

RESOLUTION NO. 09-8.22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING RATES, FEES AND
CHARGES FOR POTABLE WATER, WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED
WATER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR INDEXING; AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, through its Utilities Department, provides potable water, wastewater and reclaimed water services to approximately 79,000 citizens of Martin County; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department operates as an enterprise fund of the County and therefore must recover the costs of operation through rates, fees and charges for services rendered; and

WHEREAS, such rates, fees and charges shall be just and equitable and may be based or computed upon the quantity of water consumed and/or upon the number and size of sewer connections or upon any other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished or upon any combination of the foregoing factors; and

WHEREAS, Utilities revenue bond resolution and loan agreements require the County to establish and maintain rates and collect such fees, rentals or other charges for services and facilities and to revise same from time to time whenever necessary, in order to meet debt service, debt service reserve requirements, and rate covenants as delineated in such resolutions and agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department has completed a comprehensive rate study to determine the fair and reasonable rates, fees and charges to be paid by new and existing potable water, wastewater and reclaimed water customers based on their respective demands for such services; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the rate making requirements set forth above, certain rates, fees and charges shall be automatically adjusted each year based on an amount equal to the prior year's Price Index for Water and Wastewater published by the Florida Public Service Commission on or before March 31 of each year said adjustment shall not be less than zero (0%) or exceed two and one half percent (2.5%); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES.

The schedules of rates, fees and charges shown at Exhibit "A", Capital Facility Charges shown as Exhibit "B" and Connection and Special Service Charges shown as Exhibit "C" which are attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted. The rates, fees and charges set forth in both Exhibit "A", "B" and "C" shall become effective for all bills sent on or after September 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. INDEXING AUTHORIZED.

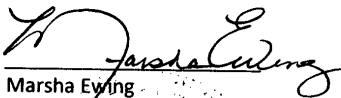
The Utilities Department shall annually adjust and increase the Water and Wastewater User Charges, Irrigation Service (Reclaimed Water) User Charges as referenced in Exhibit "A", any wholesale or bulk-Service Charges as may be imposed by the Utilities Department, any transmission wheeling charges or facility use charges imposed by the Utilities Department for the specific use of utility plant of the Utilities Department, and any other rate that is determined to be a service or use fee that is applied monthly by the Utilities Department (collectively, the "Applicable Rates") by applying a price index factor established for that year as provided in this section. All Applicable Rates so adjusted shall be reviewed by the Board during its annual budget workshops. All Applicable Rates so adjusted (the "Indexed Rates") shall be promulgated, published and implemented by the County as required by law annually on or after October 1st of the year in which the price index factor was established.

2.1 Price Index Factor. A price index adjustment factor expressed on a percentage basis as determined annually (the "Price Index Factor"), shall be applied to the Applicable Rates to provide a general recovery mechanism for the effects of inflation on the cost of providing water, wastewater, and irrigation services by the Utilities Department. The Price Index Factor to be applied by the County shall be equal to the annual water and wastewater utility operating expense price index approved by the Florida Public Service Commission or its successor in function, which is generally published prior to April 1 of each year.

2.2 Beginning on or after October 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, through October 1, 2014, the Applicable Rates shall be adjusted by an amount equal to the Price Index Factor determined in the prior fiscal year, with said annual adjustment not being less than zero (0%) nor exceeding two and one half percent (2.5%). Nothing in this section will preclude the County from adjusting the rates, fees, and charges as shown on Attachment "A" included herein in an amount greater than the Price Index Factor. The Indexed Rates resulting from the application of the Price Index Factor shall be rounded to the nearest cent.

DULY PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, Florida, on the 11th day of August, 2009.

ATTEST:

By: 
Marsha Ewing
Clerk of the Circuit Court

MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Susan L. Valliere, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL CORRECTNESS:

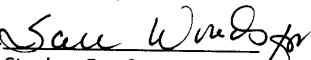
By: 
Stephen Fry, County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

USER RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES

1. **SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE** – Service availability charges (SAC) represents the cost of operating and maintaining facilities, both of which are related to unused capacity in the County’s potable water and wastewater systems. The purpose of the charge is to recover the operating costs of holding and maintaining the capital investment until such time that an applicant utilizes such reserved capacity. Such charges are in addition to impact or capital facility charges and are considered monthly recurring operating revenues of the Utility system.

