BAYVIEW MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

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I. CONNECTION TO WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

A. Tap Fees:

Prior to connection to the District's water and sewer system, tap fees per proposed unit for connection to the water and sewer systems shall be paid to the District. The fees shall be paid as follows:

Water Tapping Fees		Long Tap
3/4" Standard Tap	$3,000.00	plus $300.00
1" Water Tap	$3,500.00	plus $300.00
2" Water Tap	$5,000.00	plus $300.00

Sewer Connection Fees	
4" Standard Sewer Connection	$3,000.00
6" Sewer Connection	$5,000.00

The Board of Directors will determine other size fees.

It will be the applicant's responsibility to hire a licensed plumber to install the sewer tap. Plumbing permits will need to be pulled by the licensed plumber from the District office. The homestead exemption does not apply to installation of sewer tap.

RV Parks, Manufactured Home Parks and Apartment Complexes: The tap fees are the same as listed above plus a fee of $750.00 per space or apartment to cover the initial cost of supplying service to the park or apartment complex by the District.

An application for Tap must be completed and approved by the District and a county or city building permit secured prior to taps being installed. The sizes and tap fees for any connection other than the fees listed above will be determined by the District. Fees for any Business or Commercial Connection which would require more demand than a normal single-family unit would be determined by the District accordingly.

Separate taps will be required for each unit as per Section 291.89(a) (4) of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC). The definition of a unit is defined as each single-family house, garage apartment, apartment, trailer, business or any type building connected to the District's water and/or sewer system. If a unit that has been supplied by a tap is torn down or removed from the property, another unit could replace the removed unit and utilize the existing tap if only one unit is being supplied by the tap.

In addition to the tap/connection fee, the cost of construction of any portion of a water and/or sewer line extension required to be constructed from the District's water and/or sewer main to the point of connection with customer's lines shall be paid to the District by such customer at a rate of $350.00 per hour for 1 operator and 1 helper plus equipment and materials. If a fire hydrant or manhole is required in a line to be maintained by the District, the cost and installation will be the responsibility of the District.

Water and Sewer lines on the customer's side of the District's water meter must not be extended across property lines. A separate tap shall be required for each parcel of land and defined by the Galveston County Appraisal District or each unit at the time of the tap.

EASEMENT – If an easement is required, the customer must obtain this easement at his own expense or pay the costs of condemnation of an easement by the District.

Water and Sewer lines that are maintained by the District may not be extended without furnishing the District with easements that have been properly recorded in the records of Galveston County. All water meters will be set on district easements,

In addition, any commercial, industrial, or residential developer who proposes and develops land within the District which causes the District's water and/or sewer Distribution Facilities to exceed present capacity regulations governed by state and/or other permitted requirements, shall, at such Developer's expense and not the District's Expense, upgrade necessary improvements or construction required to the water/sewer facilities in order for the District to stay in compliance with all state, county and/or other required governed regulations and laws. The Developer must bring the property, the surrounding property, streets, and signs back to or better than the state it was before construction.

Prior to the connection with the Water and Sewer Service, all inspections, fees, damages and deposits must be paid in full to all District rules must be complied with. In addition, for new construction or units moved into the district, county building permits and completion certificates are also required.

B. Inspections per Plumbing Code

All inspections must be made by the District's inspector and requests should be made to the District's office twenty-four hours in advance of inspection. Inspections are necessary to determine compatibility with the District's Plumbing Code. Failure to secure inspections required by the District may result in a refusal of water and sewer service. If work starts before permits are purchased - the fees will be doubled. Inspections shall be charged as per Plumbing Application fees.

C. Application for Service

Applications for Service must be completed and signed by a legally responsible adult. The signing party will be responsible for all fees and charges at said location. If it is determined that an applicant has prior arrangements with the district, said arrearage must be paid in full prior to connection of service.

D. Service Agreement with Customer

Prior to receiving permanent water service (upon initial completion of an improvement in the District, upon reinstatement of water service after a turn-off, or upon transfer of water service to a new customer), the customer must execute and deliver to the District's office a service agreement supplied by the District.

E. Customer Service Inspection Certifications

C.S.I's must be completed and delivered to the District: (1) prior to the time the District's operator provides sanitary sewer service or permanent water service to a new connection in the District, (2) within 5 days after an existing customer receives notice from the District that it has a reason to believe that cross-connections or other unacceptable plumbing practices exist at his establishment, or (3) within 30 days after any material improvement, correction or addition is made to the private plumbing facilities of any connection. Failure to provide such certification is a violation of these rules. If the customer requests the District to complete the Service Inspection Certification and the time is available, a fee of $40.00 will be charged for this service.

F. Definitions

Residential: A living unit with one connection, bathroom and kitchen facilities not used for commercial purposes as defined herein and used exclusively for residential purposes.

