



# The City of Morgantown

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**AGENDA**  
**MORGANTOWN CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Tuesday, July 27, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**NOTE:** Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Morgantown City Council are intended to provide an opportunity for the Council to receive information, ask questions, and identify policy options in an informal setting. No official action is taken at these meetings. At this Committee of the Whole Meeting the following matters are scheduled.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority Annual Presentation – Executive Director Christal Crouso
2. Morgantown Utility Board proposed rates – General Manager Mick McNulty

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Morgantown Utility Board – Rate ordinances for utility systems
2. Runway Extension Committee Board Composition

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**For accommodations, please reach out to us at 304-288-7072.**

## MUB Rate Adjustments

At the Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of MUB's Board of Directors, the Board approved MUB's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. This budget includes rate adjustments across all MUB services: water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater.

As part of this process, MUB's Board also approved the following draft ordinances:

- Water Rate Ordinance providing a 13% rate increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in all areas served by MUB, except for the area previously served by the River Road Public Service District
- Sewer Rate Ordinance, providing a 12% rate increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in all areas served by MUB, except for the area served by the Cheat Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant and areas previously served by the Canyon Public Service District and the Scott's Run Public Service District
- Stormwater Rate Ordinance, providing a 18% rate increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in all areas served by MUB.

A component of each of these ordinances is a 3% inflationary rate increase for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026. The purpose of this action is to provide smaller rate adjustments across time rather than the "rate shock" that occurs when rates are adjusted at five-plus year intervals.

Attached you will find graphs related to the rate adjustments. One graph shows rate comparisons across various utilities and two charts show the dollar impact of the proposed rate changes for customers.

Also, for additional insight into these rate adjustments, the following questions and answers are provided.

### Why the increases now?

The proposed rates are the result of MUB putting off rate adjustments due to COVID-19. We initially planned to present these ordinances in the spring of 2020; however, at that time, MUB's board decided that rate adjustments at the onset of the pandemic would be inappropriate. Thus, they were delayed until now. It should be noted that we are making every effort to avoid similar increases in the future by including in these ordinances annual 3% adjustments (beginning in 2024) through 2026.

### What is driving these rate increases?

There are several reasons for the rate adjustments. The most obvious is simply the need to meet expenses and support our capital improvement program. Understanding that we haven't adjusted water and sewer rates since 2016 and stormwater rates since 2012, the financial need is very real.

It should be noted that while we have experienced limited growth in water and sewer customers, we have seen a decrease in consumption by residential customers and West Virginia University – who continue to find ways to conserve. In addition, we are also facing a substantial loss of revenue with the closing of the Viatrix/Mylan plant on July 31. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, Mylan was our fourth largest water customer and our second largest sewer customer.

Meanwhile, MUB has experienced the normal increase in wages, benefits, utilities, chemicals, materials, etc. These costs are very real and must be met.

What's more, in order to maintain our current strong bond rating, our bond rating agency expects MUB to seek a rate increase when our overall projected coverage falls below 125%. Our most current projections-

**CITY OF MORGANTOWN**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM SERVING THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS: The following rules, rates and charges are hereby fixed, determined and established for municipal water services provided to all general domestic, commercial and industrial users of the Municipal Waterworks System serving the City of Morgantown, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following Rates and Schedules:

**SECTION 1 – TARIFF**

**927.01 RATE SCHEDULES**

The following schedules of rates, fees, charges, delayed payment penalty charges, service connection charges, reconnection charges and opening or transferring account charges are hereby fixed and determined as the rates, fees, charges, delayed payment penalty charges, service connection charges, reconnection charges and opening or transferring account charges to be charged to consumers of the waterworks system serving the City throughout the entire territory served.

**SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable in entire territory served, excluding the area previously served by River Road Public Service District.

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE**

Available for general, domestic, commercial and industrial service.

