

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE is given by The Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-22 & 23, that a Public Rate Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Authority's Administration Building located at 1551 Highway 88 West, Brick, New Jersey. The purpose of this public hearing is to propose the following modifications to the existing Schedule of Rates, Fees and Service Charges, effective **May 1, 2018** as follows. All items **not** listed in this notice remain unchanged in the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Service Charges.

1. WATER SERVICE

1.1 Quarterly Use Charges

The minimum quarterly charge for all classes of users shall be as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Quarterly charge up to allowance</u>
Residential	3/4, 1, & 1 ½	\$24.33 plus \$3.71 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons
Multiple Dwelling (per Unit)	3/4 & 1	Same As Above
Commercial, Municipal & Schools	3/4 1 1 ½ 2 3	Same As Above

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6 & over

1.2 Excess of Quarterly Allowance

A rate of \$6.49 per 1,000 gallons will apply to water usage in excess of 10,000 gallons per quarter.

1.3 Lawn Irrigation and Sprinkler Accounts

The customer can choose to create a separate account (in addition to the existing account) for the purpose of metering outside water use. A meter charge will be applicable based on size of installation. This second account will meter all water used outside the home that is not discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The customer will not pay a minimum for this second account and will be charged only for the water consumption on the second meter as follows: A rate of \$6.49 per 1,000 gallons will apply up to 18,000 gallons per quarter. For Usage in excess of 18,000 gallons per quarter a rate of \$8.16 per 1,000 gallons will be charged.

1.6 Termination of Service Due to Non-Payment

Payment for services is due thirty (30) days after the billing date. If payment is not received within twenty (20) days after the due date, a *Shut off Notice* is generated. The Customer then has fifteen (15) days to make payment. Service will be shut off as soon as possible on or after the date that appears on the notice. Deferred payment plans for customers with past due accounts may be provided to avoid termination of service. There is a \$60.00 service call charge for all turn offs. In all cases the homeowner is ultimately responsible for all water and sewer payments for the account.

Following payment of the outstanding balance, restoration of service is performed during normal working hours: weekdays between 1:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. on the date of payment, provided the payment is received before 3:00 pm. There will be no additional charge for restoration of service provided the restoration of service is on a regular weekday within the hours noted above. An additional \$100.00 after hours charge shall be applied for payments received after 3:00 pm on regular workdays if the customer requests to have the service restored that same day. There will be no restoration of service after 9:00 p.m. Service that is requested to be restored on Saturday, Sunday or a Holiday shall incur a restoration fee of \$125.00.

1.7 One Time Water/Sewer Credit

Customers can apply for a one-time administrative credit for water/sewer usage due to a broken pipe, leaky toilet, valve, fixture or appliance. The credit amount will be the lesser of 50% of the normal average consumption of the user (determined by averaging the prior two years' consumption for the same period) or \$500.00. The property owner must make the request in writing, provide proof of repair and field verification must be performed by the BTMUA Meter Division.

The BTMUA is under no legal obligation to provide administrative one-time credits and they will be approved by the Executive Director and authorized by the Board of Commissioners on a case by case basis. This credit may only be used one time per person per property. If different owners become an owner of a property that received a one-time credit, they will not be entitled to an additional credit for that property.

1.9 Bulk Water Rate

The Bulk Water Rate for bulk water service to other communities is calculated at the time of this notice to be as follows:

\$4.50 per thousand gallons: representing a 5% discount on the Residential Single Family (RSF) average commodity rate (for a range of flows to accommodate peak demands (summer) and off-peak demands (winter)).

II. SEWER SERVICE

2.1 Quarterly Use Charge

Sewer usage charges are calculated on water meter readings. The minimum rate is \$65.04 plus \$4.53 for each 1,000 gallons of sewage generated up to 18,000 gallons quarterly.

Any excess over 18,000 will be billed at \$9.04 per 1,000 gallons on all accounts. In those instances where it may be necessary to charge on a "per fixture" basis, the minimum quarterly charge will be \$119.35 for

four fixtures. For each fixture over four the charge will be \$13.58 quarterly.

2.3 Sewer Credit

Sewer credit can be requested for a broken pipe that did not introduce flow into the sanitary sewer system. Sewer credits will be limited to \$500 per instance. The credit amount will be based on the difference of the period in question and the normal average consumption (determined by averaging the prior two years' consumption for same period). The owner must make a request for the credit in writing, provide proof of repair, and field verification must be performed by the BTMUA Meter Division. Repeated requests will be addressed by the Executive Director on a case by case basis and also may prompt refusal of credit consideration.

