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**PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT #3  
OF CAMDEN COUNTY  
SERVING THE WATER DISTRICT**

**WATER RATE ORDINANCE 1.0**

Effective July 1, 2024, the following regulations will be instituted in regards to the Public Water Supply District #3 of Camden County, with quarterly water bills sent out on or about January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. All bills are payable on a net 30-day basis. A 30-day grace period ends on the “DUE DATE” indicated on the water bill. If the water bill remains unpaid by the tenth of the month following the “DUE DATE”, water service will be locked out.

Water meters will be read monthly to show amount(s) of water used per month/quarterly. Rates have been determined to be \$35.00 per month for 7,000 gallons of water used plus an “overage fee” of \$6.00 per each 1,000 gallons, or any amount thereof, of water over 7,000 gallons resulting in a quarterly bill of \$105.00 for 21,000 gallons of water plus \$6.00 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water used.

**NOTE: WRITTEN NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER PRIOR TO DISCONNECTING THE WATER SERVICE.**

1. The billed, responsible party shall be the property owner regardless as to whether they reside on the property or rent/lease it. This includes owners of rental property, including homes, duplexes, and triplexes. Homes are defined as single family residential units. Duplexes are defined as a building containing two (2) single family residential units. A triplex is defined as a building containing three (3) single family residential units. All owners of rental property will receive one quarterly billing, at the rate of \$105.00/ meter plus any “overage fees”. For example, if an individual owns six (6) single family residential units, the quarterly bill will be \$105.00 x 6 or \$630.00 plus any overage fees. (See paragraph above).

Water billing begins and comes due when the meter is set and continues from that day forward whether water is used or not.

The billed, responsible party shall be the property owner regardless as to whether they reside on the property or rent/lease it. All charges, penalties and fees are due from the property owner and remain due until paid regardless as to whether the property ownership changes hands by any means.

Any delinquent property shall have water service discontinued/shut off and will remain off until all balances are paid in full. Additionally, after 2 billing cycles of non-payment, the Board has the prerogative of pulling the meter to the property. After the 2 billing cycles the Board may at their discretion place a lien on the property at the Camden County Courthouse for \$900.00. The

current balance of past due water must be paid plus the fee deemed prudent by the Board prior to having the water meter installed. Properties with disconnected service will no longer incur the routine water charges.

2. The delinquent balance must be paid in full, plus a processing fee of \$50.00 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month or the next business day if the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend by 10:00 AM before water service will be reconnected during normal working hours. Normal working hours are defined as Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. No reconnections will be performed on weekends unless approved by the management company and the PWSD#3 Board. All appropriate fees/charges for such reconnection will be assessed to the property owner.
3. A \$25.00 late penalty fee plus a 2% finance charge /month on the unpaid balance will be assessed on the delinquent balance until it is paid in full.
4. All water shut offs will be accomplished by locking the service valve, in the off position, at the affected meter pit. Any property owner found tampering with the water connection system after water service has been disconnected could result in the meter being removed will be assessed a fine of \$500.00.
5. Failure to pay for water services provided by P.W.S.D. #3 is “UTILITY THEFT”. If the prior penalties do not result in compliance, the property owner is subject to report to the Camden County Sheriff’s Department. If the lock/seal is broken or removed, the property owner will be fined \$500 and will result in removal of water service. To restore service, the property owner will incur all costs associated with the removal/re-installation of service. All water hook-ups will be done by P.W.S.D. #3 or Managing Contractor.
6. Owners may pay quarterly bills at any time prior to their due date to avoid penalties and other charges.
7. Owners may prepay quarterly bills at any time.

#### Water Leaks.

Failure to repair a leak after the water meter within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the PWSD#3 will result in the water being shut off until the leak is repaired. Large leaks could require immediate shutoff and repair. The board has the discretion to waive large balances or make concessions on the amount after proof of repair by a licensed plumber.

### **COMMERCIAL RATE ORDINANCE 1.1**

All Commercial users receiving water service in Water District will be assessed a fee of \$110.00 per month (or \$385.00 per quarter) for a total of 21,000 gallons of water per quarter plus \$6.00 per each additional 1000 gallons, or any amount thereof, of water usage with quarterly water bills sent out on or about January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. All bills are payable on a net 30-day basis.

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