

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 additional modifications to the existing Schedule of Rates, Fees and Service Charges, effective **May 1, 2018** as follows. **This notice is in addition to a previously published PUBLIC NOTICE of modifications to the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Service Charge.** All items **not** listed in this notice, and in the previous notice, remain unchanged in the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Service Charges.

1. WATER SERVICE

1.6 Termination of Service Due to Non-Payment

Payment for services is due thirty (30) days after the billing date. Bills remaining unpaid 30 days after the billing date are classified as delinquent. Delinquent balances accrue Per Diem interest at the rate of 18% per annum. Deferred payment plans for customers with past due accounts can be arranged in most cases. Interest will continue to accrue daily on all outstanding balances unless paid in full. Any account in arrears of \$125.00 or more as of December 31st will be subject to tax lien sale conducted in accordance with New Jersey State Statute (NJSA 54:5-2).

In the event that a tax lien sale is not able to be conducted, then in that event, if any payment is not received within twenty (20) days after the due date, a shut off notice may be generated.

The shut off for non-payment procedure shall be as follows, to wit:

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 shall have 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. There is a \$60.00 service call charge for all turn offs.

In all cases the Customer 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.

Service may be restored without payment for a Customer who calls after regular business hours. After hour charges shall apply as stated above. The Customer must come in the following business day before 9:00am and make payment in full by cash, check or money order.

Failure to make payment before 9:00 am will result in a second turn off, as well as additional shut off and restoration charges. Customer or adult over 18 years old must be present at time of reactivation of service; and

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/valve, leaky fixtures such as faucets, toilets, shower heads, hose bibs and appliances (example: water heater). The credit amount will be 50% of the overage of the normal average quarterly consumption (based on averaging the prior two years' consumption for the same period), not to exceed \$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 obligation to provide administrative one-time credits and they will be approved by the Authority on a case by case basis. This credit may only be used one time per owner, per property.

2.3 Sewer Credit

A sewer credit can be requested for a metered leak that did not introduce flow into the sanitary sewer system. Sewer credits will not exceed \$500 per instance. The credit amount will be based on the usage from the leak and compared to the normal average consumption (determined by averaging the prior two years' consumption for the 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.

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Chairman