

**MAURICEVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER AND SEWER USE ORDINANCE
(AS OF 5/20/25)**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CLASSES OF USERS;
WATER AND SEWER CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC
REVIEW OF WATER AND SEWER RATES; ESTABLISHING
BILLING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE
COLLECTION OF SEWAGE; REQUIRING THE CONNECTION
OF EXISTING SERVICE TO THE LOW-PRESSURE SYSTEM
OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR
NEW CONNECTIONS BEGINNING AS OF THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE;
PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTANCES;
SETTING STANDARDS FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS
AND EXTENSIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE
VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS
OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING
FOR ENFORCEMENT HEREOF**

WHEREAS, the Mauriceville Municipal Utility District (the “District”) has provided facilities for the production and distribution of potable water to residential and business users within its boundaries;

WHEREAS, the District shall hereafter provide facilities for collection and treatment of sewage to promote health, safety, and convenience of its residential and business customers and to safeguard the water resources within the District;

WHEREAS, such water and sewer facilities shall be designed, constructed, and operated for the purpose of providing water and sanitary sewage service for domestic sewage only, without industrial wastes, and without excessive amounts of storm drainage or ground water;

WHEREAS, proper protection and operation of the sanitary sewer collection and treatment facilities may require exclusion or regulated discharge of waste matter other than domestic sewage, as well as exclusion of storm drainage or ground water; and

WHEREAS, existing ordinances and regulations for water and sanitary sewer use must be supplemented in order to meet requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”).

Any existing water and sanitary sewer ordinance of the District including but not limited to the ordinances adopted as of July 18, 2000, are hereby amended, modified and supplemented to read as hereinafter set forth:

SECTION 1

A. DEFINITIONS

The meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

1. District. The Mauriceville Municipal Utility District, a Municipal purpose district created by the Texas Commission Environmental Quality “TCEQ”.
2. District’s Sewer System. The sanitary sewer collection, disposal and treatment facilities constructed and operated by the District and any sanitary sewer system or sewer extensions which may be built within the District in the future.
3. District’s Water System. The water production and distribution facilities operated or to be constructed by the District as currently operating and any water system extensions which may be built within the District in the future.
4. Wastewater Pump Station. The individual lift stations located at each commercial building or residence which are installed, owned, and maintained by the District as part of the District’s Low Pressure Sewer System. The waste water pump station includes a pump, tank, controls, control panel, valves, piping, electric wiring and related facilities.
5. Low Pressure Sewer System (LPSS). The sanitary sewer collection system installed by the District.
6. Revenues. Any funds received for water or sanitary sewer service, tap fees, service charge fees, disconnect fees, reconnection fees or any and all other charges except for service deposits that may be charged and collected by the District from the ownership and operation of its water and sanitary sewer service systems.
7. Service Line. The sewer line from the foundation of a business or residence to the District’s waste water pump station which line is on property of a residence or commercial building and not within an easement dedicated to the District.
8. Dwelling. Any structure having a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom or individual electric service meter.
9. Place of Business. Office, commercial or retail establishment that is non-residential and utilizes water or sewer service.
10. Abusive Use. Includes direct physical damage or indirect damage such as introducing non bio-degradable material into the sewer system.
11. Grease. Grease means organic polar compounds derived from animal and/or plant sources that contain multiple carbon chain triglyceride molecules. These substances are detectable and measurable using analytical test procedures established in 40 CFR 136, as may be amended from time to time. All are sometimes referred to herein as “grease” or “greases.”

SECTION 2

A. CLASSES OF USERS

All users of the District's water and sewer services shall be grouped into the following classes:

1. Resident users, consisting of residential users located within the District or private users located outside the District.
2. Non-resident users, consisting of small commercial users located outside the District.
3. Commercial users, consisting of users located within the District to which service to a non-residential structure is provided.

All water and sewer charges shall be assessed in such a manner that each class of users pays its proportionate share of all debt service and operation and maintenance for water and sewer service. Other classes of users shall be added in the future if necessary.

