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RATE SCHEDULE

Availability

This rate is available for single family residences and mobile homes located on the company's collecting sewers suitable for providing the service requested, within the areas commonly known as Bel Air Estates, Sandia Heights, Secluded Forest, Sennawood Village and Wedgewood Village.

Rates

Regular Monthly Service Charge \$29.75

Taxes

All applicable federal, state and local taxes shall be added in addition to the above charges.

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Rule 7 – DISCONTINUANCE OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE

A. The Company reserves the right of discontinuance of service for any of the following reasons:

1. For nonpayment of the sewer utility bill (see Rule 9); or
2. For unauthorized resale of sewer service; or
3. For an unauthorized service connection to the Company's collecting sewer; or
4. Misrepresentation of identity in obtaining utility service; or
5. For failure to comply with these Rules and Regulations.

B. Discontinuance of service may be accomplished, but not limited to, physical disconnection of the Customer's service sewer from the Company's collecting sewer. Discontinuance of sewer service for non-payment of a sewer bill may be accomplished either by physical disconnection or by discontinuance by turn-off of water service by the Customer's water utility at the request of the Company. In such cases where discontinuance is accomplished by turn-off of water service:

1. If sewer billing is combined with water billing, Customers will be notified by the water utility by the terms of its Rules normally practiced for discontinuance of water service; or
2. If sewer billing is not combined with water billing, Customers will be notified by the terms of Paragraphs F. and H., below, and not by those of any water utility.

C. Discontinuance of service to a Customer for any reason as outlined in Paragraph A., above, shall not prevent the Company from pursuing any lawful remedy by action at law

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or otherwise for the collection of monies due from the Customer.

- D. None of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for the Company to discontinue service:
- E. The failure of the Customer to pay for merchandise, appliances, or service not subject to Commission jurisdiction as an integral part of the utility service provided by the Company; or
- F. The failure of the Customer to pay for service received at a separate metering point, residence, or location. In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence, or location in accordance with these rules, the Company may transfer and bill any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of the Customer and may discontinue service after twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule; or
- G. The failure of the customer to pay for a different class of service received at the same or different location. The placing of more than one (1) meter at the same location for the purpose of billing the usage of specific devices under operational rate schedules or provisions is not construed as a different class of service for the purpose of this rule; or
- H. The failure to pay the bill of another customer, unless the customer whose service is sought to be discontinued received substantial benefit and use of the service billed to the other customer; or
- I. The failure of a previous owner or occupant of the premises to pay an unpaid or delinquent bill except where the previous occupant remains an occupant of user; or

The failure to pay a bill correcting a previous underbilling, whenever the customer claims an inability to pay the corrected amount, unless a utility has offered the customer a

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- J. payment arrangement equal to the period of underbilling.
- K. In the event of discontinuance of service by the Company for any reason as outlined in Paragraph A., above, then any monies due the Company shall become immediately due and payable.
- L. The Company reserves the right of discontinuance of service to a Customer, or to refuse service to any applicant or for any unit to reasonably protect itself against fraud or abuse.
- M. Unless discontinuance is accomplished by turn-off of water service and discontinuance notice is provided by the water utility as provided for in Paragraph B.1., above, then at least thirty (30) days prior to discontinuance of service, the Company will mail a written notice to the Customer by certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of the notice sent to the Public Service Commission and a copy to the property owner if different than the Customer and if known by the Company. Said notice shall state the reasons for discontinuance of service, the amount of money owed if for a past due bill including the amount of any service charges owed, and that service may be discontinued at any time after the expiration of the notice period, provided satisfactory arrangements for continuance of the service have not been made by the Customer. The thirty (30) day notice may be waived if there is any waste discharge that might be detrimental to the health and safety of the public, or cause damage to the sewer system. In the event of discontinuance of service without the thirty (30) day notice as above provided, the Customer and the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be notified immediately with a statement of the reasons for such discontinuance of service. If service is provided to a multi-tenant building or complex, the Company will make an effort to notify tenants by door hangers or other type of notice of the possibility of discontinuance of service.
- N. Reconnection of any Customer after discontinuance of service by authority of this Rule will be made subject to payment of the cost of reconnection.