Commercial/Multi-Unit Commercial: Any office building, retail store, clubhouse, warehouse, service station, or other establishment rendering a service or offering a product for sale to the public and any establishment not generally considered a single-family residence, including any motel, hotel, mobile home park, RV park, or apartment complex with multiple residential units rented, leased or used in any way to generate profits.

II. WATER AND SEWER RATES

A. Water- Single Unit Residential/Commercial

1. Single unit with standard water taps shall be billed as follows:
   First 2,000 gallons (minimum) - $22.38
   From 3,000 to 7,000 gallons - $6.15 per 1,000 gallons
   From 8,000 to 10,000 gallons - $7.60 per 1,000 gallons
   All over 10,000 gallons - $15.25 per 1,000 gallons
2. 1" Meters - First 2,000 gallons - $24.00 w/3,000 and up - same as above
   2" Meters - First 2,000 gallons - $59.00 w/3,000 and up - same as above

B. Sewer- Single Unit Residential/Commercial

1. Single unit shall be billed monthly as follows:
   First 2,000 gallons (minimum) $22.88
   From 3,000 to 7,000 gallons - $6.30 per 1,000 gallons
   From 8,000 to 10,000 gallons - $6.50 per 1,000 gallons
   All over 10,000 gallons - $8.25 per 1,000 gallons

C. Multi-Unit

1. The District shall charge the single unit for water and sewer usage for EACH unit served by a single tap.

2. Reduction in the multi-unit charge may be allowed under the following conditions:
   a) A vacant building, trailer or mobile home may be removed from the District's billing, provided that the water line to the building is physically disconnected and plugged onto the exterior of the building in a manner acceptable to the District's Plumbing Inspector, and said disconnection shall be visible at all times to the District's Plumbing Inspector.

D. Out of District Water and Sewer Rates

The District shall charge monthly rates for customers who are outside of the District's boundaries at the rate of two and a half (2.5) times the In District Water & Sewer Rates:

1. (Water) Single Unit Residences shall be billed as follows:
   First 2,000 gallons (minimum) - $35.62
   From 3,000 to 7,000 gallons - $15.37 per 1,000 gallons
   From 8,000 to 10,000 gallons - $19.00 per 1,000 gallons
   All over 10,000 gallons - $38.12 per 1,000 gallons
2. (Sewer) Single Unit Residences shall be billed as follows:
   First 2,000 gallons (minimum) - $36.88
   From 3,000 to 7,000 gallons - $15.75 per 1,000 gallons
   From 8,000 to 10,000 gallons - $16.25 per 1,000 gallons
   All over 10,000 gallons - $20.63 per 1,000 gallons

III. PAYMENTS

All payment for water and sewer services must be made to the District office. No payment outside of the District office will be accepted. Payments may be made after hours in the payment box in front of the water office.

IV. ADDITIONAL CHARGES

A. A late payment charge of 15% of the prior month's water and sewer billing unpaid balance will be due to the District for any monthly water or sewer bill which is not paid on or before the 10th day of the month. A drop box is available for after-hour payments and on weekends and holidays.

B. A charge of $25.00 will be due to the District for any check which is returned to the District.

C. A regulatory assessment of 1/2% (.005) by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is applied to the customer's bill.

D. A $0.20 Gulf Coast Water Authority fee will be added to each monthly bill and may increase annually based on the Authority's annual October 1st adjustment, divided by the number of customers and then by 12 months.

E. Fire Department Fee is charged $9.00 for residential unit and $22.00 for commercial/Multi-unit commercial per meter. This fee may be adjusted by the District with the approval of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. The Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department fee is mandatory pursuant to the elections of 1986 and 2002. All fees for fire protections service will be uniform and equal. No free service shall be granted. The fee for fire protections service shall be considered a part of the fee for provision of water and sewer services, and payment shall be subject to enforcement either by termination of all services or by Imposition of fines. The following regulations are to govern fire protection services within the District: Fire protection services are provided to District customers through a contract between the District and the Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department. The Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department is not an agent, subdivision, subsidiary or subcontractor of the District, and the District is not responsible in any way for the acts of commission or omission, either voluntary or involuntary, of the Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department.

F. There will be a fee of $35.00 added to the residential customer's bill for solid waste & recycling services with possible yearly rate increases as required.

G. An additional charge of $50.00 shall be collected for reconnecting services requested outside of regular business hours.

H. The customer will be charged the replacement cost of any District property that is damaged or destroyed by the customer or the contractors working on behalf of the customer. In addition, all repairs to the District's facilities shall be made by the District at the property owner's expense. The District reserves the right to delay or terminate water and sewer service until restitution has been made. If repairs are needed to customers' lines on private property and are not made by customers within a reasonable time frame, the District may make those repairs at the property owner's expense in order to ensure and protect the integrity of the District's water and sewer system. The district shall charge at a rate of $150.00 per hour.

