

RATE ORDER
(Amended effective January 1, 2016)

WHEREAS, Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District (the "District"), of Travis County, Texas, owns, operates and maintains a water and sewage system designed to serve present and future inhabitants within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously established fees, charges and conditions for service from the District's water and sewage system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the fees, charges and conditions for water and sewage service should be modified; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HURST CREEK MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT that the following fees, charges and conditions for receiving water, sewage and trash service from the District are hereby adopted:

I. RESIDENTIAL BILLING:

- a. A Service Agreement must be executed and filed with the District's office prior to occupancy of a residence or business; a copy of said Service Agreement is attached as an exhibit to this document. If no Service Agreement is on file, the District will obtain the owner's information from the appraisal rolls of the Travis County Appraisal District and a Service Agreement will be forwarded to the person or persons listed as owner of the property. Failure to complete a Service Agreement with the District prior to occupancy may result in water disconnection.
- b. The District uses a two-month billing period (bi-monthly). Bills are mailed out around the second week of February, April, June, August, October and December, and are due around the 9th of the following month. A 10% penalty is added if payment is not received in the District Office on or before the 9th of the month following the billing month. If payment is not received by the Monday following the due date, the District will mail a Notice of Intent to Terminate Service. Service will be terminated 45 days after the billing date if full payment is not received. A door hanger will be placed on the residence door 3 days prior to the disconnection date. This door hanger will result in an additional \$15.00 fee that will be added to the past due amount. A Customer's obligation to make timely payments for service is not released or diminished because a bill was not received. For Returned checks a \$35.00 charge will be added to the customer's bill to cover the District's cost of handling and the service is subject to termination.

- c. **RESTORATION OF SERVICE.** A reconnection fee of \$100.00 is required with all other amounts due before the service is restored. In such an event, payment of the amount due must be in the form of credit card, cash, money order or cashier's check. Request for water to be reconnected must be received by 4:00 p.m. during business days, Monday through Friday, for the same day service. Water will not be reconnected on weekends or holidays. If service is restored by anyone other than the District's personnel, the meter will be locked or removed and a penalty of \$300.00 will be required before service is restored.

II. RESIDENTIAL RATES:

a. Bi-monthly Water Rates

After connection, the District shall charge the bi-monthly rate to each metered unit regardless of water usage.

The charge for treated water per living unit equivalent (LUE), based on the City of Austin's LUE schedule, shall be as follows:

<u>Water Usage</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Base Fee	\$ 29.56 (for 2 months)
0-50,000 gallons	\$ 2.43 per 1,000 gallons
50,001-100,000 gallons	\$ 2.72 per 1,000 gallons
over 100,001 gallons	\$ 3.01 per 1,000 gallons

b. Bi-monthly Sewage Rates

After connection, sewer customers shall be billed bi-monthly. Sewer charges shall be based on the water usage during the previous December and January billing period, or calculated on actual water consumption bi-monthly if no winter month's consumption is available.

<u>WASTEWATER USAGE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Base Fee	\$ 18.00 (for 2 months)
	\$ 1.75 per 1,000 gallons not to exceed \$37.50 (maximum)

In the event that the customer had no recorded water usage for the previous December and January billing period, or any portion thereof, then the bi-monthly charge for sewer service shall be based on the actual water usage and the base fee, not to exceed \$37.50 for both per two month billing period; provided, however, that the District may monitor the actual sewer flow from any customer and use the amount derived from such study to determine the monthly charge until the water usage data is available for the December and January period.

III. TRASH BILLING:

The District shall bill and collect bi-monthly garbage and recycling fees along with the water and sewer billings as set forth in the Order Approving Addition of Garbage Collection Charge to Water and Wastewater Bill, herein attached as an exhibit to this Rate Order.

IV. COMMERCIAL RATES AND BILLING:

- a. Commercial accounts will be billed monthly.

Potable Water base fee:

Water: \$14.78 per LUE (Living Unit Equivalent.)

Potable Water Usage	Rates (monthly rates)
0-25,000 gallons	\$ 2.43 per 1,000 gallons
25,001-50,000 gallons	\$ 2.72 per 1,000 gallons
Over 50,001 gallons	\$ 3.01 per 1,000 gallons

Sewage Rates (monthly rates)

Sewage: \$ 9.00 per LUE (Living Unit Equivalent.)

\$ 1.75 per 1,000 gallons

Fire Hydrant Usage

\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons

b. Irrigation Water:

1. **Effluent Water:** The District shall charge a rate of \$1.76 per 1,000 gallons per month, based on actual amount of water used for the preceding month.
2. **Raw Water:** The District shall charge a rate of \$1.52 per 1,000 gallons and raw water is subject to the base fee minimum charge of \$25.00.

