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## POLICY 2011-1

### Fees for Water Connections

#### Explanation

The Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. (the "District") operates water systems (the "Water Systems") throughout the County. The construction and operation of Water Systems is governed by the provisions of Title 9, Subtitle 601, et seq., of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "State Code"). The State Code provides that during the construction of a water line, the District is required, at its own expense, to construct a connector to the property line of each parcel that abuts the way in which the water line is laid. When construction of the water line is complete, the abutting property owner is notified of the completion. The State Code requires that, upon notification, the owner of abutting property is required to pay the connection charge determined, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-661 of the State Code, and is required to make appropriate connections of the plumbing system on the property to the connector constructed by the District. Pursuant to the provisions of the State Code, the District is required to determine a connection charge that is at least equal to the Actual Cost to the District of constructing the connector, is based on the length of the connector and width of the way in which the water pipe is laid, and is the same on each side of the way in which the water line is located. If the connection charge collected is more than the Actual Cost of the connection, the District must keep the excess revenues in a special fund and use the fund for only repairs, replacement, and extraordinary expenses of the Water System.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Code, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, as the governing body of the District (the "Board"), determined that the charge for connecting to an existing or expanded Water System should be reflected in a written policy so that the public would understand the costs associated with the physical connection for each abutting property to a Water System. In September of 2005, the Board adopted Policy 2005-6 to establish fees for water connections. In March 2006, the Board amended that Policy with Policy 2006-2 to provide an appropriate fee for water connections where the only task to be performed by the District is to set a water meter. This Policy, 2011-1, establishes the fees for water connections and repeals and replaces Policy 2006-2.

#### Connection Charge Policy

I. Charges for connection to a Water System operated by the District shall be determined by the actual cost of connection (the "Actual Cost") based on the physical size of the connection together with the amount designated for a special fund for repairs, replacement, and extraordinary expenses of the Water System (the "Special Fund").

## Single Residential or Commercial Connections:

The following charges shall apply for single residential or commercial connections:

<u>Size of Connection</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	<u>Special Fund</u>	<u>Total Charge</u>
¾ - inch	\$1,800.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
1 - inch	\$2,120.00	\$200.00	\$2,320.00
1 ½ - inch	\$4,147.00	\$200.00	\$4,347.00
2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$200.00	\$6,353.00
4 - inch	\$12,412.00	\$200.00	\$12,612.00

If a connection in excess of four (4) inches is required, the connection charge will be calculated based on the current Actual Cost for the larger connection plus the Special Fund designation.

In those instances where the only task to be performed by the District is to set the water meter on a three-quarter (3/4) inch single residential family unit connection, the charge shall be Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). This charge reflects the cost of the water meter itself and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) designated for the Special Fund.

## Multi-Residential Connections:

2. Multi-residential dwellings shall be defined as follows:

a. Townhouse/Condominium: A portion of a building designed for and occupied exclusively as a residence for only one (1) family and having only one (1) dwelling unit from ground to roof; two (2) points of independent outside access; at least two (2) other dwellings built in conjunction therewith; and any portion of one (1) or two (2) walls in common with an adjoining dwelling.

b. Multi-Family (Apartment) Dwelling: A building containing any dwelling unit above another dwelling unit, or a building containing three (3) or more dwelling units other than townhouse dwelling units.

c. Mobile/Manufactured Home Park: A parcel of land under single ownership which has been planned and improved for the placement of mobile homes occupied for non-transient use. A mobile/manufactured home is a one (1) family dwelling unit that is detached from other buildings and is manufactured in one (1) complete section; is designed for a long-term occupancy, containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a bathtub or shower, and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems; is designed to be transported after fabrication in essentially one (1) structural unit, arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a complete dwelling and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations; and is not a sectional ("double-wide") home or a travel trailer.

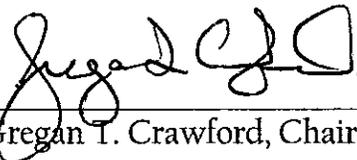
The following charges shall apply for multi-residential properties:

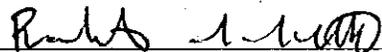
<u># of Units</u>	<u>Size of Connection</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	<u>Special Fund</u>	<u>Total Charge</u>
2	2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$400.00	\$6,553.00
3	2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$600.00	\$6,753.00
4	2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$800.00	\$6,953.00
5	2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,153.00
6	2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$1,200.00	\$7,353.00
7	4 - inch	\$12,412.00	\$1,400.00	\$13,812.00
8	4 - inch	\$12,412.00	\$1,600.00	\$14,012.00
9	4 - inch	\$12,412.00	\$1,800.00	\$14,212.00
10	4 - inch	\$12,412.00	\$2,000.00	\$14,412.00

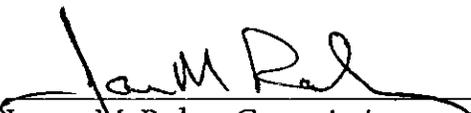
For those properties that contain in excess of ten (10) dwelling units, the connection charge shall increase by Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each additional dwelling unit. A multi-residential property may be served by a single master water meter through either a two (2) inch or four (4) inch connection based on the number of dwelling units involved.