I. Any customer who removes or damages a lock or turns on water supply once water has been turned off by the District, may have their water meter removed and will be charged $100.00.

J. If a customer requests temporary disconnection of service, the customer will be charged $45.00. Temporary disconnection should be no longer than 3 months. If service is not reinstated at the end of 3 months, service will be closed out.

K. DUMPSTERS: The Health District requires dumpsters to be placed on cement slabs (which must be at a grade to ensure positive drainage away from slab) and tied into the sewer system as required by state law for dumpsters at restaurants and grocery stores.

L. Water meters must always be accessible to District personnel. Customers who cover meters with obstacles will be notified. If the meter is not uncovered, the District will remove the obstacle at the customer's expense.

M. If it is determined that a disconnected sewer is allowing infiltration of water into the District's sewer system, the line will be capped by the District, and a fee will be charged by the District for removing the cap prior to allowing new service from said line. The charge for the removal of the plug by the District, after repairs are made, will be at the customer's expense. Refer to Article V, Item F, Water & Sewer Rate Schedule.

N. A fee of $3.50 will be added to the customers' bill for streetlights which were approved by the voters of Bayview M.U.D. in May of 1998.

O. There will be a charge of $3.00 each, to re-print a statement or bill.

P. A fee of $200.00 will be charged if a customer requests their meter be removed and tested at an independent facility, with an approval form to be signed first.

Q. A fee of $75.00 will be charged per Annual Backflow Prevention Assembly Test.

V. TERMINATION OF SERVICE

A. Termination

The District reserves the right to terminate service to any customer whose account is not paid on or before 12:00 noon of the 17th day of the month. The customer wishing to contest or explain his/her bill must inform the District Operation in writing on or before the first day of the month prior to the billing due date and may appear before the Board of Directors at the next regular board meeting in person or by written correspondence, and the Board shall hear and consider the matter and inform the customer of the Board's determination by sending written notice to the customer by first class United States mail stating whether service will be continued or discontinued. The District reserves the right to terminate service to customers who violate Bayview M.U. D.'s rules. Service will not be reinstated until compliance with rules and all fees are met. If water and sewer service have been terminated and the premises continue to be occupied, a cutoff valve will be placed on the sewer line. If it is determined that a health issue exists, the Galveston County Health Department may be contacted. Customers that do not comply with the Districts Plumbing Requirements and/or Water and Sewer Rate Schedule will receive a door tag indicating the noncompliance and a registered letter will be sent. If after five days the Customer continues to disregard the requirements the Customer's water service may be disconnected.

B. Termination Fee

If service to a customer is terminated, a fee of $50.00 will be collected at such a location. Service shall not be reinstated until all fees and charges have been paid in full.

C. Returned Check Policy

Bayview Municipal Utility District will attempt to contact the person by phone and/or door hanger and service will be terminated after three (3) working days if restitution is not made for current and active accounts. Any check returned to the district will assess a charge of $25.00. The amount of the check and the fee shall be paid to the district in cash, cashier's check or money order. Customers who issue more than two (2) returned checks within a one-year period will be required to pay future payments in cash, cashier check or money order for a period of two (2) years, unless it is determined to be a bank error. After the two (2) year period and they are reinstated to write checks, if two (2) checks are returned within a one-year period again, the same process starts over. The District will not re-run checks for any reason. Any check returned for fees associated with reconnection of service will waive notice requirements. Service will immediately be disconnected upon notification by a bank that a check has been returned. Service will remain off until proper restitution is made in accordance with the above paragraph.

VI. CREDIT CARDS

Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted for payment of bills. Also, if for any reason the credit card or debit card is not honored there will be a charge of $25.00 assessed to the customer.

VII. SECURITY DEPOSITS

A deposit of $150.00 shall be required of each rented single-family residence, including townhouses, rent houses, trailers and apartments, connected to the District's system. A deposit of $100.00 shall be required for each owner-occupied single-family residence. Proof of ownership, duly recorded in the records of Galveston County, Texas, must be submitted with application to apply for owner deposit. County or City Building permits are required prior to providing water service.

Deposits for commercial businesses shall be $200.00, or two and one-half (2½) times the average water and sewer bill, whichever is greater. The commercial customer shall be charged $200.00 at the time of connection and if the deposit needs to be increased due to average water and sewer bills it shall be increased at any time and the increase shall be billed to the customer. Such sums shall be held by the District as deposits to assure prompt payment of all charges for water and sewer. Deposits may be increased by $50.00 if a customer is on the cut-off list more than four (4) times in a twelve (12) month period. Deposits paid by owners for service to owner-occupied single-family residents will be returned by the District upon request by the owner following the completion of three years continuous service of water and/or sewer service with no late fees or disconnection of service for non-payment. If the owner of property accepts responsibility for water and sewer bills at his rental property, $100.00 deposit will be required if owner signs the application for water and sewer service and the bill is mailed directly to the owner. Deposits paid shall be returned at the termination of service to said address after the final bill has been paid.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Future Adjustments

The District reserves the right to increase rates and fees from time to time when, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, such increases are required to cover the costs of administration, efficient operation and adequate maintenance of the District's water and sewer system.

