

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Lumberport, a public water utility, has adopted by ordinance on August 22, 2013 a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing water service to 755 total existing customers at and near the Town of Lumberport, in the County of Harrison. The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective October 6, 2013, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$61,602.00 annually in additional revenue, generally being a percentage increase of 28%, as follows:

SECTION 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations for the Government of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect, and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission shall automatically be a part of any contract between any Consumer and the Town of Lumberport.

SECTION 2. SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES AND PENALTIES

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within and outside Corporate Limits of Lumberport.

AVAILABILITY

Available for residential, commercial, and industrial service.

WATER RATES

0 - 2,000 gallons	\$ 10.34 per 1,000 gallons
2,000 - 10,000 gallons	\$ 10.04 per 1,000 gallons
10,000 - 35,000 gallons	\$ 9.48 per 1,000 gallons
35,000 - 60,000 gallons	\$ 8.92 per 1,000 gallons
Over - 60,000 gallons	\$ 8.63 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:

5/8" inch Meter	\$ 20.68 per 1,000 gallons
1" inch Meter	\$ 51.71 per 1,000 gallons
2" inch Meter	\$ 165.48 per 1,000 gallons
3" inch Meter	\$ 330.96 per 1,000 gallons
4" inch Meter	\$ 517.12 per 1,000 gallons

MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY

On apartment buildings or other multiple occupancy buildings, each family or business unit shall be required to pay not less than the minimum monthly charge herein established for five-eighths (5/8") meter. Motels and hotels shall pay according to the size of meter installed.

TRAILER COURTS

When house trailer courts are provided with a master meter, no bill shall be rendered for less than twenty dollars, sixty-eight cents (\$20.68) multiplied by the number of units situated on the court site at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the size meter installed, whichever is greater. House trailer (as used herein above) shall include both mobile and immobile units. House trailers, either mobile or immobile, located on sites other than a park or court, shall be billed in the same manner as any other family or business unit.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid within twenty (20) days, a ten percent (10%) charge shall be added to the net current amount unpaid. The delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

RECONNECTION SERVICE CHARGE

Whenever water service which has been previously disconnected or otherwise withheld for non-payment of water bills is reconnected, a fee of \$15.00 shall be charged.

TAP FEE

A tapping fee of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be charged each new customer inside and outside the corporate limits.

SECURITY DEPOSITS

A refundable security deposit of \$50.00 shall be required of all residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Said deposit will be refunded with interest (at a rate provided annually by the Public Service Commission) after 12 consecutive months of on time payments.

TRANSFER OF SERVICE

Transfer of service from one customer to another will involve a \$25.00 charge to the new customer for institution of account. Other conditions will constitute a \$5.00 charge.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

If a check received is returned by the bank for any reason, the bank's charge to the Town shall be the Town's charge to the customer for such returned check and under no circumstances shall the fee collected by the Town exceed \$20.00.

INCREMENTAL COST OF WATER

\$1.30 per 1,000 gallons. 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.

The average monthly bill for 4,000 gallons will be changed as follows:
\$ Increase: \$8.92 % Increase: 28%.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

- (1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or
- (2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or
- (3) Any customer or group of customers who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

PUBLISHER'S CERTIFICATE

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Loetta Greathouse
Advertising Manager of The Exponent-Telegram

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 10/15/13

Sarah E. Hurst
Notary Public in and for Harrison County, WV

My commission expires on

The 29th day of August 2017