For all SACs, the minimum monthly charge for water and wastewater service shall be the result of multiplying the number of equivalent residential/multi-family connections (ERC’s) by the applicable minimum monthly service charge as set forth below. SACs will be charged only to lots reserved under signed Developer Agreements and shall cease when individual lots are sold for development to end users. Developers may not avoid service availability charges by installing meters on undeveloped property and requesting these meters be locked off. Such action will cause a re-instatement of service availability charges.

Service	Customer Class (Per ERC)		
	Residential	Multi-Family	Commercial
Water	\$13.16	\$13.16	\$13.16
Wastewater	\$12.55	\$12.55	\$12.55

2. **CUSTOMER SERVICE CHARGE** – The customer service charge represents the cost of providing routine customer services such as reading meters, maintaining customer services on the account, and billing for services rendered. The Customer Service Charge is a fixed charge per month and is applied to each different service type billed monthly (excluding Service Availability Charges) with such charges being cumulative based on service type provided.

Service	
Water Type	\$2.10
Wastewater Type	\$3.28

3. **WATER AND WASTEWATER USER CHARGES** – Monthly user charges shall include (a) for each potable water account, a base facility charge and a water-conservation consumption charge; (b) for each wastewater account, a base facility charge and a usage charge; and (c) a customer service charge. Charges shall be assessed each month in accordance with the following:

3.1 Individually Metered Residential Service

- 3.1.1** Base Facility Charges – Base facility charges for water and wastewater are fixed charges per month, based on the connection size of the meter serving the customer account. If a customer requests that their meter be locked and their account final billed, and they return within twelve (12) months and re-open their account at the same service address, they shall be charged the minimum monthly base facility charge for each month their account was inactive.
- 3.1.2** Water Conservation Consumption Charges (Usage Charges) – The conservation consumption charges for potable water are inclining tiered volumetric charges based on the monthly billable potable water consumption, whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy. As applicable, water customers shall be assessed conservation charges for all metered water, including water metered from domestic-use meters and water metered from separate irrigation meters (refer to Section 3.7 for separately metered potable irrigation service).
- 3.1.3** Wastewater Volumetric Charges (Usage Charges) – The usage charge for wastewater service is a variable or volumetric charge based on the volume of billable potable water consumption whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy.
- 3.1.4** Calculation of Wastewater Volumetric Charges – Residential wastewater customers are charged the wastewater usage charge for all water consumption up to a defined billing cap. The wastewater billing cap is 10,000 gallons for single-family residential connections.
- 3.1.5** The 8/8” Fire Combo service represents combined water and fire line service to a residential individually metered account receiving water service as a single equivalent residential connection (1 ERC) and requires an oversized meter to provide capacity in the event of a fire. For customer billing purposes such service is referred to as 8/8” Fire Combo service and is not representative of the actual meter size required to provide domestic water use on behalf of the property.

MONTHLY USER RATES – INDIVIDUALLY METERED RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Potable Water Charges (individually metered)				
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):				
				\$2.10
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:				
5/8”	8/8” (Fire Combo)	1”	1½”	2”
\$13.16	\$15.21	\$32.90	\$65.80	\$105.28
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons) based on block rates (for all meter sizes):				
0 – 10,000 gallons				\$1.97
10,001 – 15,000 gallons				\$2.76
15,001 – 25,000 gallons				\$3.55
Above 25,000 gallons				\$4.33

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MONTHLY USER RATES – INDIVIDUALLY METERED RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Wastewater Charges					
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):					\$3.28
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:					
5/8"	8/8" (Fire Combo)	1"	1½"	2"	
\$12.55	\$12.55	\$12.55	\$12.55	\$12.55	
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons) based on water consumption (for all meter sizes):					
0 – 10,000 gallons					\$3.85

3.2 Master Metered Multi-Family Residential Service

3.2.1 Base Facility Charges for Master-Metered Multi-Family Residential Accounts – Base facility charges for water and wastewater are fixed charges per month per individual dwelling unit. Each dwelling unit is considered 0.5 ERCs for rate application purposes.

