

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-1052

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING NEW SCHEDULES OF WATER RATES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2023, AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT'S RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH AMENDMENT 1) PROVIDES FOR INCREASES TO THE DISTRICT'S WATER RATES AND CHARGES, AND 2) MAKES FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS THAT THE ACTION TAKEN IN THIS RESOLUTION IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

**(PUBLIC HEARING – FEBRUARY 15, 2023)**

**WHEREAS**, Joshua Basin Water District ("JBWD") is a county water district organized and operating pursuant to California Water Code section 30000 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, JBWD has authority to set and collect rates, fees, and charges for water and water service it provides pursuant to the provisions of California Water Code ("Water Code") sections 31000, 31001, 31007, 31024, and 31025; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218") are currently applicable to water rates and charges of public agencies and entities, including, but not limited to, water and water service rates of public water districts operating within the State under current State law; and

**WHEREAS**, the JBWD Board of Directors ("Board") adopted on December 14, 2022, Resolution No. 22-1050, entitled, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Joshua Basin Water District Approving Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests in Connection with Rate Hearings Conducted Pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution" (hereinafter, "Resolution No. 22-1050"), setting forth the guidelines and procedures for the conduct of a Proposition 218 rate hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has previously undertaken proceedings and provided direction for proposed changes in certain JBWD water rates and charges, including the proposed fixed and usage-based water rates, private fire protection charges, and water shortage contingency rate surcharges, as further described herein (hereinafter, "Water Rates and Charges") and directed that notice of such proposed changes in such Water Rates and Charges be provided and that a public hearing be held thereon as required by State law, as described in Resolution No. 22-1050 and as further described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Rates and Charges, as currently proposed, are set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, written notice of the referenced public hearing, the proposed Water Rates and Charges and implementation schedule, and written protest procedures ("Proposition 218 Notice") has been provided to JBWD's customers as required under applicable State law and as further described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been prepared by JBWD documentation and financial data concerning JBWD's finances, fiscal projections, current and anticipated financial requirements, the costs and financing requirements for JBWD to meet its future facilities and water service requirements, and JBWD's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23, as well as future budgetary projections, and the Joshua Basin Water District 2023 Water Rate Study ("Report") (which Report is incorporated herein by this reference), documenting the need for the proposed Water Rates and Charges as described herein, which data, information and Report are on file with JBWD's District Secretary and has been made available to members of the public who may request such information and which information has been made available to, and in certain cases presented to, the Board as part of its consideration of this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 15, 2023, the Board conducted and completed a noticed public hearing held in the Boardroom of JBWD's District Office located at 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, and as a virtual (online) video- and teleconference pursuant to the current State of Emergency and State law, with the opportunity for members of the public to attend either in-person or virtually, in order to provide public input, comments, and written protests with regard to the proposed revised Water Rates and Charges according to the procedures outlined in Resolution No. 22-1050; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has carefully reviewed and considered the proposed rate increases and has carefully considered all public comment and written protests submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, information to support the findings made by the Board within this Resolution has been prepared by JBWD staff and consultants, made available to any member of the public who requested such information, and has been presented to the Board as part of its consideration of this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to make certain findings and determinations in connection with proposed Water Rates and Charges as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to authorize the proposed Water Rates and Charges on the basis set forth herein, to comply with the schedule attached hereto, and to be effective as set forth within the text of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Joshua Basin Water District hereby resolves, determines, and orders as follows:

1. **Recitals**. The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein as findings of the Board by this reference.

