

Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Penalties

WATER CONNECTION FEES

(1) Consumers:

- (a) For each connection after Construction of Water Lines:

3/4 inch line: \$ 900.00

1 inch line: \$1800.00

2 inch line: \$3000.00

(Plus \$75 Deposit)

- (b) If it is determined by the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department that a consumer cannot pay the above water connection fees due to consumer's financial difficulties, then upon satisfactory evidence, the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department is authorized to allow said consumer to pay the appropriate water connection fee over a period of six (6) months, beginning with the date of installation.

(2) Developers:

For each connection where developer installs line at no charge to the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department:

3/4 inch line: \$900.00

1 inch line: \$1,800.00

2 inch line: \$3,000.00

Security Deposits:

A seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) security shall be collected for water from all consumers who rent for residential purposes. A one hundred dollar (\$100.00) security deposit shall be collected from all consumers who rent for commercial purposes. Security deposits for industrial renters shall be charged on a case by case basis.

Unpaid Bills:

- (1) Property owners shall be responsible for any unpaid water bills.
- (2) A twenty-five (\$25.00) transfer fee must be paid to have services transferred from one customer to another customer.

RATE SCHEDULES

A. Generally:

All water rates for the Customers of the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department shall be set time to time by the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department with requirement of

Approval by the County. However, water rates will not increase without a ten (10) day notice to the Customer. Notice will be sufficiently given to the Customer by A publication of the rate changes once in the official newspaper of Baldwin County prior to the rate increase.

B. Water Rates:

(1) The base water rates for residential, industrial and commercial Customers with a meter of one inch or less shall be as follows: (as adopted on September 1, 2008)

(a) For the first 1,000 gallons used, whether or not any water is used at all, there shall be a minimum charge of \$20.50 (\$16.00 water meter charge plus \$4.50 for first 1,000 gallons).

(b) For any usage from 1,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons, there shall be a charge of \$4.50 per additional 1,000 gallons.

(c) For any usage from 5,001 gallons to 30,000 gallons, there shall be a charge of \$5.60 per thousand gallons.

(d) For any usage over 30,000 gallons, there shall be a charge of \$6.70 per thousand gallons.

(2) The minimum monthly charge for water meters of one inch in diameter or greater for residential, industrial, and commercial Customers shall be as follows:

(a) ¾ inch to 1 inch \$16.00

(b) 2 inch \$35.00

(c) 6 inch \$350.00

(d) 8 inch \$425.00

(e) Above 8 inches is set by the Baldwin Co. Water and Sewer Department

(3) The water fire line monthly minimum rates for industrial and commercial customers shall be as follows:

	Size	Rate
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(a)	4 inch	\$8.00
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(b)	6 inch	\$10.00
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(c)	8 inch	\$15.00
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(d)	10 inch	\$20.00
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(e) (Above 10 inches is set by Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department)

(4) Late fee is three dollars (\$3.00) if bill is not paid by the 15th of each month.

(5) Nonpayment fee is fifty dollar (\$50.00) if bill is not paid by the end of business day of the 25th of each month. If the 25th falls on a weekend or holiday then the nonpayment fee will be imposed if the bill is not paid by the end of the next business day.

C. Return Checks/Bank Drafts

Customers who make payments with checks that are not covered with sufficient funds in the depository upon which they are drawn shall be charged a return check fee set by the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department. Initially, the return check fee shall be thirty-five (\$35.00). This fee may be amended by Baldwin County Water from time to time and any such amendment shall become effective upon publication of notice thereof in the official organ of Baldwin County for one week. The Superintendent may require any customer whose check has been returned for insufficient funds to pay monthly water bills and all other charges assessed by the Baldwin County Water in cash or certified funds for the duration of their account with the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department.

D. Resumption of Discontinued Service:

If water service is discontinued for nonpayment, the Baldwin County Water shall not resume water service to the violating Customer until the bill and all penalties have been paid in full and a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable service fee has been paid to the Baldwin County Water and Sewer Department by the violating Customer.

E. Additional Services

For an additional service call a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) per service call will be assessed and added to the customer's water bill. Additional service calls are for the following:

- a) Termination of Service - If the customer prevents access to the meter so that service may not be terminated.
- b) Re-Read - Customers request that we make a return visit for a re-read of the meter.
- c) Home Inspections - Requests for water be turned on for home inspections.
- d) Turn On or Off - Requests for inactive or active water to be turned on or off to fix a leak.
- e) After Hours: Requests for after-hours connects or reconnects.