**RATES** (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

| <u>Gallons Used Per Month</u> | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| First 60,000                  | \$5.82                        |
| All Over 60,000               | \$3.81                        |

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RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

| <u>Gallons Used Per Month</u> | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| First 60,000                  | \$5.99                        |
| All Over 60,000               | \$3.92                        |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

| <u>Gallons Used Per Month</u> | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| First 60,000                  | \$6.17                        |
| All Over 60,000               | \$4.04                        |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

| <u>Gallons Used Per Month</u> | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| First 60,000                  | \$6.36                        |
| All Over 60,000               | \$4.16                        |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per Month</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 5.82               |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 8.73               |
| 1 inch                | \$ 14.55              |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 29.10              |
| 2 inch                | \$ 46.56              |
| 3 inch                | \$ 93.12              |
| 4 inch                | \$145.50              |
| 6 inch                | \$291.00              |
| 8 inch                | \$465.60              |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per Month</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 5.99               |

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|-------|------|----------|
| 3/4   | inch | \$ 8.99  |
| 1     | inch | \$ 14.98 |
| 1 1/2 | inch | \$ 29.95 |
| 2     | inch | \$ 47.92 |
| 3     | inch | \$ 95.84 |
| 4     | inch | \$149.75 |
| 6     | inch | \$299.50 |
| 8     | inch | \$479.20 |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per Month</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 6.17               |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 9.26               |
| 1 inch                | \$ 15.43              |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 30.85              |
| 2 inch                | \$ 49.36              |
| 3 inch                | \$ 98.72              |
| 4 inch                | \$154.25              |
| 6 inch                | \$308.50              |
| 8 inch                | \$493.60              |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per Month</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 6.36               |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 9.54               |
| 1 inch                | \$ 15.90              |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 31.80              |
| 2 inch                | \$ 50.88              |
| 3 inch                | \$101.76              |
| 4 inch                | \$159.00              |
| 6 inch                | \$318.00              |
| 8 inch                | \$508.80              |

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DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Tap Fee</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 700.00      |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 700.00      |
| 1 inch                | \$1,000.00     |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$1,500.00     |
| 2 inch                | \$2,000.00     |
| >2 inch               | Actual Cost    |

RECONNECTION CHARGE

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) during Utility Board regular working hours and an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) after hours shall be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, nonpayment of bills, or fraudulent use of water.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.814 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

QUARRY RUN DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE

Applicable only to customers in the Quarry Run area: \$40.00 per month, per customer.

This surcharge will be evaluated annually and, in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted.

**ROCKLEY ROAD DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE**

Applicable only to customers in the Rockley Road area: \$77.69 per month, per customer.

This surcharge will be evaluated annually and, in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted.

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SCHEDULE NO. 2APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served, excluding the area previously served by River Road Public Service District.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general, domestic, commercial and industrial service.

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

| <u>Gallons Used Bi-Monthly</u> |         | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| First                          | 120,000 | \$5.82                        |
| All Over                       | 120,000 | \$3.81                        |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

| <u>Gallons Used Bi-Monthly</u> |         | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| First                          | 120,000 | \$5.99                        |
| All Over                       | 120,000 | \$3.92                        |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

| <u>Gallons Used Bi-Monthly</u> |         | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| First                          | 120,000 | \$6.17                        |
| All Over                       | 120,000 | \$4.04                        |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

| <u>Gallons Used Bi-Monthly</u> |         | <u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| First                          | 120,000 | \$6.36                        |
| All Over                       | 120,000 | \$4.16                        |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per (Bi-Monthly)</u> |
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| 5/8   | inch or less | \$ 11.64 |
| 3/4   | inch         | \$ 17.46 |
| 1     | inch         | \$ 29.10 |
| 1 1/2 | inch         | \$ 58.20 |
| 2     | inch         | \$ 93.12 |
| 3     | inch         | \$186.24 |
| 4     | inch         | \$291.00 |
| 6     | inch         | \$582.00 |
| 8     | inch         | \$931.20 |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per (Bi-Monthly)</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 11.98                     |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 17.98                     |
| 1 inch                | \$ 29.96                     |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 59.90                     |
| 2 inch                | \$ 95.84                     |
| 3 inch                | \$191.68                     |
| 4 inch                | \$299.50                     |
| 6 inch                | \$599.00                     |
| 8 inch                | \$958.40                     |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per (Bi-Monthly)</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 12.34                     |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 18.52                     |
| 1 inch                | \$ 30.86                     |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 61.70                     |
| 2 inch                | \$ 98.72                     |
| 3 inch                | \$197.44                     |
| 4 inch                | \$308.50                     |
| 6 inch                | \$617.00                     |
| 8 inch                | \$987.20                     |