2. **Notice**. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6(a)(1) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, California Government Code Sections 53755 and 53756, and Resolution No. 22-1050, JBWD provided written notice by mailing of the proposed Water Rates and Charges to JBWD's customers of record and property owners of record. The form of such notice is on file with JBWD's Secretary and has been presented to the Board as part of its proceedings. Such notice included the proposed maximum amount of the water rates and charges to be effective for JBWD's customers, an identification of the reasons for the imposition of such proposed Water Rates and Charges, a method of calculation for JBWD's customers to determine the impact of such revised Water Rates and Charges

upon existing JBWD customer accounts, and the proposed implementation schedule of such Water Rates and Charges. Such notice also included a statement of the date, time and location of the public hearing to be conducted on such proposed Water Rates and Charges by the Board and the opportunity to present protests concerning such water rate and charge changes to the Board. Mailing of such written notice was completed more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date set for conducting the public hearing. The applicable customer list to which such written notice was mailed is held by JBWD's District Secretary. JBWD also provided notice of such proposed Water Rates and Charges and the public hearing as follows:

- a. Notice concerning the proposed Water Rates and Charges and the date, time and place for the public hearing was published in the *Hi Desert-Star* newspaper on February 1, 2023;
- b. Notice of the proposed Water Rates and Charges, the proposed implementation schedule, public hearing, availability of documentation therefor and the opportunity to present protests concerning such proposed revised water rates and charges was posted on JBWD's website located at [www.jbwd.com](http://www.jbwd.com) for a period of more than forty-five (45) days before the date the public hearing was conducted; and
- c. Notice of the proposed Water Rates and Charges, the date, time and place of such public hearing and the opportunity to present protests concerning such proposed revision of the water rates and charges was posted at the following locations on the following dates:
  - i. Public Information Kiosk outside the District Office Building December 27, 2022.

The Proposition 218 Notice included a statement referencing a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging the new/increased water rates and charges as provided for pursuant to provisions of Government Code Section 53759(d).

3. **Data and Information Relating to Determination to Adopt and Implement Proposed Water Rates and Charges.** The Board has been provided with, and/or had available to it, various reports, including, but not limited to, the Report, data and information supporting the findings made herein and the determination of the Board to revise JBWD's Water Rates and Charges as described herein. Reference is also made to those meetings held by the Board, and supporting documentation made available to the Board and members of the public, as part of the consideration of the potential JBWD imposition of the proposed Water Rates and Charges on on-going and future JBWD financial considerations. Such data and information has been available, and made available, as applicable, to members of the public desiring to review such, and is on file with JBWD's District Secretary and available for review upon public request. Such data and information includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. JBWD's adopted Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget;
- b. Financial projections relating to JBWD's financial and operating requirements, including, but not limited to, the costs and financing requirements for JBWD to meet its future facilities requirements, future imported water purchase costs, future anticipated utilities costs and charges;

- c. The Report, which was made available to the Board and public at least 10 days prior to the hearing; and
- d. Financial considerations relating to the prudent and financially responsible level of JBWD's financial dedicated funds and accounts (fiscal reserves), including policies relating thereto as previously established by this Board.

4. **Public Hearing.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6(a)(2) of Article XIID of the California Constitution, JBWD's Board conducted a public hearing on the proposed Water Rates and Charges, and proposed implementation schedule thereof, not less than forty-five (45) days after the date of mailing of the within-referenced written notice to JBWD customers of record and owners of property served by JBWD, as set forth in Section 2 herein. Such public hearing was conducted at JBWD's offices (Board Room) located at 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, commencing at 5:30 p.m. on February 15, 2023. At the time of the public hearing, JBWD's Board considered all protests against the proposed Water Rates and Charges as set forth in Section 5 hereof. Such public hearing was conducted in conformance with the requirements of Resolution 22-1050. During such public hearing, the Board was presented with the results of all qualified protests to the proposed Water Rates and Charges and heard and considered all public comments submitted to the Board during such public hearing and a full and fair hearing was held.

5. **No Majority Protest.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6(a)(2) of Article XIID of the California Constitution and the Policy, JBWD's District Secretary has reviewed those protests received by JBWD with regard to the proposed imposition of the Water Rates and Charges. Any and all protests submitted to JBWD concerning such proposed Water Rates and Charges were handled and considered as set forth in Resolution No. 22-1050. JBWD's District Secretary has, to the extent necessary, compared such protests with JBWD's customer list and parcel list on file with the District Secretary. The District Secretary has provided the Board with a statement of all such protests. Based thereon, the Board hereby determines that the proposed Water Rates and Charges described herein have not been protested by a majority of owners of parcels/customer accounts within JBWD's service area, and, as such, a protest has not been received sufficient to preclude the adoption of the proposed increases to the Water Rates and Charges (based on the maximum "Rate Study Scenario A" rates noticed per Section 2).