3.2.2 Water Consumption Charges for Master-Metered Multi-Family Residential Accounts (Usage Charges) – Water consumption charges shall be based on the number of individual dwelling units per account and the monthly metered consumption to such account. Consumption is billed through an inclining tiered rate block structure. The range of consumption billed per rate block tier shall be calculated based on the number of units per account multiplied by the consumption range per individual rate block tier (Example: amount of water consumption per rate block tier for an account with 3 dwelling units would be as follows: 3 units x 5,000 gallons = 15,000 gallons at the first tier; 3 units x 2,500 gallons = 7,500 gallons at the second tier; 3 units x 5,000 gallons = 15,000 gallons at the third tier; any consumption above this is charged at the fourth tier).

3.2.3 Wastewater Volumetric Charges (Usage Charges) – The usage charge for wastewater service is based on the volume of monthly billable potable water consumption whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy. All wastewater consumption is charged at the rate indicated in the table.

MONTHLY USER RATES – MASTER METERED MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Potable Water Charges (master metered)	
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):	\$2.10
Base Facility Charge, per dwelling unit:	\$6.58
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons per dwelling unit) based on block rates:	
0 – 5,000 gallons	\$1.97
5,001 – 7,500 gallons	\$2.76
7,501 – 12,500 gallons	\$3.55
Above 12,500 gallons	\$4.33
Wastewater Charges (master metered)	
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):	\$3.28
Base Facility Charge, per dwelling unit:	\$6.28
Usage Charges	
All Usage	\$3.85

3.3 Flat Rate Wastewater Only – Residential/Multi-Family Service

3.3.1 Wastewater Only Flat Rate – Where potable water service is not available and the premise receives wastewater service from the County, wastewater charges are based on a flat monthly charge per month per equivalent residential connection. This charge consists of a base facility charge, a consumption charge of 7,500 gallons per month per dwelling unit and a customer bill charge.

Wastewater Only Flat Rate \$44.71

3.4 Commercial Service

3.4.1 Base Facility Charges – Base facility charges for water and wastewater service are fixed charges per month, based on the connection size of the meter serving the customer account.

3.4.2 Water Consumption Charges (Usage Charge) – The consumption charges for potable water are volumetric charges based on the billable potable water consumption, whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy. Water customers shall be assessed consumption charges for all metered water, including water metered for domestic use and water metered from separate irrigation meters (refer to Section 3.7 for separately metered potable irrigation service).

3.4.3 Wastewater Volumetric Charges (Usage Charge) – The usage charge for wastewater service is a variable or volumetric charge based on the volume of billable potable water consumption whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy.

3.4.4 Calculation of Wastewater Volumetric Charges – Commercial wastewater customers are charged the wastewater usage charge for all water consumption billed for the connection.

MONTHLY USER RATES – COMMERCIAL SERVICE

Potable Water Charges (individually metered)							
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):							\$2.10
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
5/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"
\$15.66	\$39.21	\$78.30	\$125.28	\$250.57	\$391.51	\$783.02	\$1,409.44
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons):							
All Usage							\$2.38
Wastewater Charges (individually metered)							
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):							\$3.28
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
5/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"
\$14.93	\$37.39	\$74.67	\$119.48	\$238.95	\$373.36	\$746.73	\$1,344.11
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons):							
All Usage							\$3.85

3.5 Metered Wastewater Only – Commercial Service

- 3.5.1 Base Facility Charges – Base facility charges for wastewater accounts are fixed charges per month, based on the connection size of the meter serving the customer account.
- 3.5.2 Wastewater Volumetric Charges – The usage charge for wastewater service is a variable or volumetric charge based on the volume of wastewater flow whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy.
- 3.5.3 Calculation of Wastewater Volumetric Charges – Commercial wastewater customers are charged the wastewater usage charge for all metered wastewater flow billed for the connection.

