

# Village of Russells Point Board of Public Affairs

## RESOLUTION NO: 21-39

### MUNICIPAL UTILITY RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The Board of Trustees of Public Affairs of The Village of Russells Point, Ohio, hereby establishes the following rates, charges, fees and penalties to be charged by The Water Works Department of The Village of Russells Point, Ohio for the furnishing of utility services effective as specified herein under.

**WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES:**

The following rates will become effective with the June 2021 billing cycle:

- (A) Water rates for consumers **within** Village Corporation are as follows:  
*Minimum monthly service charge: \$31.00 per month per unit.*  
*Water usage is rate: \$.575/100 gallons of usage (\$5.75/1,000).*
- (B) Water rates for consumers **outside** Village Corporation are as follows:  
*Minimum monthly service charge: \$46.50 per month per unit.*  
*Water usage rate: \$.863/100 gallons of usage (\$8.63/1,000).*
- (C) Water rates for commercial transient units **within** the Village Corporation will be based on meter size requirements for the development as outlined below for each meter:  
*Minimum monthly service charge per meter:*

<b>Up to a 2" meter - \$98.70</b>	<b>4" meter - \$481.28</b>	<b>6" meter - \$1,540.10</b>
<b>Usage billed at a rate of .575/100 gallons of usage (\$5.75/1,000)</b>		

- (D) Water rates for commercial transient units **outside** the Village Corporation will be based on meter size requirements for the development as outlined below for each meter:  
*Minimum monthly service charge per meter:*

<b>Up to a 2" meter - \$148.50</b>	<b>4" meter - \$721.92</b>	<b>6" meter - \$2,310.15</b>
<b>Usage billed at a rate of .865/100 gallons of usage (\$8.65/1,000)</b>		

**OTHER FEES AND CHARGES:**

Maintenance Fee (Non-Payment)	\$ 50.00
Maintenance Fee (Other than Non-Payment)	\$ 15.00
Call-out Fee (After hours and Holidays)	\$ 45.00/hr. (Minimum 1 Hour)
Returned Check Fee (NSF Check)	\$ 30.00
<i>If a second check is returned for non-sufficient funds within 6-months, checks will not be accepted for the following 6-month period. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, money order, or bank check.</i>	
Late Payment Penalty	10%
Tax Lien Fee	\$ 25.00
Meter Check Request Fee (In House)	\$ 15.00
Meter Check Request Fee (Outsourced)	\$ 25.00 + Cost

**SCHEDULE OF TAP-IN FEES:**

<b>¾" – 1"</b>	<b>1 ½"</b>	<b>2" – 12"</b>
<b>\$1,200.00</b> Plus materials and permit fee	<b>\$1,400.00</b> Plus materials and permit fee	<b>\$1,800.00</b> Plus time, materials, equipment and permit fees

**Additional Tap-In Charges:** Time will be charged on the hourly rate including benefits for each employee. Materials will be charged at cost. Equipment charges will be based on the most current FEMA or State of Ohio Schedule of Equipment Rates. Permit fee is a flat rate of \$15.00. Anything over 60 feet of service line will incur additional labor and equipment costs.

**STORMWATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES:**

In order to fund the Stormwater Management Utility Program, the following fees are charged to all residential and commercial properties located inside the village limits.

The following rates will become effective with the June 2021 billing cycle:

- (A) Service charge for residential properties: **\$2.00 per month per unit.**
- Service charge for commercial properties: **\$4.00 per month per unit.**

**TAMPERING WITH AND THEFT OF UTILITES.**

(a) No person shall knowingly, without the utility's consent, with intent to violate subsection (b) hereof:

- (1) Tamper with a gas, electric, steam or water meter, conduit or attachment of a utility;
- (2) Reconnect a gas, electric, steam or water meter, conduit or attachment of a utility that has been disconnected by the utility.

In a prosecution under subsection (a)(1) hereof, proof that a meter, conduit or attachment of a utility has been tampered with is prima-facie evidence that the person who is obligated to pay for the service rendered through the meter, conduit or attachment, and who is in possession or control of the meter, conduit or attachment at the time the tampering occurred, has caused the tampering with intent to violate subsection (b) hereof.

In a prosecution under subsection (a)(2) hereof, proof that a meter, conduit or attachment disconnected by a utility has been reconnected without the consent of the utility is prima-facie evidence that the person in possession or control of the meter, conduit or attachment at the time of the reconnection has reconnected the meter, conduit or attachment with intent to violate subsection (b) hereof.

As used in this section, "utility" means any electric light company, gas company, natural gas company, pipe-line company, waterworks company or heating or cooling company, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4905.03(A)(4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9), its lessees, trustees or receivers, or any similar utility owned or operated by a political subdivision.

As used in this section, to "tamper" means to interfere with, damage or bypass a utility meter, conduit or attachment with the intent to impede the correct registration of a meter or the proper functions of a conduit or attachment so as to reduce the amount of utility service that is registered on such meter. (ORC 4933.18)

(b) No person shall knowingly consume any gas, electricity, steam or water that has not been correctly registered because a meter, conduit or attachment of a utility has been tampered with, or knowingly use service that has been discontinued by a utility and reconnected without the utility's consent.

(c) Such utility shall notify its customers, on an annual basis, of the consequences of tampering with or bypassing a meter. (ORC 4933.19)

(d) Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof is guilty of tampering with utility equipment, a misdemeanor of the first degree, provided the cost of the gas, electricity, steam or water stolen, plus the cost of repair or replacement of the meters, conduits or attachments damaged in violation of subsection (a)(1) or (2) hereof is less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and provided the offender has not previously been convicted of a violation of subsection (a) hereof. Whoever violates subsection (a) hereof shall make restitution to the utility for the cost of repair or replacement of the meters, conduits or attachments damaged and for the value of the gas, electricity, steam or water consumed. (ORC 4933.99(B))

(e) Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof is guilty of theft of utility service, a misdemeanor of the first degree, provided the value of the gas, electricity, steam or water is less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and provided the offender has not previously been convicted of a violation of subsection (b) hereof. Whoever violates subsection (b) hereof shall make restitution to the utility for the value of the gas, electricity, steam or water consumed in violation of that subsection. (ORC 4933.99(C))

  
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Jeff Weidner, Fiscal Officer

  
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Libby Stidam, Chairperson

Date Passed: March 22, 2021