6. **Findings.** The Board hereby finds and determines as follows:
- a. JBWD's current and projected finances, financial condition, and revenue requirements, based on information available to JBWD and the costs and financing requirements for JBWD to meet its future facilities and water service requirements have been considered and the Board has adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23. Correspondingly, the Board hereby finds and determines that the revenues derived from the Water Rates and Charges set forth herein do not exceed the funds required by JBWD to provide the water and water services JBWD provides to its customers.
  - b. The Board hereby determines and directs that revenues derived from the Water Rates and Charges set forth herein shall be used for the purposes for which JBWD was formed

and operates, including, but not limited to, the provision of water and water service to its customers, as applicable, and shall not be used for other purposes.

- c. JBWD's proposed Water Usage Charges and, when applicable, Water Shortage Contingency Rate Surcharges are based on the amount of water actually used by individual JBWD customers within specific billing periods. Correspondingly, the amount of the proposed Water Usage Charges applicable to JBWD's customers, as well as the Water Shortage Contingency Rate Surcharges, when and as applicable, by usage type, does not exceed the proportional cost of JBWD's provision of water and water service to such customers.
- d. JBWD's Basic Monthly Fees and Fire Protection Charges are based on the availability of water service (including, but not limited to, emergency water availability) to each customer within each corresponding billing period. Correspondingly, the amount of JBWD's Basic Monthly Fees and Fire Protection Charges during the corresponding billing periods for customers do not exceed the cost of JBWD's provision of water availability (including, but not limited to, emergency water availability) and water service to such customers.
- e. Section 6(b)(4) of Article XIID of the California Constitution provides that no fee or charge may be imposed for a service unless that service is actually used by, or immediately available to, the owner of the property in question. In the case of JBWD's Water Rates and Charges referenced herein, JBWD's services for water availability and delivery are imposed on customers where such service is actually used by, or is immediately available to (including, but not limited to, the availability of emergency water service), JBWD customers whom are, and will be, subject to the Water Rates and Charges. JBWD's revised rates and charges, as set forth herein, do not constitute any form of standby charge(s) as set forth in such section of the California Constitution.
- f. JBWD's water rates and charges are imposed only on its customers for the particular and specific water functions and services referenced herein. JBWD's water rates and charges are, and will be, imposed pursuant to JBWD's Rules and Regulations as applicable to its customers. JBWD does not, and will not, impose such water rates and charges for purposes of the provision of general governmental services such as police, fire, ambulance or library services which are available to the public at large.
- g. JBWD's water rates and charges, as set forth herein, are part of an integrated finance and revenue system including water rates and charges, revenue sources, projected expenditures, dedicated funds and other financial considerations. JBWD's water rates and charges are structured and implemented by JBWD in order to meet its financial obligations and responsibilities to operate, maintain, replace, restore and improve its water systems and facilities, address anticipated emergency service needs, to meet its legal and operational obligations and requirements and to conduct its business, administrative and governmental operations.
- h. With respect to the water rate and charge schedule described herein, the within-referenced notices and proceedings complied with Government Code sections 53756

and 53759(d). The Board determines and directs that provisions of Government Code section 53759 shall apply to the actions set forth in this Resolution.