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MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per (Bi-Monthly)</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 12.72                     |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 19.08                     |
| 1 inch                | \$ 31.80                     |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 63.60                     |
| 2 inch                | \$ 101.76                    |
| 3 inch                | \$ 203.52                    |
| 4 inch                | \$ 318.00                    |
| 6 inch                | \$ 636.00                    |
| 8 inch                | \$1,017.60                   |

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Tap Fee</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 700.00      |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 700.00      |
| 1 inch                | \$1,000.00     |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$1,500.00     |
| 2 inch                | \$2,000.00     |
| >2 inch               | Actual Cost    |

RECONNECTION CHARGE

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) during Utility Board regular working hours and an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) after hours shall be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, nonpayment of bills, or fraudulent use of water.

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### LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.814 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

### RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

### QUARRY RUN DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE

Applicable only to customers in the Quarry Run area: \$80.00 bi-monthly, per customer.

This surcharge will be evaluated annually and in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted.

### ROCKLEY ROAD DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE

Applicable only to customers in the Rockley Road area: \$155.38 bi-monthly, per customer.

This surcharge will be evaluated annually and in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted.

SCHEDULE NO. 3APPLICABILITY

Applicable in the City of Morgantown.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for service to public fire hydrants.

RATES

Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021, the City of Morgantown shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$150.29 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023, the City of Morgantown shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$154.80 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024, the City of Morgantown shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$159.44 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025, the City of Morgantown shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$164.22 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

These charges cover all water system facilities existing at Morgantown, West Virginia which are used in whole or in part for public fire service.

SCHEDULE NO. 4APPLICABILITY

Applicable in the municipalities served by the Board excluding the City of Morgantown.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for service to public fire hydrants.

RATE

Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021, any municipality shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$150.29 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023, any municipality shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$154.80 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024, any municipality shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$159.44 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025, any municipality shall pay as a public fire charge at the rate of \$164.22 per hydrant per annum, payable in twelve equal monthly installments.

These charges cover all water system facilities existing in any municipality which are used in whole or in part for public fire service.

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SCHEDULE NO. 5APPLICABILITY

Applicable in entire territory served (except municipalities).

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for service to private fire protection facilities.

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

|                                      | <u>Per Annum</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fire Hydrants, each                  | \$217.92         |
| Sprinkler Heads, 312 or less         | \$217.92         |
| Sprinkler Heads, each additional     | \$ 0.782         |
| Hose Connections, for fire use only: |                  |
| 2 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$127.00         |
| 2 inch openings, each                | \$ 66.43         |
| 1 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$ 36.44         |
| 1 1/4 inch openings, each            | \$ 24.05         |
| 1 inch openings, each                | \$ 15.03         |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

|                                      | <u>Per Annum</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fire Hydrants, each                  | \$224.46         |
| Sprinkler Heads, 312 or less         | \$224.46         |
| Sprinkler Heads, each additional     | \$ 0.805         |
| Hose Connections, for fire use only: |                  |
| 2 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$130.81         |
| 2 inch openings, each                | \$ 68.42         |
| 1 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$ 37.53         |
| 1 1/4 inch openings, each            | \$ 24.77         |
| 1 inch openings, each                | \$ 15.48         |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

|                              | <u>Per Annum</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Fire Hydrants, each          | \$231.19         |
| Sprinkler Heads, 312 or less | \$231.19         |

