

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE M – FAIRWAYS WATER SYSTEM

PROPOSED Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2024

- A. WATER CHARGES ARE BILLED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE BILLING CYCLE:

Billing Periods

November 1 - January 31

February 1 - April 30

May 1 - July 31

August 1 - October 31

November 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024*

NOTE: * Rates subject to change on January 1, 2024

- B. WATER CHARGES

Metered Usage Rate: \$12.80 per 1,000 gallons + \$46.00 monthly service charge. (All customers subject to monthly service charge regardless of usage.)

- C. PAST DUE BILL CHARGE

All arrears of water rents, charges and penalties after thirty (30) days shall be subject to interest computed at the annual rate of 21% or 1 3/4% per month.

- D. RELEVY OF UNPAID BILLS

In October of each year all accounts in arrears will be referred to the property tax collector for inclusion on the following year's January tax bill. Included in these amounts will be a late charge of up to 4 months for the total amount due.

- E. PROPERTY TRANSFER CHARGE

There will be a charge of \$58.00 assessed each time title to a property changes or transfers. The charge will appear on the next scheduled billing of the new property owner. This fee will cover the cost of establishing a new customer account along with preparing pro-rated bills as needed for both the new and former owner. (*A total fee of \$69.00 will be charged to both sewer AND water customers).

- F. PROPERTY CLOSING CHARGE

There will be a charge of \$56.00* assessed to the current owner each time title to a property changes or transfers. The charge will appear on the final bill due on account and presented at closing of the property. This fee will cover operational and administrative costs incurred during the processing of account closeout. (*A total fee of \$93.00 will be charged to both sewer AND water customers).

- G. **INACCESSIBLE METER CHARGE**
An inaccessible meter charge of \$100.00 per month may be assessed to customers who refuse to allow access to their property for meter installation, who fail to remove obstructions encumbering access to the water meter or its remote read head, and/or who refuse access to their property for an indoor meter reading.
- H. **MULTIPLE REGISTER METER CHARGE**
Each register billed for gallonage plus service charge
- I. **METER READINGS**
If there is a meter reading discrepancy between the meter (located inside) versus the remote read head (located outside), it is the meter that has precedence. Meter tampering is unlawful and may result in legal action.
- J. **METER TAMPERING CHARGE**
Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances is prohibited. Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances will result in a \$50.00 fine plus a surcharge for labor and materials for replacing and/or repairing the tampered equipment and shall be imposed on the next water bill.
- K. **RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**
There will be a returned check charge of \$20.00. The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA) reserves the right not to accept checks in the future.
- L. **RESTORATION OF WATER SERVICE**

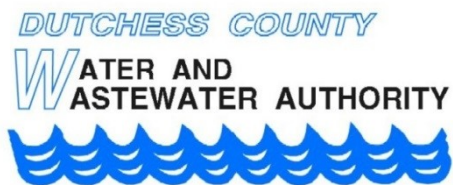
A customer may request water service to be temporarily suspended and shut off at the curb valve. However, the customer will remain financially responsible for all monthly service charges and applicable capital surcharges due per billing cycle while service is suspended. Additionally, a \$75.00 service restoration fee upon water turn on will be added to the next billing cycle.
- M. **SERVICE TAMPERING CHARGE**
Water service is turned on or off at the curb or the main by the DCWWA. Unauthorized persons are not permitted to turn water on or off at the curb valve or corporation stop. The owner of the affected property shall be subject to a service tampering charge of \$50.00 for each offense plus a surcharge for labor and materials for replacing and/or repairing the tampered equipment and shall be imposed on the next water bill.

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FAW-Fairway Water 2023 Proposed Budget

	<u>2022</u> <u>Adopted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
6150 Metered Water Sales	15,499.00	29,744.18
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6200 Water Interest, Penalties	550.00	550.00
6275 Water Relevy	0.00	0.00
6700 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
6900 Minor Sales	0.00	0.00
6985 Takeover Fee/Transfer from Fund Balance	7,500.00	0.00
6995 Interest Income (Operation)	0.00	0.00
6999 Interservice Area	0.00	0.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>50,045.00</u>	<u>56,790.18</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
7100 Electric	5,000.00	6,000.00
7150 Engineering	800.00	800.00
7200 Permit/Fees	120.00	120.00
7300 Buildings and Grounds	3,700.00	4,000.00
7350 Chemicals	500.00	906.80
7400 Equip Repairs & Maint.	10,000.00	8,000.00
7410 Equip Repairs & Maint. (System)	3,700.00	8,300.00
7450 Lab Costs	1,320.00	1,045.00
7500 Plant Operations	12,184.00	12,183.54
7600 Supplies Operation	0.00	0.00
7800 Testing Chemicals	250.00	385.00
7998 Operations Contingency	0.00	0.00
7999 Capital Contingency	0.00	0.00
8076 Billing P.S.	1,500.00	1,824.03
8077 Bookkeeping P.S.	1,204.00	845.00
8078 Meter/Collection P.S.	559.00	293.41
8079 Operation Support P.S.	2,398.00	4,068.00
8080 Authority Administration P.S.	5,262.00	6,424.00
8200 Accounting	103.00	108.11
8250 Legal	100.00	100.00
8400 Insurance	255.00	264.55
8500 Telephone	18.00	18.00
8525 Postage	149.00	145.00
8550 Office Supplies	0.00	0.00

8575 Security	530.00	530.00
8590 Annual Software Support and Maintenance Fee	112.00	256.16
8950 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
9100 Taxes	0.00	0.00
9550 Interest (System Contribution to General)	281.00	173.58
Total Expenses	50,045.00	56,790.18
Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	0.00	0.00
OTHER BUDGETED FINANCING SOURCE		
6998 unexpended Fund Balance for capital outlay	0.00	0.00
Estimated Available Fund Balance YTD		111,199
Adjusted Fund Balance		111,199.00



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November 17, 2022

Dear Resident Fairways Sewer/Water System:

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We have completed our preliminary budgets for 2023 with a proposed water rate for customers in the Fairways Water System at \$12.80/thousand gallons. The monthly service charge for the single-family residential customer will remain the same at \$46.00. This represents a 34.90% cost increase for single-family customers' water billing.

The Fairways Sewer System customers will see a 29.9% rate increase. Rates would increase to \$699.00 annually.

We anticipate a significant increase in Equipment, Repairs, and Maintenance due to multiple repairs and pump replacement, as well as an increase in the chemical expense which is projected to be up 83% in 2023.

Sincerely,

Kimberly FS Gutwein
Director of Finance