTS: Complaints relative to the character of the service furnished, or the reading of meters or of bills rendered must be made in writing and delivered by mail or in person to the Authority's Business Office.

57. SERVICE NOT GUARANTEED: Nothing in these Rules and Regulations, nor any contract, nor representation, verbal or written, of the Authority or any of its employees or agents shall be taken or construed in any manner to be or constitute a guarantee to furnish a given quantity of water through any service connection for domestic use, or for public or private fire protection, or for any other special purposes, but the Authority will at all times and under all conditions endeavor to maintain the efficiency of its service.

58. RESTRICTION OF SUPPLY: The Authority reserves the right to restrict the supply of water in case of scarcity or whenever the public welfare may require it, and to reserve a sufficient supply of water at all times in its reservoir tanks to provide for fire and other emergencies.

59. GROUND WIRE ATTACHMENTS: Any ground wire or other electrical connection to any plumbing which is or may be connected to a service line or main belonging to the Authority must conform with the National Electric code and BOCA regulations. The Authority will hold the customer liable for any damage to its property occasioned by such ground wire attachments.

60. SWIMMING POOLS: The filling of swimming pools shall be subject to the specifications in Section I of these Rules and Regulations, and to the following:

a. The lines extending to and around the swimming pool shall be thoroughly flushed to waste until the water is clear and, if necessary, the water shall be passed through the pool filters prior to discharge into the pool or pools. The pool shall be thoroughly flushed and cleaned before closing off the drain valves.

b. No chlorine shall be applied to the pool water during the initial filling, except ahead of the filters, and the filter and recirculating systems shall be maintained in constant during filling. If no filter system exists, the Customer must accept full responsibility for causing, through use of chlorine, the precipitation of iron and manganese and such other constituents, and possibly causing discoloration of the water.

c: There shall be an approved backflow preventer on all swimming pool fill lines or a visible air gap.

d. No swimming pool shall be filled except through a metered connection.

61. AVAILABILITY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS: Copies of these Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service may be obtained at the Authority

Business Office for a fee as listed in the Rate Schedule. Copies are available for review at the Authority Business Office during regular working hours.

SECTION K - PHYSICAL DISCONNECTION FROM THE WATER SYSTEM

62. **DEFINITION:** The physical separation of the Customer water service line from the Authority's curb stop.

63. **REASONS:** Physical disconnection from the water system may be initiated by the PCMA, without notice, for the following reasons:

- a. For molesting, tampering with, or in any other way interfering with any Authority service lines, curb stops, curb boxes or other fixtures owned by the Authority after discontinuation of water service has taken place pursuant to Section F of these Rates, Rules, and Regulations.
- b. The Authority's water distribution system is being contaminated, or is in imminent danger of becoming contaminated or polluted due to actions of the Customer.

64. **RECONNECTION TO THE WATER SYSTEM:** If physical disconnection from the water system has taken place, reconnection shall not take place until:

- a. all monies owed to the Authority, including a restoration fee have been paid in full, or until reasonable assurance is given that the Customer will pay any monies owed to the Authority in a timely fashion.
- b. all previous, current, and newly discovered sewage or water violations have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- c. an Authority-approved meter, remote reader, and backflow preventer has been installed (if any of these items do not exist). Meters, remote readers, and backflow preventers will be purchased from the Authority, and maintained at the Customer's expense.
- d. the customer pays to the Authority any expenses the Authority incurs in disconnecting or reconnecting the Customer's service line from/to the Authority's curb stop.

SECTION L – PIT METERS

65. **DEFINITION:** A water meter installed in a meter pit adjacent to the curb stop.

66. **REASONS:** Any repetitive abuse or non-compliance of these Water Rates, Rules, and Regulations will result in the Authority requiring the Customer in violation to install an Authority-approved pit meter. Pit meters and associated components will be purchased from the Authority, and installed and maintained at the Customer's expense.

SECTION M – RATE SCHEDULE

Costs of providing water service, meter/reader repairs or service fees, meter testing fees, water permit application fees, charges for checks returned for nonsufficient funds, municipal lien fees, water restoration (turn-on) fees, etc. are the responsibility of the owner. The PCMA will set standard charges for these services by resolution at its regularly scheduled PCMA board meetings. These charges are necessary to cover costs such as labor, materials, report generation, and bookkeeping, etc. that are incurred due to performing these services. The PCMA reserves the right to change or amend, by resolution, these charges whenever it decides it is necessary to do so.

1. **HOME** - \$120.00 base rate per quarter, plus over-base usage of \$6.00 per thousand gallons used over the base-rate allowance of 9,000 gallons per quarter. See the [Water Rates](#) page for specific information for the current year.
2. **FROST-FREE SPIGOT** - Same charges as **HOME**.
3. **UNDEVELOPED LOT (NO CONNECTION TO THE WATER SYSTEM)** - \$72.00 per year for water availability. \$72.00 is charged in January of each year for the entire year.
4. **METER/REMOTE READER REPAIR OR SERVICE** - \$75.00 flat-rate fee plus the cost of parts, per occurrence.
5. **METER TESTING FEE** - \$35.00 per test performed by the Authority, the cost to be borne by the Customer if the test proves accurate, the cost to be borne by the Authority if the meter/reader reads high.
6. **METER TESTING FEE BY OUTSIDE SOURCE** - If the Customer insists the test be performed by a facility other than the Authority, a charge of \$35.00 an hour will be imposed for the Authority to remove the meter, deliver it to an outside facility and reinstall the meter. Also, the fees imposed by the outside facility

performing the test will be added to the total charge. All charges, fees and costs associated with this particular type of testing will be borne by the Customer.

7. **WATER PERMIT APPLICATION FEE** - \$1,126.00 (No Residential Sprinkler System) or \$2,282.00 (Residential Sprinkler System)

8. **CHECKS RETURNED FOR NONSUFFICIENT FUNDS** - The original amount of the check plus the bank fee (or \$15.00 - whichever is higher) will be charged to the Customer's account.

9. **INTEREST** - Interest will be charged at a rate of 10% per year on all past due balances 90 days delinquent.

10. **MUNICIPAL LIEN FEE** - \$168.00 for attorney and filing fees.

11. **WATER RESTORATION (TURN-ON) FEE** - \$100.00

12. **FEE FOR A COPY OF WATER RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS** - \$10.00

NOTE: Updates to this policy may not immediately appear on the website.