III. Initial Service Charges

3.2 Sewer

The initial service charge for a standard 4-inch connection to a single unit is \$4,235.00.

3.3 Water

The initial service charges, based on the size of the water service are as follows:

<u>Size (inches)</u>	<u>Charge</u>
3/4	\$ 4,283.00
1	7,514.00
1 1/2	11,049.00
2	15,136.00
3	22,934.00
4	35,836.00
6	68,875.00
8	137,828.00

VI. Miscellaneous Charges

6.1 Service Line Installation (Tap) Fees

6.1.1 Water Main Taps fees pay for labor and material to install the service line from the Authority's main to the curb. Water main charges are:

Size (Inches)	Fees
¾" & 1	\$3,150.00*
1 ½"	\$2,060.00
2"	\$2,210.00

*Includes Purchase and Installation of a meter pit.

6.1.2 Wet Cut Fees are for larger size taps. The charge will be for the cut only:

<u>Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
4	\$500.00
6	\$500.00
8	\$500.00

The cost of excavation, material and preparation of the main are at the expense of the applicant.

6.1.3 Sewer Main Tap Fees: The *standard installation* charge from a Brick Utilities' main to the curb line is \$2,510.00. A standard installation is defined as any tap on a sewer main that is less than 10' deep from finished grade and/or requires minimal dewatering (i.e. the installation of well points and/or deep wells is not required.), and/or does not require traffic control officers, impact attenuators or alternative methods of paving such as infrared paving. The fees for installations that do not meet the "standard installation" criteria shall be determined by the Authority's Engineer and will be based on actual labor, equipment and material costs. If requested, the Authority will provide the applicant with an estimate for the installation.

Manhole cores to a thickness of six inches are \$800.00

6.1.4 **Service Call Charges** will be billed at \$60.00 per hour for all regular and \$100.00 for overtime hours, Monday through Saturday. The rate for Sundays and holidays will be \$125.00 per hour. The minimum charge is one hour and time in excess of one hour will be charged in fifteen minute increments to the next highest quarter hour. Materials will be charged at cost plus 15% overhead.

6.2 **Cost of Water Meters, Installation, Repair, Testing & Related Services**

6.2.2 **Meter Removal, Testing & Certification Charges are based on meter size:**

Size (Inches)	Fee
Up to 1"	\$100.00
All others remain the same	

6.2.3 **Turnoff and Meter Winterization**

Size (Inches)	Fee
3/4"	\$ 60.00
1"	60.00
1 1/2"	85.00
2"	85.00

6.3 **Other Services**

Shut-off, or Restoration of Services:	\$ 60.00
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*There is a \$75.00 fee for a title search and will include a review of outstanding balances and a physical site inspection by the Meter Division to determine if there is any violation of an Authority policy or damage to any Authority equipment.

Any material or parts not specifically listed will be supplied at cost plus 15%.

6.5 Hydrant Flow Tests

Hydrant flow tests will be conducted by the applicant. The charge for an Authority observer is \$100.00. The observer will not be involved in the interpretation of the results.

6.6 Tampering, Illegal Connections and Theft of Services

In any case where a water meter has been adjusted, damaged or tampered with, the customer or owner on whose premises said meter is located shall be charged a minimum fee of \$500.00 or the actual cost of loss of service, whichever is greater. This fee shall be in addition to the charges to replace, repair, or service the damaged meter or equipment.

Any subsequent recurrence of tampering, illegal connections or any theft of services will be subject to a tampering fee of \$1,000 second offense and \$2,000 for the third offense.

Any occurrence of tampering, illegal connection or any theft of service may be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

6.7 Water Curb Box and Sewer Clean-Out Access

It is the responsibility of the customer/homeowner to maintain access at all times to the water curb box and sewer clean-outs which are generally located within the public right-of-way or in a Brick Utilities utility easement. In the event Brick Utilities determines the water curb box and/or the sewer clean-out are inaccessible, the customer/homeowner will have the following options to provide the required access:

Option 1: Self perform the work in conformance with Brick Utilities Standards and have the work inspected by Brick Utilities. An inspection fee of \$60.00 will be assessed. The customer/homeowner must complete the work within thirty (30) calendar days of notification or Brick Utilities will perform the work and bill the customer/homeowner in accordance with the fee scheduled noted under Option 2.

6.9 Specialty Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fees

6.9.1 Pressure Cleaning & Vacuum removal of debris from sanitary sewer system: \$1.25 per linear foot.

6.9.3 Routine closed circuit television inspection of sanitary sewer mains: \$1.52 per linear foot.

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Chairman