B. No Free Service

No free service shall be granted to any user within the District for services furnished by the District's water and sewer system. All charges for water and/or sewer service shall be made as required herein under Articles II & III.

C. Water Wells

No water wells shall be drilled within the District until the plans for said well are approved by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, as well as the District Board of Directors. Users and/or owner of such water well shall be liable for all permits required for use of such well in addition to any fines, fees or reprimands which may occur from non-compliance with permits. An inter-connect of any kind with the District's water service system by a user of a well is prohibited. ALL CURRENT OWNERS OF OPERATIONAL WELLS MUST REGISTERED WITH THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Wells Used for Potable Water Purposes

At the time a water well, service is to be engaged, an application to permit the use of the well shall be filed with the District, at which time water service will be terminated from the District's water service system and lines capped at the District's main at customer's expense. Prior to engaging well service, the User shall be required to comply with the District's deposit requirements and to purchase and install a meter on the water well service line in order to charge user for sewer service rendered according to applicable sewer rate schedules adopted hereunder. As a condition of District service, district personnel reserves access rights to such meter always.

2. Water Wells Used for Irrigation Purposes Only.

Water wells used for irrigation purposes only and are not connected to the district's water and/or sewer the integrity of the District's water supply. For additional information on Backflow Devices refer to Item #10 of the Bayview M. U. D. Plumbing -Requirements.

D. Grinder or Sewage Pumps

The installation of a grinder pump or sewage pump is prohibited.

E. Cross Connections

The Customer shall allow his/her property to be inspected for cross-connections and other undesirable plumbing practices.

F. Sewer Adjustments

Sewer adjustments shall only be made on leaks that have been verified by a representative of the District. A repair must be inspected by the District's inspector prior to a sewer adjustment being considered. Adjustments will not be made to fill swimming pools or watering of lawns.

G. Fire Protection

The following regulations are to govern fire protection services within the District: Fire protection services are provided to District customers through a contract between the District and the Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department. The Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department is not an agent, subdivision or subcontractor of the District, and the District is not responsible in any way for the acts of commission or omission, either voluntarily or involuntarily, of the Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department

H. Penalties for Violation

The Board hereby imposes the following civil penalties for breach of any rule of the District. A violation of any rule or regulation of the District may result in a fine to be determined by the Board based on (1) the severity of the violation, (2) whether such violation was knowing or reckless or inadvertent, (3) the history of offenses by such person and, (4) damages sustained by the District. The maximum fine per violation is $5,000.00. Each day's violation of a rule or regulation of the District is a separate offense. A penalty under this Section is in addition to any other penalty provided by the laws of this State and may be enforced by complaints filed in the appropriate court of jurisdiction in the county in which the District's principal office or meeting place is located. If the District prevails in any suit to enforce its rules, it may, in the same action, recover any reasonable fees for attorneys, expert witnesses, and other costs incurred by the District before the court. The amount of the attorneys' fees shall be fixed by the court. The district reserves the right to discontinue any or all facilities or services to prevent abuse or to enforce payment.

I. Applicability of Rate Order

This Rate Order and all of the provisions herein apply only to utility services to land within the District. The Board of Directors shall determine whether to provide any utility service to areas outside of the District and the terms and conditions for such services.

J. Effectiveness

This order, with all provisions and policies supersedes all orders proceeding.

K. Temporary Service and/or Special Services

1. Temporary Connections

Temporary connections to water and sewer services to properties for cleanup purposes by the District to single or multi units, including houses, townhouses, apartments, and trailers, shall require a $100.00 deposit. The meter will be read at the time of turn on. In the event cleaning purposes require more than seven calendar days, or the meter reflects water usage at the time of cut off, the customer will be charged as Sections II and III of this Order. Otherwise, the customer will be charged $60.00 total fee for cutting on and off. Fees for services rendered shall be deducted from the deposit and the remainder will be returned to the original depositor.

2. Temporary Special Services

Any person, corporation or other entity who receives water from the District for any purpose shall meet all requirements as listed under Article VIII, Miscellaneous Provisions and Articles II and III.

3. Emergency Services

Emergency Services shall meet the same requirements listed under Article VIII, Miscellaneous Provisions and Articles II & III.

4. Penalties

PENALTIES SHALL BE THE SAME AS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE VII, MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ITEM “G,” HEREIN.