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Sprinkler Heads, each additional     | \$ 0.829 |
| Hose Connections, for fire use only: |          |
| 2 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$134.73 |
| 2 inch openings, each                | \$ 70.47 |
| 1 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$ 38.66 |
| 1 1/4 inch openings, each            | \$ 25.51 |
| 1 inch openings, each                | \$ 15.94 |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

|                                      | <u>Per Annum</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fire Hydrants, each                  | \$238.13         |
| Sprinkler Heads, 312 or less         | \$238.13         |
| Sprinkler Heads, each additional     | \$ 0.854         |
| Hose Connections, for fire use only: |                  |
| 2 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$138.77         |
| 2 inch openings, each                | \$ 72.58         |
| 1 1/2 inch openings, each            | \$ 39.82         |
| 1 1/4 inch openings, each            | \$ 26.28         |
| 1 inch openings, each                | \$ 16.42         |

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Charges for service rendered under this schedule are billed bi-monthly in arrears, and bills are payable on or before the twentieth (20th) day following the date rendered.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

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SCHEDULE NO. 6APPLICABILITY

Applicable in the area previously served by River Road Public Service District. These rates shall be reviewed within 90 days following the maturity of any related long-term bonds. Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for general, domestic, commercial and industrial service.

RATES (customers with metered water supply)

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| First 2,000 gallons used per month     | \$14.40 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 3,000 gallons used per month      | \$13.24 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 5,000 gallons used per month      | \$12.60 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over 10,000 gallons used per month | \$11.81 per 1,000 gallons |

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts, according to the size of the meter installed, to wit:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Rate Per Month</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 28.80              |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 43.00              |
| 1 inch                | \$ 72.00              |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$ 150.00             |
| 2 inch                | \$ 230.40             |
| 3 inch                | \$ 460.80             |
| 4 inch                | \$ 720.00             |
| 6 inch                | \$1,400.00            |
| 8 inch                | \$2,500.00            |

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an

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applicant:

| <u>Meter (inches)</u> | <u>Tap Fee</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5/8 inch or less      | \$ 700.00      |
| 3/4 inch              | \$ 700.00      |
| 1 inch                | \$1,000.00     |
| 1 1/2 inch            | \$1,500.00     |
| 2 inch                | \$2,000.00     |
| >2 inch               | Actual Cost    |

### RECONNECTION CHARGE

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) during Utility Board regular working hours and an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) after hours shall be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, nonpayment of bills, or fraudulent use of water.

### LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.814 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

### RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

## **SECTION 2 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on August 25, 2021.

## **SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any clause, provision or section hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

## **SECTION 4 – STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon introduction hereof, the City Clerk shall cause to be published a copy of this Ordinance in the *Dominion Post*, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the City of Morgantown, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before the City Council on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., which date is not less than five (5) days after the date of the publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present any comment or protest thereto, following which hearing, Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. Copies of this Ordinance shall be available to the public for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City of Morgantown, Morgantown, West Virginia.

First Reading: August 10, 2021

Second Reading  
and Public Hearing: August 24, 2021

CITY OF MORGANTOWN, a municipal corporation

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF MORGANTOWN**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES  
AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE  
SEWERAGE SYSTEM SERVING THE CITY OF  
MORGANTOWN.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS: The following rules, rates and charges are hereby fixed, determined and established for municipal sewerage services provided to all general domestic, commercial, industrial and resale users and customers of the Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant and Collection System serving the City of Morgantown, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following Rates and Schedules:

**SECTION 1 – TARIFF**

**921.06 RATE SCHEDULES**

The following schedules of rates, fees, charges, delayed payment penalty charges, service connection charges, reconnection charges and opening or transferring account charges are hereby fixed and determined as the rates, fees, charges, delayed payment penalty charges, service connection charges, reconnection charges and opening or transferring account charges to be charged to consumers of the sewer works system serving the City throughout the entire territory served.

**SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to the entire territory served, except that served by the Cheat Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant, the former Canyon Public Service District and the former Scott's Run Public Service District.

**AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE**

Available for sanitary sewer service.