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- O. Where the owner of rental property is the Customer and has been notified of the intent of discontinuance of service, the tenants shall be given the opportunity in a reasonable and timely manner to pay delinquent bills in lieu of disconnection of service.

- P. Termination of service at the Customer's request may be accomplished at the expense of the Customer. If termination of service must be accomplished by physical disconnection, the Customer shall notify the Company of the date and time of the disconnection in writing at least five (5) days prior to the disconnection. If termination is accomplished by turn-off of water service, such notice shall be on or before the date of the water turn-off. Service may not be terminated for one unit of a multi-unit building if the building is served by one service sewer, unless accomplished by turnoff of water service to that unit. The method used for termination of service shall be determined by the Company.

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Rule 8 INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE

- A. The Company reserves the right to limit sewer service in its collecting sewers at any time, in a reasonable and non-discriminatory manner, for the purpose of making repairs to the sewer system.
- B. Whenever service is limited for repairs, all Customers affected by such limitation will be notified in advance whenever it is practicable to do so. Every effort will be made to minimize limitation of service.
- C. No refunds of charges for sewer service will be made for limitations of service unless due to willful misconduct of the Company.

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Rule 9 BILLS FOR SERVICE

- A. The charges for sewer service shall be at the rates specified in this tariff, which is on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission and at the Company's office. The point of assumption of sewer service shall be at the service connection. Service charges for connection or disconnection are set forth in the Schedule of Service Charges.
- B. A Customer who is or has been taking sewer service at one or more units connected to the collecting sewer shall be held liable for payment of any applicable charges for service furnished to such units from the date of connection until the date requested by the Customer in writing for service to be terminated, or until service is discontinued by the Company.
- C. Bills for sewer service will be mailed or delivered to the Customer's last address as shown by the records of the Company, but failure to receive the bill will not relieve the Customer from the obligation to pay the same.
- D. Payments shall be made at the office of the Company or at a convenient location designated by the Company, or by mailing to the Company's mailing address.
- E. Separate bills shall be rendered for each location at which sewer service is provided, even though one entity may be the Customer at such separate locations.
- F. The Company shall have the right to render bills monthly in advance, or on a monthly basis in arrears when the sewer charges are based on water usage. Bills shall have the due date indicated on the bill.
- G. Neither the Company nor the Customer will be bound by bills rendered under mistake of fact as to the quantity of service rendered or as a result of clerical error. Customers will be held responsible for charges based on service provided.

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- H. Billings will be made and distributed at monthly intervals. Bills will be rendered net, bearing the last date on which payment will then be considered delinquent. The period after which the payment is considered delinquent is a minimum of twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the bill. Service may be discontinued after thirty (30) days written notice by certified mail return receipt requested from the Company as provided by Rule 7 - Discontinuance or Termination of Service. Delinquent bills are subject to a late charge as provided in the Schedule of Service Charges.
- I. When bills are rendered for a period of less than a complete billing period due to the connection or termination of service, the billing shall be for the proportionate part of the monthly charge, or where water usage is the basis for the charge, at the appropriate rate for water used. Customers terminating after taking service for less than one month shall pay not less than the monthly minimum.
- J. The owner of the property served will be held responsible for ultimate payment of a bill. Copies of all notices of violations of the Rules, or of disconnection of service shall also be sent to the owner of the property.
- K. All billing matters shall be handled in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules and Regulations regarding Utility Billing Practices, 4 CSR 240-13.

