



February 17, 2017

Mr. Tyler S. Converse  
Superintendent  
Canton Water Department

**RE: 2017 Adjustments to City of Canton Water Department Rate Schedule**

Dear Superintendent Converse:

As you are aware, I have the responsibility under state law (R.C. 743.04) to equitably assess sufficient charges for the safe, economical, and efficient management of the water works. In furtherance of this duty, I have decided that the following rate schedule shall become effective March 1, 2017 and shall be part of the Rules and Regulations of the Canton Water Department.

**METER RATES**

Terms and Conditions:

Meters will be read monthly or bi-monthly at the option of the Water Department. Meters will be read to the nearest 100 cubic feet. One cubic foot of water is equivalent to 7.48 gallons.

Industrial and Commercial accounts shall be billed monthly.

Residential accounts shall be billed bi-monthly.

Minimum Charge:

All metered consumers shall be subject to a monthly or bi-monthly minimum charge, based on the size of meter required to render adequate service.

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<b>Minimum Allowance</b>	
	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
*Special Minimum	200	\$4.98
5/8"	400	\$9.96
3/4"	800	\$18.63
1"	1,330	\$31.07
1-1/4"	2,000	\$45.60
1-1/2"	2,730	\$62.21
2"	4,730	\$99.45



**Minimum Allowance**

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
3"	9,530	\$186.46
4"	16,330	\$310.80
6"	42,860	\$621.57
8"	77,800	\$994.51
10"	150,000	\$1,763.82

\*Special Minimum:

Commercial Multiple Family Dwellings, as described in Section 1351.03 of the Canton Codified Ordinances (four or more units receiving water from one water service): The minimum charge will be equal to the special minimum associated with 200 cubic feet of water times number of units served. A unit shall be considered as being served whether the unit is occupied or not.

Consumption Charge:

The following shall be the meter rates for monthly and bi-monthly consumption subject to the above minimum charges.

	<u>Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>
For the first 4,500 cubic feet	\$2.2601
For the next 25,500 cubic feet	\$1.8082
Over 30,000 cubic feet	\$1.0623

Additional Charges:

The following surcharges shall apply unless there is some agreement to expressly supersede said surcharge:

1. A surcharge of 150% will apply to all bills rendered for water service to customers located outside the City of Canton.
2. A hydrant charge of \$1.50 per billing cycle will apply to all water accounts outside the City of Canton.
3. A late fee of \$3.00 will be imposed on all utility accounts that are not paid within the 35 day grace period. Late fees on all accounts will be effective ten (10) days after the due date that is indicated on the initial monthly or bi-monthly utility bill.

4. Bulk water will be sold from the Northeast Water Treatment Plant fill station at a rate that is equivalent to that assigned to "outside the City" customers for the first 4,500 cubic feet. There will be no additional quantity discounts provided beyond the first tier for bulk water purchases.
  - a. In addition, a \$2.50 per transaction surcharge will be assessed to cover the cost of fill station equipment maintenance, repair and/or replacement.
5. The Meter Replacement Program Surcharge of \$1.70 per month, per customer account as established by the Director of Public Service on October 30, 2014, remains in effect.

Disabled/Senior Citizen Homestead Discount:

Any Canton Water Department residential customer who is the owner and occupant of a residential premises receiving Canton Water Department water services, and who previously qualified for the Stark County Homestead Exemption with respect to the real estate receiving said Canton Water Department water services, shall be eligible to receive a credit on their utility bill of \$1.70 monthly/3.40 per billing period. Eligibility for the aforementioned credit is contingent upon the customer providing proof of qualification for the Stark County Homestead Exemption. This contingency shall be met with documentary evidence provided to the satisfaction of the City of Canton Utility Billing Office. The City may, at any time, require updated information and may discontinue the discount at the sole discretion of the Director of Public Service.

Terms of Payment:

All bills for water service are to be rendered monthly or bi-monthly, at the option of the Water Department, in arrears.

Contracts:

These rates shall supersede the rates listed in all contracts to supply water service, unless the terms of the individual contracts dictate otherwise.

Administration Policy:

All rules, regulations and procedures governing the reading of meters, the rendering of bills, the collection of bills, the distribution of receipts and all other operations of the Water Department shall be set and administered by the Director of Public Service, in accordance with Chapter 743 of the Ohio Revised Code.

  
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William L. Bartos, Director of Public Service

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