MONTHLY USER RATES – COMMERCIAL							
Wastewater Charges (individually metered)							
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):							\$3.28
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
5/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"
\$14.93	\$37.39	\$74.67	\$119.48	\$238.95	\$373.36	\$746.73	\$1,344.11
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons):							
All Usage							\$3.85

3.6 Flat Rate Wastewater Only – Commercial Service

- 3.6.1 Wastewater Only Flat Rate – Where potable water service is not available and the premise receives wastewater service from the County, wastewater charges are based on a flat monthly charge per month per equivalent residential connection (1 ERC) This charge consists of a base facility charge, a consumption charge of 7,500 gallons per month per dwelling unit and a customer service charge.

Wastewater Only Flat Rate (per ERC) \$44.71

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3.7 Potable Irrigation

- 3.7.1 Base Facility Charges – Base facility charges for water are fixed charges per month, based on the connection size of the meter serving the customer account.
- 3.7.2 Water Conservation Consumption Charges – The conservation consumption charges for potable water are inclining tiered volumetric charges based on the monthly billable potable water consumption, whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy. Water customers shall be assessed conservation charges for all metered water.

MONTHLY USER RATES – IRRIGATION

Potable Water Charges (individually metered)							
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):							\$2.10
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
5/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"
\$15.66	\$39.21	\$78.30	\$125.28	\$250.57	\$391.51	\$783.02	\$1,409.44
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons) based on block rates (for all meter sizes):							
0 – 10,000 gallons							\$2.76
10,001 – 25,000 gallons							\$3.55
Above 25,000 gallons							\$4.33

3.8 Reclaimed Irrigation Service

- 3.8.1 Customers must submit their respective reclaimed water demand expressed on an average daily flow basis which shall represent the daily not-to-exceed per gallon contracted capacity (referred to as the “contracted capacity”). Reclaimed water irrigation service shall be billed per month based on the amount of contracted capacity multiplied by the number of days in the billing cycle expressed on a per 1,000 gallon basis. In each month where metered consumption exceeds the contracted capacity amount outlined in the reclaimed water agreement, the customer shall be charged the applicable rate for each thousand gallons registered above the agreed monthly allotment, and such rate may be different than the rate for contracted capacity.

MONTHLY USER RATES – RECLAIMED IRRIGATION SERVICE

Reclaimed Irrigation Charges	
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons of contracted capacity):	\$0.42
Usage Charges above Contracted Capacity (per 1,000 gallons of metered service):	0.42

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3.9 Industrial Waste

- 3.9.1 Customers must have an approved agreement for this service and are billed per the contracted capacity on a per 1,000 gallon basis.
- 3.9.2 Customers must submit (as part of their contract) their respective industrial waste requirements on a not-to-exceed per gallon basis. In each month where metered consumption exceeds the amount outlined in the industrial waste agreement, the customer shall be charged the applicable rate for each thousand gallons registered above the agreed monthly allotment.

MONTHLY USER RATES – INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Industrial Waste Charges	
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons of contracted capacity):	\$35.78

3.10 Fire Sprinkler Service Charge

- 3.10.1 Fire Sprinkler Service Charge – Readiness-to-serve charges pertaining to privately owned fire-protection systems and equipment connected to the County water system shall be assessed monthly in accordance with the following table based on the size of the service line connecting the private system to the County’s system. All costs of providing fire sprinkler service, including the service lateral, meter vault and detector check meter shall be the applicant’s responsibility. If any person shall connect any appurtenance other than sprinkler heads to a fire service line, that person shall pay the connection charges set out in Exhibit C (meter installation charges) and the monthly water service charges identified in the Commercial section.

MONTHLY USER RATES – FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE CHARGES

Fire Charges (individually metered)							
Customer Service Charge (per bill rendered for all meter sizes):						\$2.10	
Base Facility Charge by Meter Size:							
1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
\$6.53	\$10.44	\$20.88	\$32.63	\$65.25	\$117.45	\$169.65	\$280.58
All Usage:						Not Applicable	

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3.11 Temporary Metered Service

3.11.1 Temporary Metered Service – Charges for providing temporary water service for construction and other purposes shall be charged a fixed base facility charge per month.

3.11.2 Water Consumption Charges – The consumption charges for potable water are volumetric charges based on the billable potable water consumption, whether metered or estimated in accordance with approved policy.