**RATES** (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

Based upon the metered amount of water supplied.

| <u>Gallons Used</u>                             | <u>Rate</u>              |
|---|--------------------------|
| First 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly    | \$9.79 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly | \$8.40 per 1,000 gallons |

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MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Per Month  | \$ 9.79 |
| Bi-Monthly | \$19.58 |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

Based upon the metered amount of water supplied.

| <u>Gallons Used</u>                             | <u>Rate</u>               |
|---|---------------------------|
| First 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly    | \$10.08 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly | \$8.65 per 1,000 gallons  |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Per Month  | \$10.08 |
| Bi-Monthly | \$20.16 |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

Based upon the metered amount of water supplied.

| <u>Gallons Used</u>                             | <u>Rate</u>               |
|---|---------------------------|
| First 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly    | \$10.38 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly | \$8.91 per 1,000 gallons  |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Per Month  | \$10.38 |
| Bi-Monthly | \$20.76 |

RATES (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

Based upon the metered amount of water supplied.

| <u>Gallons Used</u>                             | <u>Rate</u>               |
|---|---------------------------|
| First 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly    | \$10.69 per 1,000 gallons |
| All Over 60,000 per month or 120,000 bi-monthly | \$9.18 per 1,000 gallons  |

MINIMUM CHARGE (Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025)

No bill will be rendered for less than the following amounts:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Per Month  | \$10.69 |
| Bi-Monthly | \$21.38 |

TAP FEE

A tap fee of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) will be charged to all customers making a new connection to the sewer system.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

RECONNECTION CHARGE

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) during Utility Board regular working hours and an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) after hours shall be charged whenever the service is disconnected for violation of rules, nonpayment of bills or fraudulent use of water. No such charge shall be assessed if the customer has paid a water reconnection charge for the same reconnection.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.665 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SUNSHINE ESTATES DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE

Applicable only to customers in the Sunshine Estates area:

\$32.00 per month per customer or \$64.00 bi-monthly per customer. This surcharge will be evaluated annually and, in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted.

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**SUNSHINE ESTATES DCPSD TRANSPORTATION SURCHARGE**

Applicable only to customers in the Sunshine Estates area:

\$0.74 per 1,000 gallons

The surcharges described immediately above shall become effective upon completion of the Sunshine Estates Sewer Project and activation of public sewer service.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

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SCHEDULE NO. 2APPLICABILITY

Applicable to territory served by Cheat Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for sanitary sewer service.

RATES (Based on the metered amount of water supplied)**Gallons Used**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| First 2,000 per month or 4,000 bi-monthly        | \$10.85 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 8,000 per month or 16,000 bi-monthly        | \$ 9.92 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 20,000 per month or 40,000 bi-monthly       | \$ 9.30 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 30,000 per month or 60,000 bi-monthly       | \$ 8.68 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 940,000 per month or 1,880,000 bi-monthly   | \$ 7.44 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 1,000,000 per month or 2,000,000 bi-monthly | \$ 6.82 per 1,000 gallons |

MINIMUM CHARGE

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Per Month  | \$21.70 |
| Bi-Monthly | \$43.40 |

TAP FEE

A fee of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) will be charged for new customers connecting to the sewerage system.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

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#### RECONNECTION CHARGE

A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) during Utility Board regular working hours and an additional fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) after hours shall be charges whenever the service is disconnected for violation of rules, nonpayment of bills, or fraudulent use of water. No such charge shall be assessed if the customer has paid a water reconnection charge for the same reconnection.

#### LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$1.404 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

#### RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

SCHEDULE NO. 3APPLICABILITY

Applicable to territory served by Star City Wastewater Treatment Plant and delivered by other systems.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for sanitary sewer service to other systems.

RATES

Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021, all wastewater from other systems will be treated at the approved rate of \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023, all wastewater from other systems will be treated at the approved rate of \$3.24 per 1,000 gallons.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024, all wastewater from other systems will be treated at the approved rate of \$3.34 per 1,000 gallons.

Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025, all wastewater from other systems will be treated at the approved rate of \$3.44 per 1,000 gallons.

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SCHEDULE NO. 4APPLICABILITY

Applicable to the former Canyon Public Service District service area. Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for sanitary sewer service.

