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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES AND PUBLIC HEARING

November 9, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To Clerks of the Municipalities served by
The Southeast Morris County
Municipal Utilities Authority
(See attached service list):

Enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Hearing and Revised Rates in connection with the proposed revision of the service charges of The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. As stated in the Notice, a public hearing on the revised service charges will be held on December 16, 2021.

This Notice is being provided to you in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of the Municipal and County Utilities Authorities Law (N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sidney D. Weiss" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sidney D. Weiss

Enclosures

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THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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County of Morris
10 Court Street
Morristown, NJ 07960

NOTICE OF HEARING AND REVISED RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority proposes to adopt the revised schedules of service charges hereinafter set forth for water and water services, facilities and products provided to customers situated within the Authority's District (comprising the Town of Morristown, the Township of Morris, the Township of Hanover and the Borough of Morris Plains) and to other retail and non-retail customers outside the District.

The revised rates and service charges reflect increases over current rates and charges as set forth on the attached schedules showing the current and proposed rates and charges. The proposed charges generally reflect an average increase of 9% for residential customers and 8% for commercial customer over existing rates and charges.

Rates and charges were last revised on January 7, 2021. The revised rates are proposed to become effective on January 1, 2022 for bills rendered on or after that date.

Due to the current COVID-19 State of Emergency (the "Emergency") and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8, et seq., the Authority will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed revised charges during its regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 16, 2021 at the Authority's offices at 19 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927, at which time and place all interested parties, citizens and persons shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning same. Because the offices will be closed to the public due to the current health emergency, members of the public wishing to have video and audio access to the meeting may participate using their computer, tablet or smart phone through <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/221773277>. Members of the public may also call in for audio-only access by dialing (408) 650-3123 and then dialing access code 221-773-277. The Agenda and this notice shall be posted on the Authority's website at https://smcmua.org/board_activities.htm. There will be no in-person public attendance at the meeting. The Authority reserves the right to make such further modifications or revisions of the proposed rates as may be deemed appropriate as a result of the public hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority intends to take formal action on the proposed rate revisions at its regularly scheduled meeting immediately following the public hearing at the time and place set forth above; and upon such other matters as shall properly come before the Members at that time.

**SCHEDULE NO. 1
GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

Applicable to the use of water supplied through meters in the territory serviced by the Authority. The total of a customer's bill for a billing period includes consumption plus the facilities charges.

CONSUMPTION CHARGE

**RESIDENTIAL RATE
(BILLED QUARTERLY)**

<u>Quantity Used</u> <u>Quarterly (CCF)</u>	RATE (per 100 Cubic Feet)			
	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Conservation Rate	0-30	0-30	\$3.672	\$4.002
High Usage Rate	31-60	31-60	\$5.506	\$6.002
Incentive Rate	61 & Over	61 & Over	\$7.343	\$8.004

**REGULAR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATE
(BILLED QUARTERLY)**

Existing: \$5.237 per 100 Cubic Feet
Proposed: \$5.656 per 100 Cubic Feet

**LARGE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATE
(BILLED MONTHLY)**

Existing: \$5.237 per 100 Cubic Feet
Proposed: \$5.656 per 100 Cubic Feet

NOTE: One consumption unit (1 CCF) = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons

Residential customers are services to single family residences.

Regular Industrial and Commercial Customers are all industrial and commercial customers who are not Large Industrial and Commercial Customers.

Large Industrial and Commercial Customers are monthly-billed industrial and commercial customers with 1 inch meters or greater whose annual usage is 1,200 consumption units (120,000 cubic feet) or more.

**SCHEDULE NO. 2
GENERAL METERED SERVICE**

Applicable to the use of water supplied through meters in the territory serviced by the Authority. The total of a customer's bill for a billing period includes consumption plus the facilities charges.