3. This Policy shall become effective on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

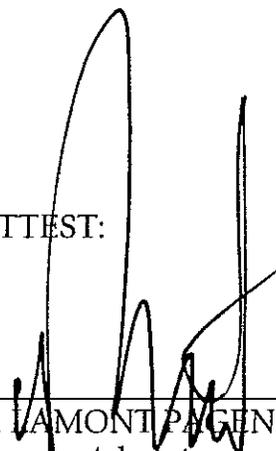
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**Garrett County Department of Public Utilities  
Water Rate Schedule**

**Effective October 18, 2011**

**Connection Fee:**

**All Water Systems:** *(Bloomington, Carmel Cove, Crellin, Deer Park, Friendsville, Gorman, Keysers Ridge, Kitzmiller, McHenry, Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Heights, Shallmar)*

Connection charges shall be dictated by and shall reflect the physical size of the connection to the water system and an amount designated for a special fund for repairs, replacement, and extraordinary expenses of the water system.

**Single Residential or Commercial Connections:**

The following charges shall apply for single residential or commercial connections:

<u>Size of Connection</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	<u>Special Fund</u>	<u>Total Charge</u>
¾ - inch	\$1,800.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
1 - inch	\$2,120.00	\$200.00	\$2,320.00
1 ½ - inch	\$4,147.00	\$200.00	\$4,347.00
2 - inch	\$6,153.00	\$200.00	\$6,353.00
4 - inch	\$12,412.00	\$200.00	\$12,612.00

If a connection in excess of 4-inches is required, the connection charge will be calculated based on the actual current cost for the larger connection plus the special fund designation.

**Multi-Residential Connections:**

A property that the use is designated as a Townhouse/Condominium, Multi-Family (Apartment) Dwelling, or Mobile/Manufactured Home Park may be served by one master water meter through either a 2-inch or 4-inch connection based on the number of dwelling units. Connection charges for multi-residential properties are reflected on the attached schedule.

**Water Meter Installation Fee:**

In those instances where the only task to be performed is to set the water meter on a ¾ -inch single residential family unit connection, the charge shall be \$400.00. This charge is intended to reflect the cost of the water meter itself and \$200.00 designated for the special fund.

**Quarterly Operation and Maintenance Fee:**

**Single Residential or Commercial Connections:**

**0 to 6,000 gallons:**

¾ inch meter	\$54.00	2 inch meter	\$157.55
1 inch meter	\$67.10	4 inch meter	\$338.35
1 ½ inch meter	\$96.85	6 inch meter	\$338.35

**Additional Usage Over 6,000 gallons:**

7,000 to 50,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons
In excess of 50,000 gallons	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons

**Multi-Residential Connections:**

The quarterly operation and maintenance fee for multi-residential connections is based on the number of units being served by the connection. The fee is reflected on the attached schedule.

**Bulk Water Purchase Fee:**

\$9.00 per 1,000 gallons

**Service Restoration Fee:**

A service restoration fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for restoring service due to non-payment of usage fees. The service restoration fee will also be assessed to reinstate service to a property where service has been interrupted by removal of the water meter per the property owner's request.

**Ready-To-Serve (RTS) Fee:**

The RTS Fee is intended to cover the cost to maintain infrastructure capacity associated with customer's potential need. The fee is 50% of the quarterly operation and maintenance fee.

The fee is also levied on unimproved lots for which water connections have been made, allocated and/or purchased to for the benefit derived from the availability of water infrastructure. All water service connections allocated and/or purchased for vacant lots that remain in an inactive status after two years from the date of commitment, availability and/or purchase shall be assessed the RTS fee.

If water service to a property is interrupted by removal of the water meter per the property owner's request, the property will be subject to the RTS fee. Reinstallation of the meter will be subject to the Service Restoration Fee.