All residential and commercial customers may be grouped into sub-classes according to the meter size provided to their residence and/or commercial establishment.

SECTION 3

A. WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

Each resident user, non-resident user and commercial user shall pay monthly service charges. The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for water and sanitary sewer services furnished to residential and commercial customers within and outside the District.

B. RESIDENT/ NON-RESIDENT USER RATES & COMMERCIAL USER RATES

1. Water Rates (decreased by 2% as of June 1, 2022)

0 Gallons.	\$25.60 (Base Rate)
0 to 7,999 Gallons.	\$ 4.79 per 1,000 Gallons
8,000 and above	\$ 5.08 per 1,000 Gallons

2. Sewer Rates (increased \$9.60 base as of July 1, 2007)

0 Gallons.	\$29.35 (Base Rate)
0 to 7,999 Gallons.	\$ 4.25 per 1,000 Gallons
8,000 and above	\$ 4.50 per 1,000 Gallons

The number of water and wastewater minimums that a RV park will be charged monthly will be determined by the number of RV's connected to Mauriceville Municipal Utility District's system the day that the water meter is read for the prior month's billing.

3. Bulk Water Rates and Rules for adjacent utilities with CCN's

0 Gallons.	\$25.60 (Base Rate)
Usage	\$ 4.00 per 1,000 Gallons

Installation Requirements:

- Pay for water meter, double check valve and their water valve at the interconnection.
- Pay for the annual Back Flow Prevention Assembly test for the double check valve.

C. LEAK ADJUSTMENTS

Customers with excessive bills due to leaks shall be eligible for consideration of an adjustment to their water and/or sewer bill.

The following must be determined in making the decision for an adjustment:

1. The amount of the water and/or sewer bill must be at least double the normal usage.
2. No negligence such as failure to prevent a reoccurrence of the same or similar leaks.
3. No more than one (1) leak adjustment will be allowed within a 12-month period.

The customer will be allowed to pay only the actual production cost of the water over and above the twelve (12) month average for that customer.

For leaks that allow the resulting water to enter the wastewater system, the same method will apply to any wastewater charges.

Actual production cost as of this date is \$2.59 per 1,000 gallons.

The adjustment can be no more than two (2) consecutive months for two (2) consecutive billing cycles for no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Any adjustments over one thousand dollars (\$1,000) must be approved by the board. The District reserves the right to refuse a leak adjustment if there is a probable evidence of water misuse.

If the district is asked to turn off a customer's water due to a leak, the customer will be required to install a shut off valve on the customer's side of the meter placed outside of the M.M.U.D. meter box but not more than 3 feet from the spud before water will be restored.

D. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

The General Manager has the authority to authorize a onetime credit up to \$100.00 to customers at his or her discretion.

Any fees that a customer has accrued, upon due process, may be waived by the General Manager's or Office Manager's authority.

The General Manager has authority to change the service agreement section on easements to describe the actual location of water and sewer lines as necessary.

E. INSTALLMENT PLAN FOR HIGH WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Any customer with water or sewer charges that are two and one half times their average usage may pay the bill in twelve equal payments. Only one installment may be active at a time.

F. WHOLESALE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Wholesale water and sewer service shall be at rates negotiated between the District and wholesale users.

G. MULTIPLE UNITS ON SINGLE METERS

Each dwelling, place of business, or commercial establishment shall pay a water and or sewer base rate for every unit on the meter and any additional usage.

H. AWWA METER EQUIVALENTS

The following meter equivalents will be followed:

I. AWWA SPECIFICATIONS

AWWA Specifications all removed as of Regular Board Meeting on 10/20/09.

*Each meter's corresponding service equivalent will represent the number of minimums that are charged to that customer's account.

SECTION 4

A. TAP CHARGES

The District shall provide water taps in accordance with the following fee schedule, effective November 15, 2022. Estimates are required for all installations, due to the unique nature of each project.