**QUARTERLY FACILITIES CHARGE
ALL WATER EXTRA (SEE SCHEDULE NO. 1)**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Charges</u>	<u>Proposed Charges</u>
5/8 Inch	\$25.23	\$27.50
3/4 Inch	\$30.90	\$33.68
1 Inch	\$50.65	\$55.21
1 1/2 Inch	\$77.58	\$84.56
2 Inch	\$109.15	\$118.97
3 Inch	\$181.93	\$198.30
4 Inch	\$281.72	\$307.07
6 Inch	\$528.18	\$575.72
8 Inch	\$820.91	\$894.79
10 Inch	\$1,159.82	\$1,264.20

**MONTHLY FACILITIES CHARGES
ALL WATER EXTRA (SEE SCHEDULE NO. 1)**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Existing Charges</u>	<u>Proposed Charges</u>
5/8 Inch	\$8.43	\$9.19
3/4 Inch	\$10.30	\$11.23
1 Inch	\$30.05	\$32.75
1 1/2 Inch	\$39.06	\$42.58
2 Inch	\$49.61	\$54.07
3 Inch	\$73.74	\$80.38
4 Inch	\$107.09	\$116.73
6 Inch	\$189.26	\$206.29
8 Inch	\$286.84	\$312.66
10 Inch	\$399.81	\$435.79

DEFINITIONS

CONSUMPTION CHARGE: This charge includes the cost of treating the water and pumping it to the customers.

FACILITIES CHARGE: This charge covers the cost of water service lines, meter installation, meter reading, billing costs and other expenses. This does not change with consumption.

SCHEDULE NO. 3 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

Applicable to customers within and outside the District for Private Fire Protection.

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Existing Charges per Quarter</u>	<u>Proposed Charges per Quarter</u>
2 Inch	\$92.11	\$100.40
3 Inch	\$122.32	\$133.33
4 Inch	\$182.78	\$199.23
6 Inch	\$302.22	\$329.42
8 Inch	\$506.58	\$552.17
10 Inch	\$723.89	\$789.04

SCHEDULE NO. 4 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE (HYDRANTS)

Applicable to customers within and outside the District for Private Fire Protection.

<u>Private Fire Hydrants</u>	<u>Existing Charges per Quarter</u>	<u>Proposed Charges per Quarter</u>
4 Inch	\$79.14	\$86.26
4 1/4 – 4 1/2 Inches	\$99.31	\$108.25
5+ Inches	\$118.00	\$128.62

NOTE: Private Fire Hydrants are those provided by customers pursuant to Section 10A of the Authority's Rules and Regulations for Water Service.

**SCHEDULE NO. 5
NON-METERED SERVICE**

Applicable to the entire territory serviced by the Authority.

RATE

Existing: Annual Charge \$ 110.80 (outdoor drinking fountain)
Proposed: Annual Charge \$ 120.77 (outdoor drinking fountain)

**SCHEDULE NO. 6
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE**

Applicable to the entire territory serviced by the Authority for charges not involving the use of water.

Resumption of service after discontinuance due to non-payment of bills, or violation of the Rules, and delivery of 24-hour notice of discontinuance of service except that the charge for delivery of the 24-hour notice of discontinuance of service shall be waived in the case of senior citizens over the age of 65 years (upon request).

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Meters up to and including 1 Inch	\$50.38	\$54.91
Meters larger than 1 Inch	\$82.04	\$89.42

Any other turn-offs and turn-ons regardless of reason of any service.

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Meters up to and including 1 Inch	\$50.38	\$54.91
Meters larger than 1 Inch	\$82.04	\$89.42

TAPPING FEES

	<u>NEW</u>		<u>RENEWAL</u>	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
5/8 x 3/4 Inch	\$718.14	\$782.77	\$538.25	\$586.69
3/4 Inch	\$795.84	\$867.47	\$615.94	\$671.37
1 Inch	\$1,151.30	\$1,254.92	\$805.92	\$878.45
1 1/2 Inch	\$1,227.59	\$1,338.07	\$895.15	\$975.71
2 Inch	\$1,762.95	\$1,921.62	\$1,404.60	\$1,531.01

WET CUT FEES

<u>Sizes</u>	<u>Existing Charges</u>	<u>Proposed Charges</u>
4 Inch	\$615.94	\$671.37
6 Inch	\$702.30	\$765.51
8 Inch	\$761.32	\$829.84
10 Inch	\$971.41	\$1,058.84

OTHER SERVICES

	<u>Existing Charges</u>	<u>Proposed Charges</u>
Pumping Out Meter Pit	\$100.74	\$109.81
Annual Backflow/Detector Check	\$100.74	\$109.81
Locate and Clean Curb Box per Hour*	\$50.38	\$54.91

*One hour minimum.

