

- a. If the District is not provided with a suitable address to send the balance of a deposit or if after sending the balance it is returned by the postal service, the District will hold the funds for the customer to claim for a period of three years. After the three year holding period has expired, the District will turn the money over to the Texas Comptroller’s Office. The customer may still claim their deposit once deposited with the Comptroller's Office.

1. **Easement Fee.** When the District determines that dedicated easements and/or facilities sites are necessary to provide service to the Applicant, the Applicant shall be required to make good faith efforts to secure the necessary easements and/or sites in behalf of the District and/or pay all costs incurred by the District in validating, clearing, and retaining such easements or sites in addition to tap fees otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of this Service Policy. The costs may include all legal fees and expenses necessary to attempt to secure such easements and/or facilities sites in behalf of the District.

2. **Installation Fee (Tap Fee).** The District shall charge an installation fee for service as follows:

- a. **Standard Service** shall include all current labor, materials, engineering, legal, customer service inspection, and administrative costs necessary to provide individual metered water. Standard service (residential) meter sizes will be determined by the district according to residence size, distance, and projected usage. Service shall be charged on a per tap basis as follows:

Meter Size	Water Installation (Tap) Fee
Tier 1 5/8” X 3/4” Residential	\$ 950 (+ \$50 Deposit)
Tier 2 5/8” X 3/4” Residential	\$1950 (+ \$50 Deposit)
1” Residential	\$2250 (+ \$50 Deposit)
1” Commercial	\$2250 (+ \$50 Deposit)

- b. **Non-Standard Service** shall include any and all construction labor and materials, inspection, administration, legal, and engineering fees, as determined by the District under the rules of Section F of this Service Policy.
- c. **Standard and Non-Standard Service Installations** shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations as per Section E.2. (d) (vii.) of this Service Policy or other system improvements.
- d. **Tier 2 rates** are applicable to all final plots of record in the County on or after August 9, 2021

3. **Monthly Charges.**

- a. **Service Availability Charge**

Water Service - The monthly charge for metered water service, which may or may not include allowable gallonage, is based on demand by meter size. Each charge is assessed based on the number of 5/8" X 3/4" meters (as per American Water Works Association maximum continuous flow specifications -- see Miscellaneous) equivalent to the size indicated and is used as a base multiplier for the Service Availability Charge and any allowable gallonage. Rates and equivalents are as follows:

METER SIZE	5/8" X 3/4" METER EQUIVALENTS	MONTHLY RATE

5/8" X 3/4" Residential	1.0	\$ 15
1” Residential	2.5	\$ 37.50

1" Commercial	2.5	\$ 37.50
2" Commercial	8.0	\$ 120
4" Commercial	25.0	\$ 375
6" Commercial	50.0	\$ 750

- b. **Gallage Charge** - In addition to the Service Availability Charge, a gallage charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period. The District shall, as required by Section 5.235, Water Code, collect from each of its retail customers a regulatory assessment equal to one-half of one percent (.5%) of the charge for retail water or wastewater service. This charge shall be collected in addition to other charges for utility service. This fee is collected on all charges pertaining to Section G.6. Monthly Charges of this Service Policy.

Standard Service (residential)

Up to 15K gallon - \$2.50 per thousand
 15K to 25K gallon - \$3.50 per thousand
 25K to 100K gallon - \$4.50 per thousand
 100K gallon and up - \$5.00 per thousand

Non-Standard Service (Commercial)

Up to 20K gallon - \$2.75 per thousand
 20K to 50K gallon - \$3.75 per thousand
 50K to 100K gallon - \$4.75 per thousand
 100K gallon and up - \$5.75 per thousand

7. **Late Payment Fee.** Once per billing period, a penalty of \$10 or 10% (whichever is higher) shall be applied to delinquent bills. This late payment penalty shall not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing, but shall be applied to any unpaid balance during the current billing period.
8. **Returned Check Fee.** In the event a check, draft, or any other similar instrument is given by a person, firm, District, or partnership to the District for payment of services provided for in this Service Policy, and the instrument is returned by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or non-negotiable for any reason, the account for which the instrument was issued shall be assessed a return check charge of \$35.
9. **Reconnect Fee (Re-Service Fee).** The District shall charge a fee of \$100 for reconnecting service after the District has previously disconnected the service for any reason provided for in this Service Policy except for activation of service under Section E.3.b. Re-Service.
10. **Fee for Unauthorized Actions.** If the District's facilities or equipment have been damaged by tampering, by-passing, installing unauthorized taps, reconnecting service without authority, or other service diversion, a fee shall be charged equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, and equipment necessary for repair or replacement of the District's facilities and shall be paid before service is re-