MONTHLY USER RATES – TEMPORARY METERED SERVICE CHARGES

Temporary Metered Service Charges

Base Facility Charge:	\$51.21
Relocate or move temporary meter:	\$51.21 each move
If customer moves meter and it cannot be found at time of meter reading:	\$30.00
If meter is lost or stolen, security deposit is retained to pay for cost of meter:	Deposit
Usage Charges (per 1,000 gallons):	\$2.38

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EXHIBIT B

CAPITAL FACILITY CHARGES

1. **WATER CAPITAL FACILITY CHARGES** – Capacity fees for connection to the potable water component of Martin County Utilities system shall be charged in accordance with the following table.

<u>CUSTOMER CLASS</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Residential – Single Family (per unit)	\$1,710.00
Commercial (per unit)	\$1,710.00
Duplex (per unit)	\$1,710.00
Multi-Family (three or more dwelling units within one building (per ERC)	\$ 855.00

- [1] Single-family residential class (as used throughout this Schedule of Rates) includes all connections for individually metered dwelling units as such units are defined by the Land Development Code. Each such unit represents one equivalent residential connection (ERC). Each ERC represents an average daily potable water flow of 250 gpd (gallons per day).
- [2] Master-metered residential class (as used throughout this Schedule of Rates) includes all master-metered connections for apartments, condominiums, cooperatives, quadraplexes, triplexes, manufactured housing, and mobile homes used for multi-family residential purposes. Each such dwelling unit represents 0.5 ERC of potable water usage. The total ERCs for any such connection shall be based solely on the number of dwelling units approved for that connection. Connections in this class may not include usage for any other commercial, industrial, or institutional purpose. For purposes of this Schedule of Rates, "master-metered residential" and "multi-family residential" are synonymous. Multi-family residential properties that are individually metered by the County are considered to be single family (individually metered) residential class customers.
- [3] Commercial class (as used throughout this Schedule of Rates) includes all connections used primarily for commercial, industrial, and/or institutional purposes except connections used solely for multi-family residential purposes as defined above in note (2). Any connection which combines one or more dwelling units with any commercial, industrial, or institutional purpose other than the common-area usage associated with those dwellings is considered to be a commercial class customer.
- [4] Meter sizing is independent of capacity fee determination.

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2. **WASTEWATER CAPITAL FACILITY CHARGES** – Capacity fees for connection to the wastewater component of Martin County Utilities system shall be charged in accordance with the following table.

CUSTOMER CLASS	RATE
Residential – Single Family (per unit)	\$2,100.00
Commercial (per unit)	\$2,100.00
Duplex (per unit)	\$2,100.00
Multi-Family (three or more dwelling units within one building (per ERC)	\$1,050.00

- [1] Single-family residential class (as used throughout this Schedule of Rates) includes all connections for individually metered dwelling units as such units are defined by the Land Development Code. Each such unit represents one equivalent residential connection (ERC). Each wastewater ERC is based on an average daily potable water flow of 250 gpd (gallons per day).
- [2] Master-metered residential class (as used throughout this Schedule of Rates) includes all master-metered connections for apartments, condominiums, cooperatives, quadraplexes, triplexes, manufactured housing, and mobile homes used for multi-family residential purposes. Each such dwelling unit represents 0.5 ERC of wastewater based on the potable water usage. The total ERCs for any such connection shall be based solely on the number of dwelling units approved for that connection. Connections in this class may not include usage for any other commercial, industrial, or institutional purpose. For purposes of this Schedule of Rates, "master-metered residential" and "multi-family residential" are synonymous. Multi-family residential properties that are individually metered by the County are considered to be single family (individually metered for potable water service) residential class customers.
- [3] Commercial class (as used throughout this Schedule of Rates) includes all connections used primarily for commercial, industrial, and/or institutional purposes except connections used solely for multi-family residential purposes as defined above in note (2). Any connection which combines one or more dwelling units with any commercial, industrial, or institutional purpose other than the common-area usage associated with those dwellings is considered to be a commercial class customer. Wastewater is based on the potable water usage.

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EXHIBIT C

SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES – Special services or handling provided by the Utilities Department at the request of a customer or to correct improper customer activities shall be charged in accordance with the following table.