Update as of 05/20/2025

<u>Water Meter Size</u>	<u>Fee</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$950.00
1"	\$1,150.00
1.5"	\$1,650.00
2"	\$1,950.00
Larger than 2"	Estimate Required

<u>Sewer System</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Simplex (1 unit)	\$4,750.00
Duplex (2 to 15 units)	Estimate Required
Large Units	Estimate Required

The District shall acquire the Low-Pressure Sewer System described in Section 15, and each new residential or commercial customer after November 15, 2022, shall pay the District a sum of four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,750.00) for the acquisition and installation of a simplex low pressure sewer system.

A duplex unit is required when there will be 3-15 units, place of public gathering or commercial use.

SECTION 5

A. OTHER CHARGES

1. A service charge of \$50.00 is required for turning on customer water.
2. A charge of \$25.00 is required for insufficient fund checks.
3. All bills are due on the 1st of the month, a delinquent charge of \$10.00 will be added if the bill is not paid on or before the 10th of each month.
4. All bills are due on the 1st of the month, a delinquent charge of \$20.00 will be added if the bill is not paid on or before the 20th of each month.
5. All bills are due on the 1st of the month, a delinquent charge of \$50.00 will be added if the bill is not paid on or before the 1st business day of the month following when the bill was due.
6. An additional \$100.00 security deposit is required if the customer is cut off twice for non-payment. **(Maximum deposit of \$250.00 for a homeowner and \$350.00 for a non-property owner.)**
7. A service call to a duplex wastewater system that requires removal of non-biodegradable or other prohibited material shall be \$160.00 per customer and a maximum of \$1,600.00. The fee charged will be spread evenly between all customers connected to the unit that is services. Any pump replacement, equipment damage, or other fees and expenditures shall be distributed evenly to all connections/customer accounts utilizing said duplex unit.

8. The customer will be charged a fee of \$50.00 for temporary water service after a **“Temporary Service Inspection”** has been done. In addition to this fee, there will be the normal charge for the usage of water. This service will be for a 90-day period and will be prior to the property having a **“Final Customer Service Inspection”** and will be renewable only twice for a total of 270 days or 9 months.
9. A \$500.00 reconnection charge must be paid if service is terminated for the use of a private water well connected to the District’s system as provided for in Section 9 and Section 13 of this document.
10. Unauthorized Use Fee for Theft of Service of \$500.00 will be charged to any customer that obtains water without the consent, knowledge and authorization of the District.
11. Service call to a simplex wastewater system that requires removal of non-biodegradable material shall be \$160.00.
12. Tamper fee will be \$50.00 for any instance that a customer or individual removes device (that the District has installed) in an attempt to restore service or to make self-repairs.
13. Service call to repair water meter for accidental damage shall be the replacement cost of the individual parts as well as labor (as noted on fee sheet).
14. Road bores will be done at a charge of \$15.00 per foot for up to 4”. All over 4” will require an estimate.
15. All estimates will require a \$55.00 fee for easement filing.
16. The normal charge to relocate a Low Pressure Sewer System is the normal grinder installation fee less the average cost of the pump. During the installation, or not more than thirty (30) days, after the installation of the new unit, crews will remove the pump and controls, secure the lid and abandon the tank in place.
17. Use of the vacuum rig: Each call out on the vacuum rig will be at a charge of \$250.00. After (3) call outs where the vacuum rig has to be used for removal of grease or foreign debris, service will be disconnected.
18. In order to transfer service on a property that has been sold, arrangements must be made to pay any past due balance before services will be turned on or transferred.
19. When a property/account has been inactive or abandoned, Mauriceville Municipal Utility District shall inspect the water and wastewater system on the property. If required, an estimate will be prepared. If the property owner decides to request services from Mauriceville Municipal Utility District arrangements must be made to pay for all damages by the prospective landowner or the previous landowner before services can be turned on. The second option is for the landowner to apply for new water and wastewater taps, pay for the taps and go through all the required steps for a new tap service before it can be turned on. A CSI inspection will be required before services will be restored.