RATES (Customers with metered water supply)

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Service Charge | \$8.50 per month or \$17.00 bi-monthly |
| Usage Charge   | \$8.67 per 1,000 gallons               |

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than the following based on meter size:

| <b>Meter Size</b> | <b>Minimum Charge</b>                     |
|-------------------|---|
| 5/8"              | \$ 25.84 per month or \$ 51.68 bi-monthly |
| 1 1/2"            | \$125.78 per month or \$251.56 bi-monthly |
| 2"                | \$201.02 per month or \$402.04 bi-monthly |

FLAT RATE CHARGE

Customers with non-metered water supply \$25.84 per month or \$51.68 bi-monthly.

TAP FEE

A tap fee of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) will be charged to all customers making a new connection to the sewer system.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each month where it is appropriate.

DISCONNECTION/RECONNECT/ADMINISTRATION FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for non-payment of sewer bills in conjunction with a water service termination agreement with the Cheat View Public Service District, a disconnection fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged, or in the event the delinquent sewer bill is collected by Cheat View Public Service District, an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged.

Whenever water service, which has been previously disconnected or otherwise withheld for non-payment of a sewer bill in conjunction with a water service termination agreement with Cheat View Public Service District, is reconnected, a reconnection fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.665 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when the bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible water leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such unusual consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

SCHEDULE NO. 5APPLICABILITY

Applicable to the former Scott's Run Public Service District service area. Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available for sanitary sewer service.

RATES (Customers with metered water supply)

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Service Charge | \$8.50 per month or \$17.00 bi-monthly |
| Usage Charge   | \$8.53 per 1,000 gallons               |

FLAT RATE CHARGE (Customer with non-metered water supply)

Equivalent to 4,000 gallons water usage, \$42.62 monthly, or  
Equivalent to 8,000 gallons water usage, \$85.24 bi-monthly

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

A tap fee of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) will be charged to all customers making a new connection to the sewer system.

DISCONNECT/RECONNECT/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for non-payment of sewer bills in conjunction with a water service termination agreement with Pleasant Valley Public Service District, a disconnection fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged or in the event the delinquent sewer bill is collected by Pleasant Valley Public Service District, an administrative fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged.

Whenever water service, which has been previously disconnected or otherwise withheld for non-payment of a sewer bill in conjunction with a water service termination agreement with Pleasant Valley Public Service District, is reconnected, a reconnection fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be charged.

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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.665 per 1,000 gallons of water is to be used when a bill reflects unusual water consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on customer's side of meter. This rate shall be applied to all consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

**SECTION 2 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

The rates, charges and penalties provided herein shall become effective August 25, 2021.

**SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY; REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any clause, provision or section hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4 – STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon introduction hereof, the City Clerk shall cause to be published a copy of this Ordinance in the *Dominion Post*, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the City of Morgantown, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before the City Council on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., which date is not less than five (5) days after the date of the publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present any comment or protest thereto, following which hearing, Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. Copies of this Ordinance shall be available to the public for inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City of Morgantown, Morgantown, West Virginia.

First Reading:            August 10, 2021

Second Reading  
and Public Hearing:    August 24, 2021

CITY OF MORGANTOWN, a municipal corporation

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY OF MORGANTOWN**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 929, SECTIONS 929.05 AND 929.06, OF THE MORGANTOWN CITY CODE, AS THE SAME APPLY TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RATES AND FEES.

The City of Morgantown hereby ordains that Sections 929.05 and 929.06 of its Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code are amended to state as follows:

**929.05 FLAT RATE CHARGES.**

- (a) Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021, the monthly service charge for users occupying a single-family residential dwelling, as defined by the Director, shall be six dollars and ninety-four cents (\$6.94).
- (b) Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023, the monthly service charge for users occupying a single-family residential dwelling, as defined by the Director, shall be seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$7.15).
- (c) Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024, the monthly service charge for users occupying a single-family residential dwelling, as defined by the Director, shall be seven dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$7.36).
- (d) Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025, the monthly service charge for users occupying a single-family residential dwelling, as defined by the Director, shall be seven dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$7.58).
- (e) Residential dwellings in the Forest-Poplar watershed, as defined by the Director, shall monthly pay, in addition to the monthly service charge, a debt service surcharge of \$12.49, which amount shall be solely dedicated to the cost of capital improvements for stormwater management completed in this watershed under and/or related to MUB Contract 1-2014 A. The debt service surcharge will be evaluated annually and, in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted. Ten (10) years following the effective date of this surcharge, and/or upon full funding of the debt service reserve, the surcharge shall be reduced by ten percent (10%). Upon full satisfaction of the debt, this surcharge shall expire.
- (f) City Council may, from time to time, by ordinance, change these service charges.