V. **TAP FEES:**

a. Water Tap Connection

Prior to connection to the District's water system, the applicant must present evidence that the building permit from the Hills Property Owners Association (the "Hills P.O.A.") Architectural Committee has been received and shall pay the tap fees described below to the District to cover the cost of inspection or connection and the cost of providing the water meter. No connections shall be covered in the ground until a representative of the District has inspected the connection. Water tap fees, when paid, shall entitle the person paying the water tap fee to connect to the District's Water System. Prior to the time that a Certificate of Occupancy for the house issued by the Hills P.O.A. Architectural Committee, water provided through the connection shall be used only for construction purposes and not for human consumption. Consumption of water by humans prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy shall constitute grounds for immediate disconnection of any tap made and discontinuance of service.

If the facility being constructed is not certified for occupancy, then the District may disconnect and refuse to provide service. In such event, no subsequent connection may be made without payment of the water tap fee then in effect.

Meter Sizes (inches)	Tap Fees
3/4	1241.70
1	1421.70
1-1/2	*
2	*
3	*
4	*
5	*
6	*

*Three (3) times the actual cost of the tap or connection, including all necessary labor, service lines and meters.

b. Sewer Tap Connection

All connections to the District's sewage system shall be made in accordance with the District's "Rules and Regulations Governing Sewer House lines and Sewage Connections" and latest edition of "The Uniform Plumbing Code." A sewer tap fee of \$2,000.00 shall be charged for each connection made to the District's sewage system. An additional charge will be made for larger connections. Sewer tap fees, when paid, shall entitle the person paying the sewer tap fee to connect to the District's sewage system. If the facility constructed is not certified for occupancy, then the District may disconnect any tap made and discontinue service or may refuse to provide service. In such event, no subsequent connection may be made without payment of the sewer tap fee then in effect.

c. Tap Deposit. A refundable tap deposit of \$500.00 will be required for new home construction. The tap deposit will be refunded when the home is sold, less any re-inspection fees, utility fees due, or repairs to the water, sewage or drainage facilities damaged during construction.

d. New Home Construction Inspections. No water or sewer connection or yard-line shall be covered in the ground before a representative of the District has inspected the connection (refer to the Order Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Water and Sanitary Sewer Facilities). The fee for water, sewer and drainage inspections will be \$300.00 and is included with the new home "Tap Fee". The Builder will insure that all inspections required by Hurst Creek M.U.D. shall be completed prior to occupancy of the home. Failure to meet this requirement will result in forfeiture of the deposit.

VI. DRAINAGE FEE:

a. Drainage construction and improvements will be completed in accordance with the District's "Drainage System Rules".

b. For new home construction, a \$2,500.00 deposit ("Deposit") will be included with the tap permit fee obtained prior to construction to cover the costs of an engineering review of the required drainage plan and inspection of the final drainage construction. Both the

Deposit and tap permit fee must be submitted to the District before the District will accept a drainage plan for review. If the District incurs engineering or inspection costs related to a drainage permit in excess of the initial Deposit, the District will invoice the permit holder for the additional costs, and the permit holder will pay the invoiced amount to the District within 30 days of the date of the invoice. If the costs the District incurs are less than the Deposit, the District will refund the excess amount when the meter is transferred from the permit holder to the homeowner. The District will only transfer ownership of the meter once outstanding amounts due by the permit holder are paid to the District in full.

- c. Replatted lots will be subject to the District's "Drainage System Rules". The District will require a Drainage Plan to be reviewed and approved by the District's engineer, at a cost of \$200.00, and completion of the drainage improvements prior to final approval. The Village of the Hills Board of Aldermen will not approve a replat without the District's written approval that all drainage construction rules have been met and the necessary drainage facilities constructed.

VI. PERMIT FEES:

*Irrigation Permit-\$100.00

Irrigation Permit plus backflow test performed by the District's licensed tester-\$165.00

All irrigation system installations must be installed by a State of Texas licensed irrigation installer.

Remodels requiring plumbing inspections-\$300.00

Water Heater Replacement-\$55.00

Propane Tank Inspection-\$150.00

Swimming Pool-\$150.00

*Swimming Pool with a backflow device-\$270.00

Swimming Pool with propane but **NO** backflow device-\$270.00

*Swimming Pool with a backflow device & propane tank-\$400.00

***All backflow devices must be tested by a State of Texas licensed tester, this cost is not included with the irrigation or pool permit.**


VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

- a. Within District. The rates set out in this schedule apply only to service within the boundaries of the District.
- b. Future Adjustments. The District reserves the right to adjust rates and fees from time-to-time when, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, such adjustments are required to meet the cost of administration, efficient operation, and adequate maintenance of the District's water supply, water distribution, and wastewater collection and treatment systems.
- c. No Free Service. No free service shall be granted to any user for water, sewer, and garbage/recycling services furnished by the District whether such user be a charitable or eleemosynary institution, a political subdivision, or a municipal corporation, and all charges for water, sewer and garbage/recycling shall be made as required herein.
- d. Effective Date. This order is effective for all water, sewer, drainage and trash/recycling services provided after January 1, 2016.

This Order supersedes all prior orders, resolutions, and other actions of the Board concerning fees and charges for water and sewage service.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of December, 2015.


HURST CREEK MUNICIPAL UTILITY
DISTRICT



Wilson Smith, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

(SEAL)



Raymond R. Arvay, Secretary, Board of Directors