20. Customers are responsible for repairing and/or replacing the utility district's water and/or wastewater system, on their property, that is damaged or stolen by criminal activity, accidents, and/or otherwise damaged before services are restored. The customer and/or their insurance company shall pay for the repairs before the required repairs are scheduled. A CSI inspection will be required before services will be restored.

SECTION 6

A. SERVICE DEPOSITS

Service deposits hereafter shall be established by the District prior to receiving a water tap or, if services currently available, prior to the time that service is made available to the customer.

Notwithstanding the right of the District to establish such other deposits as it may deem appropriate for residential or commercial customers. Residential and commercial property shall require a deposit of \$150.00 and non-property owner shall have a deposit of \$250.00 or the landlord has the option of signing an "Alternate Billing Agreement".

The person owning rental property will be required to establish a deposit on each of his/her rental property accounts and will have the option to sign an "Alternate Billing Agreement for Rental Accounts". The billing agreement states that he/she is authorizing the Mauriceville Municipal Utility District to send all billings on the account to the person(s) and address listed on the particular agreement. It further states that he/she understands that he/she is responsible to see that the account balance is kept current, as is any other account in the Corporation. It also states that the account shall not be reinstated until all debt on the account has been retired.

Under the "Alternate Billing Agreement" the person owning rental property will be allowed to do one of the following two things regarding deposits:

1. Service can be issued to the tenant with the tenant paying a deposit of \$250.00, or
2. Service can be issued to the landlord with the landlord paying a deposit of \$150.00.

The District has determined that no interest shall be paid on any deposits to be established by District customers.

If a renter is turned off for non-pay more than 2 times, the landowner will be required to guarantee the account for the renter before the service can be restored.

SECTION 7

A. PERIODIC REVIEW OF RATES

The District shall review the water and sewer rates not less than once annually on the basis of expenditures incurred in providing services. Expenditures shall be calculated separately for the following services:

1. Water service, including supply, treatment, and distribution.
2. Sewer service, including collection, transportation, treatment, and disposal.
3. Debt service for water and sewer facilities (for non-resident users).

Calculated expenditures for water and sewer services shall include:

1. Direct operation and maintenance expense.
2. Allowances for replacement of major system components.
3. Allowances for vehicle replacement.
4. Administration and billing expenses.

Water rates shall be determined on the basis of calculated expenditures required for water supply. Sewer rates shall be determined on the basis of calculated expenditures for the sewage collection and treatment system. In each case, allowances shall be made for contingencies and for excess or deficient revenues collected during the preceding year.

All water and sewer charges prescribed in Section III of this Ordinance (including debt service) shall be adjusted on the basis of this review. These charges shall be established so that each class of users pays all debt service, plus all operation and maintenance for water and sewer service, attributable to that class of users.

All water and sewer charges shall be apportioned on the basis of metered water volume.

SECTION 8

A. BILLING PROCEDURES

The District shall issue an itemized monthly bill to each water and/or sewer customer, indicating the amount due for water and sewer service. To non-resident customers, the District shall issue an itemized monthly bill to each water and/or sewer customer, indicating the amount due for water service and sewer service, which charges shall include an amount for the water and sewer debt service. The entire bill shall be payable to the District on the **1st day of each month and late after the 10th**. Payment of water charges shall not be accepted without payment also of sewer charge.

SECTION 9

A. DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE

The District may disconnect service to any customer for any of the following reasons:

1. At the request of the customer.
2. Failure to pay all water and sewer charges by the 1st business day of the month after the bill is due.
3. Existence of a known hazardous condition that could adversely affect the District or the customer at whose property an adverse condition has been found.
4. Service established through meter bypassing, unauthorized connection, or unauthorized reconnection.
5. Tampering with water meter or other District facilities.
6. Open clean-outs or pipes allowing rain/storm water to enter the sewer system.
7. Flows from a private water well entering the sewer system.
8. Abusive use by introducing grease or non-bio-degradable materials to the sewer system.
9. Failure to pay any fee by the individual customer will result in disconnection of service within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of issuance of the bill.