**929.06 CHARGES BASED ON LAND AREA.**

- (a) Effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021, the monthly service charge for properties other than described in section 929.05 shall be computed in the following manner: two dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$2.77) per 1,000 square feet of impervious area upon the property, as determined by the Director.
- (b) Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2023, the monthly service charge for properties other than described in section 929.05 shall be computed in the following manner:

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two dollars and eighty-five cents (\$2.85) per 1,000 square feet of impervious area upon the property, as determined by the Director.

(c) Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2024, the monthly service charge for properties other than described in section 929.05 shall be computed in the following manner: two dollars and ninety-four cents (\$2.94) per 1,000 square feet of impervious area upon the property, as determined by the Director.

(d) Effective for bills rendered on or after July 1, 2025, the monthly service charge for properties other than described in section 929.05 shall be computed in the following manner: three dollars and three cents (\$3.03) per 1,000 square feet of impervious area upon the property, as determined by the Director.

(e) Properties in the Forest-Poplar watershed, as defined by the Director, shall monthly pay, in addition to the monthly service charge, a debt service surcharge of five dollars and thirty-one cents (\$4.99) per 1,000 square feet of impervious area upon the property, which amount shall be solely dedicated to the cost of capital improvements for stormwater management completed in this watershed under and/or related to MUB Contract 1-2014 A. The debt service surcharge will be evaluated annually and, in the event that a change in the number of customers results in a five percent (5%) change in the rate, the rate will be adjusted. Ten (10) years following the effective date of this surcharge, and/or upon full funding of the debt service reserve, the surcharge shall be reduced by ten percent (10%). Upon full satisfaction of the debt, this surcharge shall expire.

(f) Service charges for a multi-unit property shall be billed to each individual tenant upon the property in a fair and proportionate share of the total property service charge, if said tenant has an individual drinking water service meter. At the discretion of the property owner, or if the individual tenants do not have individual drinking water service meters, service charges for a multi-unit property may be billed to the property owner. A property owner exercising this choice must complete a written agreement as required by the Director.

(g) The Director shall assign discount credits to those newly constructed properties employing volumetric flow reduction facilities. The Director may further assign discount credits to those existing properties employing rate of flow reduction practices. Such credits may be provided only for additional volumetric flow reductions achieved voluntarily above and beyond the levels otherwise required by this article.

(h) The City Council may, from time to time, by ordinance, change these rate charges.

This ordinance shall be effective for bills rendered on or after August 25, 2021.

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Second Reading  
and Public Hearing: August 24, 2021