- i. The reasons and basis for the adoption and implementation of the proposed Water Rates and Charges, and the method of calculation thereof, have been identified in the notices provided as set forth in Section 2 hereof and in the documentation and information referenced in Section 3 hereof.
- j. The Water Rates and Charges adopted and implemented hereby are not taxes under Section 1(e)(2) and (7) of the provisions of Article XIIC of the California Constitution inasmuch as the referenced water rates and charges are: (i) services/products provided directly to the JBWD customer of record and do not exceed the reasonable costs to JBWD for the water and water service so provided; and (ii) under current California law such water rates and charges are considered to be property-related fees for which JBWD has complied with the applicable requirements of Article XIID of the California Constitution

7. **Adoption and Implementation of Revised Water Rates and Charges.** The Board hereby adopts the proposed Water Rates and Charges as the rates takes the following actions based on the findings set forth herein:

- a. JBWD's Basic Monthly Fees are hereby revised to conform to the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the dates of implementation set out therein, which Exhibit is incorporated herein by this reference, unless reduced by the Board through separate action.
- b. JBWD's Monthly Water Flow Charges are hereby revised to conform to the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the dates of implementation set out therein, unless reduced by the Board through separate action.
- c. JBWD's Private Fire Protection Charges are hereby revised to conform to the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the dates of implementation set out therein, unless reduced by the Board through separate action.
- d. JBWD's Water Shortage Contingency Rate Surcharges are hereby adopted to conform the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, depending on the water shortage stage, if any, then in effect, and the dates of implementation, unless reduced by the Board through separate action.
- e. The revised Water Rates and Charges adopted hereby shall be effective for JBWD's provision of water and water service as set forth in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the dates of implementation set out therein, unless reduced by the Board through separation action.
- f. JBWD's other existing rates, fees and charges, which were not subject to the proceedings for revision undertaken as described herein, are not amended or revised by way of this Resolution, except the extent tied to such Water Rates and Charges.
- g. In the event that the Board shall determine to impose the within-referenced Water Rates and Charges at lower levels and/or at later dates than set forth in the attached



schedule, the Board shall take such action(s) and thereafter provide notice of such change(s) and/or revision(s) to JBWD's customers as required by applicable law.

8. **Amendment of Rules and Regulations.** Articles 13.62, 14.5, 14.6, 14.10, 14.6.2 and related articles 1.11, 13.5, 13.6, 13.10, 14.3 of the Joshua Basin Water District's amended Rules and Regulations (based on "Rate Study Scenario A") as set forth in Exhibit B, are made a part of this Resolution and are hereby adopted effective March 1, 2023.

9. **Alternate Rate Authority.** The Board of Directors may elect through separate action to implement rates at a rate lower than those set forth in the Water Rates and Charge, but shall not implement rates higher than such Water Rates and Charges absent a subsequent noticed hearing pursuant to Proposition 218.

10. **California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").** The action taken herein is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Reference: Section 21080 of the Public Resources Code and Section 3.10 of the District's Local Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA.

11. **Other Actions.** JBWD's General Manager and other JBWD officers and staff, as well as JBWD's consultants, are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions as may be required or desirable to carry out the findings and directives of this Resolution.

12. **Partial Invalidity; Severability.** If any one or more of the findings or directives set forth in this Resolution should be contrary to law, then such findings or directives, or such portions thereof, shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining findings and directives or portions thereof and shall in no way affect the validity of this Resolution or the other directives set out herein. The Board hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution and each and every other section, paragraph, subdivision, sentence, clause and phrase hereof and would have authorized and approved the findings or directives set forth herein irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, paragraphs, subdivisions sentences, clauses or phrases of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance may be held to be unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid.

13. **Authority.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of applicable law, including, but not limited to, Water Code Sections 31000, 31001, 31024, 31025 and 30523 and the requirements of Government Code Sections 53755 and 53756.

14. **Superseding Prior Resolutions.** This Resolution upon adoption, and subject to Section 12, hereby supersedes Resolution No. 18-982, adopted on or about February 21, 2018, to the extent Resolution No. 18-982 is in conflict with the findings and directives of this Resolution. The water rate and charge schedules adopted by Resolution Nos. 18-982 shall be superseded and replaced by the Water Rate and Charge schedule set forth herein as of the dates set forth herein.