If disconnection is solely due to failure of a customer to pay monthly charges or upon the failure of a customer to pay other charges, the District will:

1. Give at least twenty-four (24) hour notice prior to disconnection.
2. Have District personnel available to collect delinquent bills and to make reconnections after payments have been made, during regular business hours when district personnel are available.
3. NOT schedule any disconnects due to lack of payment on a Friday, a federal holiday, or within 24 hours before a federal holiday.

SECTION 10

A. USE OF COLLECTED FUNDS

The District shall maintain such accounting procedures and control of expenditures as necessary to ensure that all funds are spent as designated.

SECTION 11

A. SUFFICIENCY OF REVENUE

The Board of Directors has determined that the charges prescribed in this Ordinance are necessary and sufficient to cover all costs of debt service and operation and maintenance of the District's water production, treatment and distribution system, after adjusting for the following factors:

1. Other revenue sources such as sewer charges, grants, and interest income.
2. The portion of that other revenue required for debt service and operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system.
3. The portion of that other revenue required for proposed capital improvements to water and sewer systems.

SECTION 12

A. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the rules and regulations herein above stated, all water service within the District shall be subject to the following additional legal requirements:

1. Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. All use of water within the District shall be subject to the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan adopted by the Board of Directors of the District on April 23, 2019, and as such Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan may hereafter be amended or modified by the Board of Directors of the District.
2. Plumbing Codes. All water usage within the District and all water service facilities connecting residential or commercial users to District facilities and all plumbing fixtures in residential or commercial facilities shall be in compliance with plumbing codes as adopted by the District and as may otherwise be adopted by any and all other local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction over such facilities. Plumbing fixtures shall be installed in compliance with all requirements of the Texas Commission Environmental Quality and the Texas Health Department, and all facilities shall exclude lead and copper piping as previously prohibited by action of the Board of Directors of the District.
3. Backflow Preventative Devices. If a residential or commercial user installs a sprinkler system or pools with automatic backfilling devices, backflow preventers shall be installed by a licensed plumber in accordance with any and all regulations of the District and the Texas Commission Environmental Quality. The property will be

inspected at any change of residents to ensure all backflow devices are installed properly.

4. Private Wells. Private water wells may be used for public consumption of water within the District if operated in accordance with all the rules and regulations of the Texas Commission Environmental Quality, Orange County, Texas, or other appropriate governmental entities. Further, such wells shall be installed with an air separation between waterwell lines and District facilities. Further, any such wells will need to be in compliance with any other regulations including any restrictions placed upon such facilities by plat or deed restrictions or by other local, state or federal laws or regulations.
5. Water Extensions. The cost of the installation of water lines beyond the existing service lines of the District as of the effective date of this Ordinance to any residential or commercial user or any undeveloped area within the District shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner and/or developer requesting services. Further, such installation of water distribution lines shall be installed by the property owner and/or developer requesting service to such specifications and subject to such inspections as may be required by the District.
6. Shut off valve. All new installations before activation will require a shut off valve on the customers side of the meter placed outside of the M.M.U.D. meter box but not more than 3 feet from the spud, All existing customers from 5/19/2015 forward shall install a shut off valve on the customers side of the meter placed outside of the M.M.U.D. meter box but not more than 3 feet from the spud, when service is disconnected for any reason requiring a reservice or reconnect.
7. Service requirements. Landowners within Mauriceville Municipal Utility District's boundaries and or Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) are not required to be on Mauriceville Municipal Utility District's water or wastewater systems.
8. Customer Service Inspections. For the health and safety of our community and the integrity of our water and wastewater systems, Mauriceville Municipal Utility District (MMUD) conducts Customer Service Inspections (CSI). CSI's are required by MMUD policies and the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ). (Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Subsection 290.46(j)) These inspections are conducted by MMUD employees that are licensed by the TCEQ. There are no charges for these inspections.
9. Denial of service. Because Mauriceville Municipal Utility District (MMUD) does not levy property taxes and landowners are not required to be on our system, Mauriceville Municipal Utility District reserves the right to deny service to any prospective customer, upon due process, for any of the following reasons:
 - a) Has been disconnected from a utility system in the past for criminal activity.
 - b) Threatens or otherwise tries to intimidate or coerce a Mauriceville Municipal Utility District employee.
 - c) Slanders Mauriceville Municipal Utility District.