LABOR AND MATERIALS

Any labor performed and all materials furnished by the Authority will be charged to the customers, at cost, unless otherwise provided in these schedules.

**SCHEDULE NO. 7
SERVICE TO OTHER WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS
(Non-retail service)**

Applicable outside the District of the Authority.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Net cash on presentation of the bill.

EXISTING BULK RATE PER 100 CU. FT.

\$2.96

PROPOSED BULK RATE PER 100 CU. FT.

\$3.23

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION FEES

<u>TYPE OF APPLICATION</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	FEES*	<u>PROPOSED</u>
A. Service Connection Outside District (Excludes new Main Extensions)			
1. Residential (per connection/unit)	\$41.74		\$45.50
2. Commercial or Industrial (single unit and accessory use)	\$421.67		\$459.62
3. Industrial Park or Commercial Complex	\$1,034.73		\$1,127.86
B. New Main Extension Outside District For purpose of providing service solely to persons or property within District			
1. Residential	\$218.75		\$238.44
2. Commercial or Industrial	\$421.67		\$459.62
C. All Other New Main Extensions Outside District			
1. Residential Development (per connection/unit)	\$41.74	(Min. fee \$1,288.04)	\$45.50 (Min. fee \$1,403.96)
2. Commercial or Industrial (single use and accessory use including fire service)	\$2,796.24		\$3,047.90
3. Industrial Park or Commercial Complex (two or more units) (per connection/ unit)	\$2,412.09		\$2,629.18

*Preliminary Fee intended to defray the cost to the Authority of processing the initial application and making written requests (when required) to the Authority. The Authority may require a supplemental fee, cash deposit or other security in the event additional costs are incurred in connection with the application. Such fees are in addition to the connection fee required pursuant to Schedule 13.

**SCHEDULE NO. 8
APPLICATION FOR WATER MAIN EXTENSION**

Applicable within the District of the Authority to cover engineering, inspection, legal, etc., costs incurred relating to application.

<u>Existing</u> <u>Application Fee</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Application Fee</u>
\$702.30	\$765.51

Existing Deposit: \$669.21 plus \$5.03 per foot of water main extension
Proposed Deposit: \$729.44 plus \$5.48 per foot of water main extension

Application fee and deposit listed above are non-refundable. Additional cash deposits may be required to cover actual costs incurred in connection with the application. The unused portion of the additional deposit will be refunded after all requirements are completed.

**SCHEDULE NO. 9
UNCOLLECTIBLE CHECK CHARGE**

If a customer or applicant for service submits an uncollectible check in payment of a bill, deposit or any service rendered, the Authority may charge a handling fee of:

Existing:	\$43.18
Proposed:	\$47.07

plus any penalties the Authority may incur from its bank handling the uncollectible check.

**SCHEDULE NO. 10
SCHEDULE OF DEPOSITS**

- Omit -

**SCHEDULE NO. 11
HYDRANT PERMIT FEES**

Applies to the entire territory serviced by the Authority to persons obtaining permits from the Authority to use Public Hydrants for purposes other than Fire Protection.

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Deposit Required for borrowed wrench and adapter (deposit refunded when returned)	\$221.63	\$241.58
Monthly charge for unmetered water (payable in advance)	\$142.47	\$155.29

**SCHEDULE NO. 12
WATER SEARCH SERVICE CHARGE**

- Omit -

**SCHEDULE NO. 13
CONNECTION FEE**

Any applicant for potable water supplied by the Authority shall be required to pay a connection fee pursuant to Section 18 of the Authority's Rules and Regulations for Water Service as follows:

<u>Connection Fee</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
(Per Equivalent Dwelling Unit)	\$ 4,735.00	No Change

An equivalent dwelling unit is defined as usage of 184.532 gallons per pay.

Reduced rates, credits and allowances regarding connection fees, including (but not limited to) reduced rates for affordable housing, shall be allowed as provided in Section 18 of the Authority's Rules and Regulations for Water Service and as otherwise required by applicable laws as such laws shall be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**SCHEDULE NO. 14
IRRIGATION SERVICE**

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Flat Rate per 100 cubic feet	\$7.367	\$8.030
Seasonal on/off; drain meter charge	\$151.12	\$164.72