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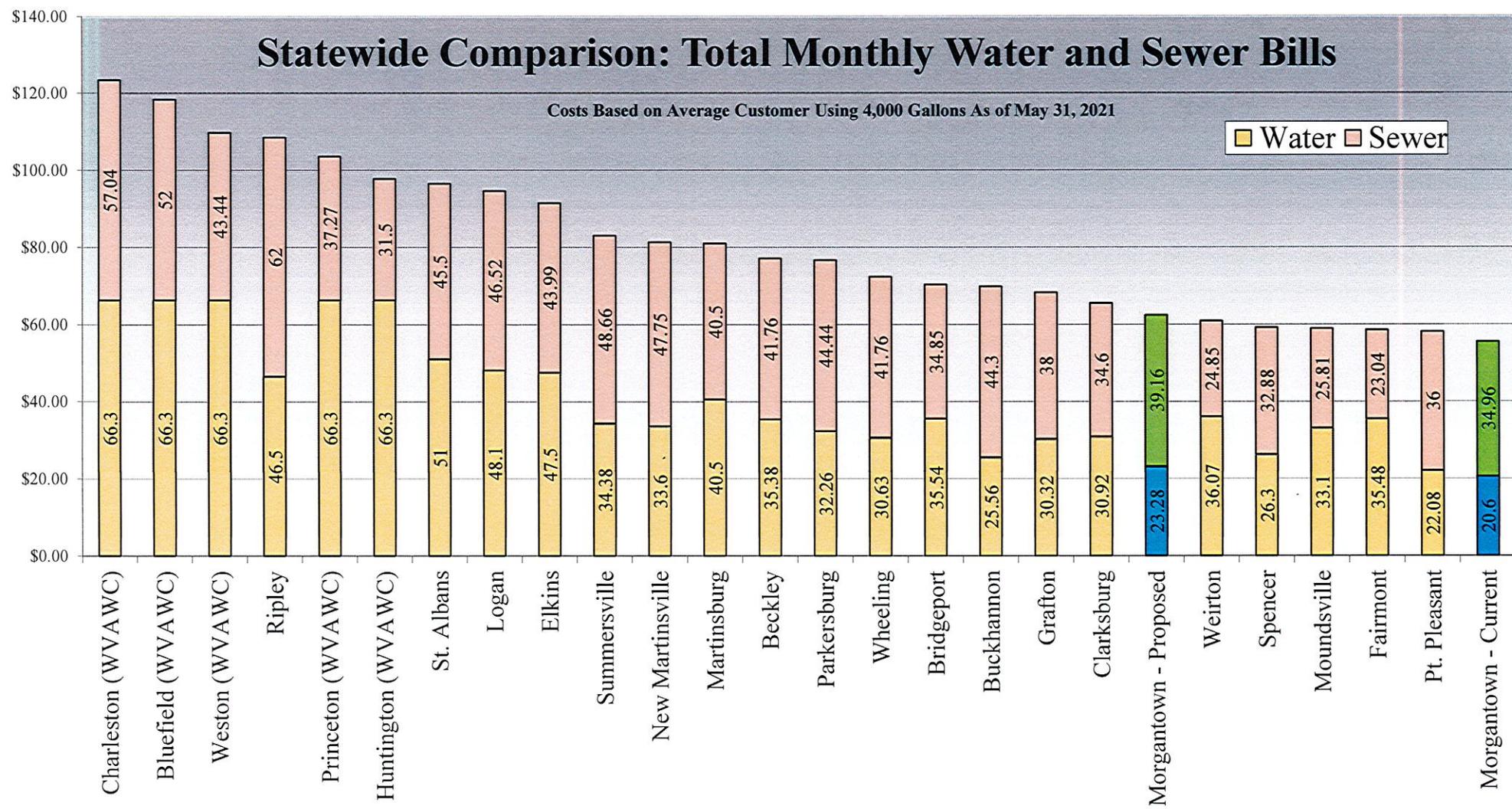
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# Statewide Comparison: Total Monthly Water and Sewer Bills

Costs Based on Average Customer Using 4,000 Gallons As of May 31, 2021

Water Sewer



**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER MINIMUM BILL**  
**BI-MONTHLY CUSTOMERS**

2,000 GALLONS OR LESS

|                           | <b>Current</b> | <b>Proposed</b> |                    |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                           | <b>Rates</b>   | <b>Rates</b>    | <b>\$ Increase</b> |
| Water                     | 10.30          | 11.64           | 1.34               |
| Sewer                     | 17.48          | 19.58           | 2.10               |
| Storm                     | 11.76          | 13.88           | 2.12               |
| <b>Total Minimum Bill</b> | <b>39.54</b>   | <b>45.10</b>    | <b>5.56</b>        |

## AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER BILL BI-MONTHLY CUSTOMERS

Based on 6,400 gallon bi-monthly consumption

|                              | <b>Current<br/>Rates</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>Rates</b> | <b>\$ Increase</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Water                        | 32.96                    | 37.25                     | 4.29               |
| Sewer                        | 55.94                    | 62.66                     | 6.72               |
| Storm                        | 11.76                    | 13.88                     | 2.12               |
| <b>Total Bi-Monthly Bill</b> | <b>100.66</b>            | <b>113.79</b>             | <b>13.13</b>       |