- d) Falsifies information on their service application or a government document during the application process.
 - e) Has had their MMUD taps removed for theft of service.
 - f) Refuses to allow water and wastewater inspections on their property as required by the TCEQ, Homeland Security, and the EPA.
 - g) Refuses to pay a deposit.
 - h) Refuses to fill out a service application.
10. Threats against employees. It is criminal to threaten a Mauriceville Municipal Utility District employee. Law enforcement shall be contacted to investigate the threat. If it is determined that the threat is legitimate, the perpetrator will be barred from all Mauriceville Municipal Utility District property.
(Texas Law Title 5. Offenses Against the Person: Sec. 22.07. TERRORISTIC THREAT. ⁽¹⁷⁸²⁾)
11. Tap removal. Inactive accounts that have had charges filed against them for theft of services, upon due process, at the General Managers discretion, may have their taps and equipment removed.

SECTION 13

A. EXCLUDED FLOW AND WASTE

- 1. No waste material which is not biologically degradable will be permitted to discharge into the District's facilities, including mud and debris accumulated during service line installation.
- 2. No industrial wastes other than domestic sewage shall be discharged into the District's sewer system unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors. No toxic wastes, wastes which would damage the collection and treatment facilities, or wastes which would interfere with the waste treatment process shall be discharged into the District's sewer system.
- 3. No polluted cooling water shall be discharged into the District's sewer system.
- 4. No downspouts, yard or street drains, or gutters will be permitted to be connected into the District's sewer system.
- 5. No ground water drains, foundation drains, or other subsurface drains shall be connected into the District's sewer system.
- 6. No effluent drains from existing and/or abandoned septic tanks or field lines will be permitted to remain in service.

7. No flow from a private water well.

SECTION 14

A. CONNECTION OF WATER LINES

Applications for water service connections shall be filed with the District upon application forms made available from the District. All applicants for water service shall grant a sewer easement to the District in accordance with Section 15, paragraph (a) and/or other applicable sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15

A. CONNECTION OF SEWER LINES

1. Applications for sewer service connections shall be filed with the District upon application forms made available from the District. All applicants for sewer service shall grant an easement to the District which shall own, install and maintain the Grinder Pump Station and discharge piping from the pump station to the main sewer line. The property owner shall be required for constructing the service line from the foundation of the residence or commercial building to the Grinder Pump Station. Otherwise, all construction of facilities to provide the Low-Pressure Sewer System to a residence or commercial business and any repairs to the Low Pressure Sewer System shall be undertaken by the District and not by the Property owner.
2. After the effective date of this Ordinance, applications for sanitary sewer service from the District shall include an easement executed by the property owner which extends from the Grinder Pump station located at the residence or commercial building to the District's main service line. The location of the Low-Pressure Sewer System and concurrently the location of the easement shall be with the consent and approval of the District.
3. The District shall construct all sanitary sewer service facilities from the Wastewater Pump Station of a residence or commercial building to the District's sanitary sewer line which installation shall include the Low Pressure Sewer System. The customer shall be required to connect to the facility. All commercial customers will be required to install a grease trap or a catch basin, whichever the case may be.
4. A property owner shall provide the easement required by the District and such access to their property as may be reasonably necessary by the District in order to install the Low Pressure Sewer System to serve the residence or commercial building from time to time and at such times as may be necessary to adequately install the sewer system by the District.
5. The installation of the Low-Pressure Sewer System by the District's personnel or by the duly authorized agents or employees may result in the removal of grass, bushes, shrubs, soil or other fixtures. The removal of any soil to the extent necessary may be