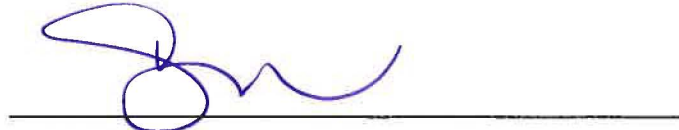
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15. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.



Tom Floen, President  
Joshua Basin Water District



Sarah Johnson, General Manager/Secretary of the Board



EXHIBIT A

Proposed Maximum Water Rates						
	Current	Projected Rates Effective				
	Water Rates	Mar-1 2023	Jan-1 2024	Jan-1 2025	Jan-1 2026	Jan-1 2027
<b>BASIC MONTHLY FEE</b>						
<i>Fixed monthly charge based on meter size</i>						
<u>Meter Size</u>						
3/4 & 1 inch	\$41.35	\$43.40	\$45.55	\$47.80	\$50.20	\$52.70
1-1/2 inches	137.83	144.67	151.83	159.33	167.33	175.67
2 inches	220.53	231.47	242.93	254.93	267.73	281.07
3 inches	413.50	434.00	455.50	478.00	502.00	527.00
<b>MONTHLY WATER FLOW CHARGES</b>						
<i>Billed based on metered water use, as measured in units of one hundred cubic feet (\$/hcf)</i>						
<b>For 3/4" and 1" Meters</b>						
Tier 1 0 - 5 units	\$6.20	\$7.80	\$9.50	\$11.00	\$12.30	\$13.50
Tier 2 5.01 - 10 units	7.70	9.50	11.30	12.90	14.25	15.50
Tier 3 10.01 - 20 units	9.20	11.20	13.10	14.80	16.20	17.50
Tier 4 20.01 + units	10.70	12.90	14.90	16.70	18.15	19.50
<b>For 1-1/2", 2" and 3" Meters</b>						
Unit rate for all water use	\$7.70	\$9.50	\$11.30	\$12.90	\$14.25	\$15.50
<i>Note: 1 unit = one hundred cubic feet (hcf), or approximately 748 gallons.</i>						
<b>PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES</b>						
<i>Fixed monthly charge based on size of service connection</i>						
<u>Service Size</u>						
2 inches	\$22.05	\$23.15	\$24.29	\$25.49	\$26.77	\$28.11
3 inches	41.34	43.40	45.55	47.80	50.20	52.70
4 inches	68.91	72.34	75.91	79.66	83.66	87.84
6 inches	137.81	144.69	151.81	159.31	167.31	175.69
8 inches	220.50	231.50	242.90	254.90	267.70	281.10

<b>Proposed Maximum Water Shortage Contingency Rate Surcharges</b>					
<b>Water Shortage Contingency Stage</b>	<b>Stage 2 Moderate Shortage</b>	<b>Stage 3 Severe Shortage</b>	<b>Stage 4 Critical Shortage</b>	<b>Stage 5 Emergency Shortage</b>	<b>Stage 6 Catastrophic Failure</b>
<b>Water Shortage or Mandated Reduction</b>	11% - 20%	21% - 30%	31% - 40%	41% - 50%	> 50%
<b>Maximum Rate Surcharge (\$/hcf)</b>					
<u>Effective On or After</u>					
Mar-1, 2023	\$1.32	\$2.62	\$4.33	\$6.65	\$8.26
Jan-1, 2024	1.67	3.29	5.42	8.31	10.30
Jan-1, 2025	1.99	3.90	6.39	9.80	12.11
Jan-1, 2026	2.26	4.41	7.22	11.06	13.66
Jan-1, 2027	2.51	4.89	7.99	12.23	15.09

Note: 1 unit = one hundred cubic feet (hcf), or approximately 748 gallons.

## EXHIBIT B

### AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Changes denoted in red font and/or 

**ARTICLE 1.11 Guarantee and Other Water Account Deposits** *(Amended by Resolution No. 18-993 on 11/07/2018) (Amended by Resolution No. 19-1009 on 09/18/2019) Amended by Resolution No. 21-1029 on 02/24/2021)*

Before water delivery is started for any new or existing Active Account, the Applicant shall secure the account by depositing with the JBWD the amount specified in Article 13.3, unless there is a Continuous Service Agreement in place – see Article 1.14.1.