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Rule 10 EXTENSION OF COLLECTING SEWERS

- A. Collecting sewers will be extended within the Company's certificated service area, at the applicant's cost, if service is requested by the applicant at a location where facilities do not exist (the "applicant" is sometimes referred to in this Rule as the "original applicant"). The applicant shall enter into a contract with the Company. The applicant may choose to have the Company perform all work under the terms and conditions of Paragraph C., below, or have a private contractor perform the work under the terms and conditions of Paragraph D., below. For purposes of this Rule, an extension could include, in addition to a collecting sewer, one or more pump station or treatment plant facilities, as necessary to provide the service.
- B. The pipe used in making extensions shall be of a type and size which will be reasonably adequate for the area to be served. Such determination as to size and type of pipe shall be left solely to the judgment of the Company. If the Company desires a pipe size, lift station, treatment plant, or any other facility larger than reasonably required to provide service to the applicant, the additional cost due to larger size shall be borne by the Company.
- C. The Company will extend collecting sewers for the applicant under the following terms and conditions:
1. Upon receipt of written application for service as provided in Rule 4, Applications for Service, the Company will provide the applicant an itemized estimate of the cost of the proposed extension. Said estimate shall include the cost of all labor and materials required, including reconstruction of existing facilities if necessary, and the direct costs associated with supervision, engineering, permits, and bookkeeping. Applicable income tax cost calculated at the maximum rate will be added to this estimate.
 2. The applicant shall enter into a contract with the Company for the installation of said extension and shall tender to the Company a contribution-in-aid-of-construction (CIAC) equal to the amount determined in Paragraph C.1., above,

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plus any appropriate fees as provided in the Schedule of Rates or the Schedule of Service Charges.

3. If, as a result of reasonably unforeseen circumstances, the actual cost of the extension exceeds the estimated cost of the extension, the applicant shall pay the additional cost.

D. When the applicant elects to construct an extension, the Company will connect said extension to its existing collecting sewers under the following terms and conditions:

1. Applicant shall enter into a contract with the Company which provides that the applicant construct said collecting sewers and/or other facilities to meet the requirements of all governmental agencies and the Company's Rules and Regulations. Plans for the extension shall be submitted to the Company for approval prior to construction. Applicant's choice of construction contractor is subject to approval by the Company. Applicant shall contribute said facilities to the Company with a detailed accounting of the actual cost of construction, and contribute to the Company the estimated reasonable cost of the Company's inspection.
2. The Company, or its representative, shall have the right to inspect and test the extension prior to connecting it to the existing collecting sewers and acceptance of ownership.
3. Connection of the extension to existing Company collecting sewers shall be made by, or under direct supervision of, the Company or its representative.
4. The Company shall have the right to refuse ownership and responsibility for the sewer extension until applicant has met the contractual obligations as provided in Paragraph D.1., above.

E. The cost to additional applicants connecting to the sewer contributed by the original applicant shall be as follows:

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1. For a single-family residential applicant applying for service in a platted subdivision, the Company shall divide the actual cost of the extension, including income tax impact if any, by the number of lots abutting said extension to determine the per lot extension cost. When counting lots, corner lots which abut existing sewers shall be excluded.
2. For a single-family residential applicant requesting service to areas that are not platted in subdivision lots, the applicant's cost shall be equal to the total cost of the extension times one hundred feet (100') divided by the total length of the extension in feet.
3. For an applicant that is not a single family residence as described in E.1. or E.2., above the cost will be multiplied by a water usage factor, as appropriate. The water usage factor shall be determined by dividing the average monthly usage in gallons by 7,000 gallons, but shall not be less than 1.

F. Refunds of contributions shall be made to the original applicant as follows:

1. Should the actual cost of an extension constructed by the Company under Paragraph C, or actual costs for inspection by the Company under Paragraph D, above, be less than the estimated cost, the Company shall refund the difference as soon as the actual cost has been ascertained.
2. During the first ten years after the extension is completed, the Company will refund to the original applicant who paid for the extension monies collected from additional applicants in accordance with Paragraph E., above.
3. The sum of all refunds to the applicant shall not exceed the total contribution, including income tax and inspection costs associated with the extension, which the applicant has paid.

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- 4. If two or more entities are considered an original applicant, the refund shall be distributed to each entity based upon the percentage of the actual extension cost contributed by each entity.

- G. Any extension made under this Rule shall be and remain the property of the Company in consideration of its perpetual upkeep and maintenance.

- H. The Company reserves the right to connect additional extensions to a collecting sewer contributed by the applicant. The connection of new Customers to such additional extensions shall not entitle the applicant to any refund.

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