used to backfill over existing sewer lines and facilities, and the balance of such fill material may be utilized by the property owner for other requirements. The District shall not be obligated to remove or dispose of any fill material removed and not used for backfill in the installation of the Low Pressure Sewer System or otherwise used by the owner. Further, the District nor its personnel, authorized agents or employees will be responsible for the replacement or replanting of any removed grass, bushes, trees or shrubs.

6. No physical connection of a residence or commercial building to the District's low pressure system shall be made by a property owner, and such physical connection may only be made by the District, its agents or employees.
7. The District shall install a breaker box containing a 30-amp breaker near the waste water pump. At the homeowner's expense the homeowner must connect to this breaker with 230-volt service with wire of sufficient gauge to operate the District equipment. The homeowner is responsible for delivering adequate electrical service to this breaker.
8. After the effective date of this Ordinance, the property owner shall be responsible for the payment of the following fees and charges relative to the connection of sewer lines:
 - a) All costs for the acquisition or installation of the Low-Pressure Sewer System from the Waste Water Pump Station located at each property to the District's main sewer line located within the easement granted by the property owner to the District including but not limited to sewer pumps, tanks, fittings, valves, piping and electrical service.
 - b) The monthly electrical service costs to provide electrical service to the Wastewater Pump Station located at the residence or commercial building of a property; and
 - c) A tap fee for connection of the Low-Pressure Sewer System to the main sewer line of the District which connection shall be made solely by the District, its agents or employees and at such costs as may be assessed from time to time by the District.
9. The placement of each Wastewater Pump Station shall be within fifty (50) feet from the foundation of the residence or commercial building. In so much as possible, each property owner shall be consulted as to the final location of the Wastewater Pump Station. The final location of each Wastewater Pump Station shall be made solely by the District, its agents or employees based on the practical limitations of construction.

SECTION 16

A. STANDARDS FOR SERVICE LINES

The following regulations govern the installation of service lines to residences or commercial buildings within the district:

1. After the effective date of this Ordinance, all new residential or commercial connections to the District's sewer system shall be made in accordance with Section 15 of this Agreement and shall provide for the installation of a Low Pressure Sewer System and the granting of an easement by a property owner for such installation by the District, its agents or employees.
2. The following types of piping and fitting material are approved for constructing service lines from the foundation of a residence or commercial building to the Wastewater Pump Station.
 - a. Service pipe extending from the foundation of a residence or commercial building to the Wastewater Pump Station shall be Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pipe, SDR 35, as defined in ASTM D-3034, push-on type with factory premolded gasketed joints. All fittings shall be PVC schedule 40 solvent weld joints.
 - b. Minimum size of service lines should be as follows:
Residential – 3 inches minimum diameter
Commercial – 4 inches in diameter
 - c. Minimum grades for service lines shall be as follows:
3" or 4" pipe – one foot drop per hundred feet (1 %)
6" pipe – six inches drop per hundred feet (0.5 %)
8" pipe – four inches drop per hundred feet (0.33 %)
 - d. Maximum grades for service lines shall be as follows:
3" or 4" pipe – two and one-half feet drop per hundred feet (2.5 %)
6" pipe – one and one-half feet drop per hundred feet (1.5 %)
8" pipe – one foot drop per hundred feet (1 %)
 - e. Service lines shall be constructed to true alignment and grade, and warped and sagging lines will not be permitted.
3. The building tie-on connection shall be made directly to the stub-out from the building plumbing at the foundation on all waste outlets.
4. Watertight adapters of a type compatible with the materials being joined shall be used at the point of connection of the service line to the residence or commercial building plumbing. No cement grout materials shall be permitted.
5. Fittings and cleanouts for service lines shall be as follows:
 - a) No bends or turns at any point shall be greater than 45 degrees.
 - b) Each horizontal service line shall be provided with a cleanout at its upper terminal; and each such run of piping which is more than ninety (90) feet in length shall be provided with a cleanout for each ninety (90) feet or fraction thereof, in length of such piping.