Water service will not be installed, connected, or turned on for any Applicant or customer until all delinquent balances are resolved (refer to Article 1.29). In any instance where this policy conflicts with the District’s Collection Policy in Appendix A, the Collection Policy will prevail.

Deposits will not automatically be refunded for customers whose account status changes (Active, Transitional, and Inactive). Customers whose account status changes will have to meet the satisfactory payment requirements as indicated in this Article before Deposit is refunded or applied to account.

Each time that water rates are changed in accordance with Board action, the Guarantee Deposit will also be re-calculated and changed, based on the average residential water consumption from the most recent water rate study (currently, the ~~2023 2018~~ Water Rate Study, and ~~nine~~ **eight [8] units** ~~{9}~~ average consumption per month,) multiplied times three (3) months.

**ARTICLE 13.5 Basic Monthly Fee** *(Amended by Resolution No. 18-982 on 02/21/2018)*

The Basic Monthly Fee is payable for availability of water service, which includes no water used. All accounts, including Active, Transitional and Inactive accounts are billed the Basic Monthly Fee each month whether or not there is any water use occurring.

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~~Refer to Article 14 for amounts.~~

**ARTICLE 13.6 Monthly Water Flow Charges** *(Amended by Resolution No. 18-982 on 02/21/2018)*

Water passing through the meter shall be sold at cumulative rates, per unit (one hundred cubic feet, 748 gallons).

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~~Refer to Article 14 for amounts.~~

**[New] ARTICLE 13.6.2 Water Shortage Contingency Rates**

The Water Shortage Contingency Rate Surcharges could be implemented to support financial stability and help ensure adequate funding for water utility operations during periods of water shortages, mandatory cutbacks, or reduced water sales. These rates would be temporary surcharges billed based on metered water use that would be levied in addition to JBWD’s regular water rates. The proposed surcharges correspond with the Water Shortage Contingency Stages identified in JBWD’s 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Each stage may be triggered by a declaration from federal or state authorities or JBWD’s Board of Directors. No surcharges are proposed for Stage 1 water shortages. Proposed water shortage contingency surcharges are listed in the table below and represent the maximum surcharges that JBWD would be authorized to levy.

Refer to Article 14 for amounts.

**ARTICLE 13.10 Cost and Charges for Private Fire Protection**

Installation cost will be the actual cost plus fifteen percent (15%) to cover administrative and overhead cost. Customers that have a Private Fire Protection service are required to pay a monthly charge for such service.

[Strike old rates]

Refer to Article 14 for amounts.

**ARTICLE 14.3 Guarantee Deposit**

Applicants who provide a social security number will have their credit checked. The results of this soft credit check will provide either a green, yell, or red “score,” and the deposit amount will be based upon the score. Customers that don’t provide a social security number won’t get a “score,” and will have to pay a guarantee deposit.

- Green = Good credit, no deposit required
- Yellow= Average credit, deposit required
- Red = Poor credit, deposit required
- No Score = No credit, deposit required

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Guarantee Deposit</u>
05/01/2023	\$332.00
01/01/2024	\$380.00
01/01/2025	\$424.00
01/01/2026	\$463.00
01/01/2027	\$500.00

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Jan-1, 2027	2.51	4.89	7.99	12.23	15.09

**ARTICLE 14.10 Cost and Charges for Private Fire Protection**

Installation cost will be the actual cost plus fifteen percent (15%) to cover administrative and overhead.

Monthly charges are as shown below:

[Strike old rates]

<b>PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES</b>						
<i>Fixed monthly charge based on size of service connection</i>						
<u>Service Size</u>						
2 inches	\$22.05	\$23.15	\$24.29	\$25.49	\$26.77	\$28.11
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4 inches	68.91	72.34	75.91	79.66	83.66	87.84
6 inches	137.81	144.69	151.81	159.31	167.31	175.69
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