**Quarterly RTS Fee for Single Residential or Commercial Connections:**

¾ inch meter	\$27.00	2 inch meter	\$78.78
1 inch meter	\$33.55	4 inch meter	\$169.18
1 ½ inch meter	\$48.43	6 inch meter	\$169.18

**Quarterly RTS Fee for Multi-Residential Connections:**

Multi-Residential connections will be assessed a RTS fee based on 50% of the quarterly operation and maintenance fee for a ¾ inch meter connection multiplied by the number of units being served.

**Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. / Garrett County Department of Public Utilities**  
**Multi-Residential Water Connection and Quarterly O&M Fees**

Connection Charge				
# of Units	Meter Size	Actual Cost	Special Fund	Total Fee
2	2 - inch	\$ 6,153	\$ 400	\$ 6,553
3	2 - inch	\$ 6,153	\$ 600	\$ 6,753
4	2 - inch	\$ 6,153	\$ 800	\$ 6,953
5	2 - inch	\$ 6,153	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,153
6	2 - inch	\$ 6,153	\$ 1,200	\$ 7,353
7	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 1,400	\$ 13,812
8	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 1,600	\$ 14,012
9	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 1,800	\$ 14,212
10	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 2,000	\$ 14,412
11	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 2,200	\$ 14,612
12	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 2,400	\$ 14,812
13	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 2,600	\$ 15,012
14	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 2,800	\$ 15,212
15	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,412
16	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 3,200	\$ 15,612
17	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 3,400	\$ 15,812
18	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 3,600	\$ 16,012
19	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 3,800	\$ 16,212
20	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 4,000	\$ 16,412
21	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 4,200	\$ 16,612
22	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 4,400	\$ 16,812
23	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 4,600	\$ 17,012
24	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 4,800	\$ 17,212
25	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 5,000	\$ 17,412
26	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 5,200	\$ 17,612
27	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 5,400	\$ 17,812
28	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 5,600	\$ 18,012
29	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 5,800	\$ 18,212
30	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 6,000	\$ 18,412
31	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 6,200	\$ 18,612
32	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 6,400	\$ 18,812
33	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 6,600	\$ 19,012
34	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 6,800	\$ 19,212
35	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 7,000	\$ 19,412
36	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 7,200	\$ 19,612
37	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 7,400	\$ 19,812
38	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 7,600	\$ 20,012
39	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 7,800	\$ 20,212
40	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 8,000	\$ 20,412
41	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 8,200	\$ 20,612
42	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 8,400	\$ 20,812
43	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 8,600	\$ 21,012
44	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 8,800	\$ 21,212
45	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 9,000	\$ 21,412
46	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 9,200	\$ 21,612
47	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 9,400	\$ 21,812
48	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 9,600	\$ 22,012
49	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 9,800	\$ 22,212
50	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 10,000	\$ 22,412
51	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 10,200	\$ 22,612
52	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 10,400	\$ 22,812
53	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 10,600	\$ 23,012
54	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 10,800	\$ 23,212
55	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 11,000	\$ 23,412
56	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 11,200	\$ 23,612
57	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 11,400	\$ 23,812
58	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 11,600	\$ 24,012
59	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 11,800	\$ 24,212
60	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 12,000	\$ 24,412
61	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 12,200	\$ 24,612
62	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 12,400	\$ 24,812
63	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 12,600	\$ 25,012

Quarterly O&M Minimum Fee	Additional Usage (In thousand gallons)	
	\$6 per thousand in excess of:	\$7 per thousand in excess of:
\$ 108.00	12	100
\$ 162.00	18	150
\$ 216.00	24	200
\$ 270.00	30	250
\$ 324.00	36	300
\$ 378.00	42	350
\$ 432.00	48	400
\$ 486.00	54	450
\$ 540.00	60	500
\$ 594.00	66	550
\$ 648.00	72	600
\$ 702.00	78	650
\$ 756.00	84	700
\$ 810.00	90	750
\$ 864.00	96	800
\$ 918.00	102	850
\$ 972.00	108	900
\$ 1,026.00	114	950
\$ 1,080.00	120	1,000
\$ 1,134.00	126	1,050
\$ 1,188.00	132	1,100
\$ 1,242.00	138	1,150
\$ 1,296.00	144	1,200
\$ 1,350.00	150	1,250
\$ 1,404.00	156	1,300
\$ 1,458.00	162	1,350
\$ 1,512.00	168	1,400
\$ 1,566.00	174	1,450
\$ 1,620.00	180	1,500
\$ 1,674.00	186	1,550
\$ 1,728.00	192	1,600
\$ 1,782.00	198	1,650
\$ 1,836.00	204	1,700
\$ 1,890.00	210	1,750
\$ 1,944.00	216	1,800
\$ 1,998.00	222	1,850
\$ 2,052.00	228	1,900
\$ 2,106.00	234	1,950
\$ 2,160.00	240	2,000
\$ 2,214.00	246	2,050
\$ 2,268.00	252	2,100
\$ 2,322.00	258	2,150
\$ 2,376.00	264	2,200
\$ 2,430.00	270	2,250
\$ 2,484.00	276	2,300
\$ 2,538.00	282	2,350
\$ 2,592.00	288	2,400
\$ 2,646.00	294	2,450
\$ 2,700.00	300	2,500
\$ 2,754.00	306	2,550
\$ 2,808.00	312	2,600
\$ 2,862.00	318	2,650
\$ 2,916.00	324	2,700
\$ 2,970.00	330	2,750
\$ 3,024.00	336	2,800
\$ 3,078.00	342	2,850
\$ 3,132.00	348	2,900
\$ 3,186.00	354	2,950
\$ 3,240.00	360	3,000
\$ 3,294.00	366	3,050
\$ 3,348.00	372	3,100
\$ 3,402.00	378	3,150

**Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. / Garrett County Department of Public Utilities  
Multi-Residential Water Connection and Quarterly O&M Fees**

Connection Charge				
# of Units	Meter Size	Actual Cost	Special Fund	Total Fee
64	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 12,800	\$ 25,212
65	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 13,000	\$ 25,412
66	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 13,200	\$ 25,612
67	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 13,400	\$ 25,812
68	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 13,600	\$ 26,012
69	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 13,800	\$ 26,212
70	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 14,000	\$ 26,412
71	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 14,200	\$ 26,612
72	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 14,400	\$ 26,812
73	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 14,600	\$ 27,012
74	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 14,800	\$ 27,212
75	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 15,000	\$ 27,412
76	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 15,200	\$ 27,612
77	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 15,400	\$ 27,812
78	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 15,600	\$ 28,012
79	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 15,800	\$ 28,212
80	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 16,000	\$ 28,412
81	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 16,200	\$ 28,612
82	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 16,400	\$ 28,812
83	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 16,600	\$ 29,012
84	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 16,800	\$ 29,212
85	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 17,000	\$ 29,412
86	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 17,200	\$ 29,612
87	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 17,400	\$ 29,812
88	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 17,600	\$ 30,012
89	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 17,800	\$ 30,212
90	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 18,000	\$ 30,412
91	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 18,200	\$ 30,612
92	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 18,400	\$ 30,812
93	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 18,600	\$ 31,012
94	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 18,800	\$ 31,212
95	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 19,000	\$ 31,412
96	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 19,200	\$ 31,612
97	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 19,400	\$ 31,812
98	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 19,600	\$ 32,012
99	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 19,800	\$ 32,212
100	4 - inch	\$ 12,412	\$ 20,000	\$ 32,412

Quarterly O&M Minimum Fee	Additional Usage (In thousand gallons)	
	\$6 per thousand in excess of:	\$7 per thousand in excess of:
\$ 3,456.00	384	3,200
\$ 3,510.00	390	3,250
\$ 3,564.00	396	3,300
\$ 3,618.00	402	3,350
\$ 3,672.00	408	3,400
\$ 3,726.00	414	3,450
\$ 3,780.00	420	3,500
\$ 3,834.00	426	3,550
\$ 3,888.00	432	3,600
\$ 3,942.00	438	3,650
\$ 3,996.00	444	3,700
\$ 4,050.00	450	3,750
\$ 4,104.00	456	3,800
\$ 4,158.00	462	3,850
\$ 4,212.00	468	3,900
\$ 4,266.00	474	3,950
\$ 4,320.00	480	4,000
\$ 4,374.00	486	4,050
\$ 4,428.00	492	4,100
\$ 4,482.00	498	4,150
\$ 4,536.00	504	4,200
\$ 4,590.00	510	4,250
\$ 4,644.00	516	4,300
\$ 4,698.00	522	4,350
\$ 4,752.00	528	4,400
\$ 4,806.00	534	4,450
\$ 4,860.00	540	4,500
\$ 4,914.00	546	4,550
\$ 4,968.00	552	4,600
\$ 5,022.00	558	4,650
\$ 5,076.00	564	4,700
\$ 5,130.00	570	4,750
\$ 5,184.00	576	4,800
\$ 5,238.00	582	4,850
\$ 5,292.00	588	4,900
\$ 5,346.00	594	4,950
\$ 5,400.00	600	5,000