- c) Each cleanout shall be installed so that it opens in a direction opposite to the flow of the waste and, except in case of “wyse” branch and end-of-the-line cleanouts, cleanouts shall be installed vertically above the flow line of the pipe.
 - d) Each cleanout shall be made with an airtight mechanical plug.
- 6. All residential or commercial building drains and sewers leading to the District’s sewer system shall be maintained so as to exclude any ground or service water from entering the sewer system. The District shall require the owner of these facilities to immediately correct at his own cost and expense any leaks or other conditions allowing the entry of ground water into the sewer system. This provision shall apply whether such leaks or conditions existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or occur at a later date.
 - 7. Upon the installation of a service line, a request for inspection shall be made to the District’s office forty-eight (48) hours in advance for request of inspection, and no backfilling of the lines may be made until inspection has been made by the District, its agents or employees.
 - 8. Backfilling of service line trenches must be accomplished within twenty-four (24) hours of inspection and approval, and no debris will be permitted in any service line trench.
 - 9. As herein above stated, the physical connection to the District’s sewer main line will be made by the District, its agents or employees.

SECTION 17

A. WATER & SEWER EXTENSIONS

The cost of the installation of additional sanitary sewer lines and/or water beyond the existing service lines of the District to newly developed areas within the District shall be the responsibility of the property owner and/or developer of property requesting service from the District.

SECTION 18

A. VALIDITY

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. If any section or provision of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is invalidated or rendered unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect the validity of any remaining parts of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalidated part or parts, or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances.

This Ordinance shall take precedence over any agreements or any portions of agreements between the District and one or more users.

SECTION 19

A. PENALTIES

1. If any person violates any provision of this ordinance, and thereby violates a state or federal statute or injunction, the District may seek prosecution of that person in the appropriate state or federal court, and may seek such penalties as are prescribed by that statute or injunction.
2. The District may disconnect water and/or sewer service to any user discharging prohibited wastes according to Section 2.
3. If any person violates any provision of this ordinance, and the violation is not punishable in state or federal courts, the District may seek an injunction for specific action and/or damages in the appropriate state or federal court.
4. Water service will not be provided by the District until all requirements for service connections have been met.
5. Penalty for customer who wants to discontinue sewer service, customer pays installation and removal in this case.

SECTION 20

A. SPECIAL METERING AND PUMP REQUIREMENTS

Any industrial or commercial facility, multi-unit complex such as an apartment complex, mobile home or R.V. Park, or shopping center shall require service and metering in one of the following methods:

1. Individual water meters and lift stations for each resident or occupant.
2. One master water meter and a common duplex sewer lift station equipped with a metering device (Responsible Party).

Any pre-existing complex other than a single-family unit shall be required to upgrade equipment to comply with this section whenever:

1. Additional units are added to the development.
2. Conditions exist within the development or complex that burdens the District with excessive inflow of rain or surface water.

3. Assigning responsibility for damages due to abusive use becomes impossible.
(Section 20 added 5/21/2013)

SECTION 21

A. FIRE HYDRANTS

Any application for installation of a new hydrant for an existing area must be made by the local Emergency Service District servicing the area that is the subject (referenced) in the application.

The cost for materials or special needs such as road bores or taping services shall be furnished by the Emergency Service District.

Mauriceville Municipal Utility District will provide labor on a priority-based availability of personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, approval, recording and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED, THIS the 25th day of July 2023.

MAURICEVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITY



Glenn Michael West, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Ted Williams, Secretary, Board of Directors