1. Customer Requested Services

SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES			BUSINESS-HOURS		
			CHARGE	AFTER-HOURS CHARGE	
Bench-test meter					
If tests accurate			\$20.00	N/A	
If tests inaccurate			No Charge	N/A	
Distribution line charge for North River Shores Area V			\$560.00	N/A	
Distribution line charge all other areas			Actual Cost	N/A	
Establish account and read/turn on for initial service			\$20.00	\$50.00	
Same day read/turn on for initial service			\$45.00	\$50.00	
Inspect line for damage/blockage (not County caused)			\$20.00	\$50.00	
Meter installation charge: [2]					
5/8"	8/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3" & Higher
\$335.00	\$335.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$900.00	Actual Cost
Perform turn on/turn off			\$20.00	\$50.00	
Re-read meter					
If read is accurate			\$20.00	N/A	
If read is inaccurate – adjustment to follow			No Charge	N/A	
Service lateral installation charge:					
5/8"	8/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3" & Higher
\$450.00	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Actual Cost

[1] Meters and service lines installed by the County shall remain the property of the County.
 [2] The potable water meter installation charge represents the cost of tapping the potable water line, installing the service line, and installing the meter and meter box. On request, the County will install at the customer's expense, a larger meter than the minimum size required for that connection. However, the County may not install a larger meter if the customer's demand is too low for the accuracy range of the meter size requested.
 [3] Back-Flow Prevention – each property connected to the County potable water system which has an alternate water supply source available to that property may be required by local ordinance to have a back-flow prevention device installed on the potable water line to prevent a potential cross-connection with and/or contamination of the County's potable water system.

2. Enforcement or Corrective Actions

SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES		BUSINESS-HOURS	
		CHARGE	AFTER-HOURS CHARGE
Replace damaged or missing equipment:			
Padlock		\$10.00	
Locking Device		\$40.00	
Meter Box		\$75.00	
Meter		\$100.00	
Reread meter due to customer obstruction		\$20.00	N/A

3. Delinquent Account Services

<u>SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES</u>	<u>BUSINESS-HOURS CHARGE</u>	<u>AFTER-HOURS CHARGE</u>
Attempt to collect delinquent account at service address	\$50.00	\$50.00
Reinstall water meter due to unpaid bills	N/A	N/A
Reinstall water meter due to illegal consumption – residential and multi-family class	100,000 gallons at lowest tiered rate	N/A
Reinstall water meter due to illegal consumption – commercial and irrigation class	100,000 gallons at lowest tiered rate	N/A
Reinstall sewer service lateral	Actual Cost	N/A
Returned Items for Payment:		
Checks up to \$50.00	\$25.00	
Checks \$50.01 to \$300.00	\$50.00	
Checks \$300.01 to \$800.00	\$50.00	
Checks over \$800.01	5% of Face Value	

[1] Returned items for payment – fee schedule is based on Section 832.085(5), Florida Statutes.

4. Customer Deposits

- 4.1 Residential** - All users shall make a security deposit with Martin County equal to two months' estimated use as determined by the County or \$50.00 for water and \$100 for water and wastewater, whichever is greater, prior to providing service. Such deposit may be adjusted when the user or the County demonstrates a permanent change in the pattern of use, as determined by the County. A refund of the deposit will be made if the account is free of delinquency notices for a 25-consecutive-month period. Required deposits shall be collected when the account is established.
- 4.2 Commercial** – All users shall make a security deposit with Martin County equal to two months' estimated use based on the previous occupant (if the premises is used for the same type of business) for water and wastewater, prior to providing service. If the premises are used for a different type of business the deposit will be based on estimated flows as determined by customer's engineer and/or the Utility Technical Service Division. Such deposit may be adjusted when the user or the County demonstrates a permanent change in the pattern of use, as determined by the County. A refund of the deposit will be made if the account is free of delinquency notices for a 25-consecutive-month period. Required deposits shall be collected when the account is established.

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4.3 Temporary Meters - All users requesting a temporary meter shall make a security deposit with Martin County as follows:

5/8" meter	\$335.00
2" meter	\$900.00

4.4 A refund of the deposit will be made when the account is closed. Required deposits shall be collected when the account is established. As indicated in Exhibit A, section 3.11, if a temporary meter is lost or stolen, the deposit will be retained to pay for the cost of the meter.

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