

SPRINGFIELD WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION



FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUMMARY

DRAFT - April 29, 2021

Commissioner William E. Leonard
Commissioner Vanessa Otero
Commissioner Daniel Rodriguez

Additional Revisions of the Rules and Regulations as of July 1, 2021 are as follows:

1. Chapter 2, Section 2.4.1 Rates (e):

DELETE

“Medical Facility shall be 1.1 times the rate and shall be subject to the surcharges.”

REPLACE WITH

“Medical Facility shall be 1.1 times the Residential rate and shall be subject to the surcharges.”

2. Chapter 3, Section 3.12.2 Responsibilities of the Owner of the Property, Paragraph 1: added “The Owner is responsible for all charges, fees, services, and penalties associated with the water and/or sewer account for the Property, regardless of the tenancy of the Property.”
3. Chapter 3, Section 3.12.5 Reclassification and Abatement Paragraph 2. (b):

DELETE

“The Owner must contact the Commission on or before the “delinquent after” date of the billing statement that first reported non-beneficial use. Once a Leak(s) is identified, the Leak(s) must be repaired within thirty days and the Owner must notify the Commission, in writing, of the repair.”

REPLACE WITH

“The Owner or Life Estate Beneficiary must contact the Commission on or before the “due date” date of the billing statement that first reported non-beneficial use. Once a Leak(s) is identified, the Leak(s) must be repaired within thirty days and the Owner or Life Estate Beneficiary must notify the Commission, in writing, of the repair within thirty days.”

4. Chapter 3, Section 3.12.5 Reclassification and Abatement: After the word Owner throughout this Section inserted: “or Life Estate Beneficiary”.
5. Chapter 3, Section 3.12.5 Reclassification and Abatement Paragraph 2. (f): After the word Owner inserted: “or Life Estate Beneficiary of the same Property.” At the end of the paragraph insert the following: “An Owner of a Property may not be granted a non-beneficial use allowance if a residing Life Estate Beneficiary has already received a non-beneficial use allowance either as past Owner or as a Life Estate Beneficiary for the same Property.”
6. Chapter 5, Section 5.1 Water Rates – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. Increased the water rates by 5.9%.
7. Chapter 5, Section 5.2.1 Water Rates for all Bulk Water Haulers – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. Increased the water rates by 5.9%
8. Chapter 5, Section 5.2.2 Water Rates for Hydrant Users – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. Increased the water rates by 5.9%.

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9. Chapter 5, Section 5.2 Monthly Service Charges – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. No changes.
10. Chapter 5, Section 5.5 Non-Beneficial Use Allowance – Increased the Water Charge by 5.9% and the Sewer Charge by 5.9%.
11. Chapter 5, Section 5.7 Sewer Rates – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. Increased Commercial and Medical facility sewer rates by 5.8% and all other sewer rates by 5.9%.
12. Chapter 5, Section 5.9 Septage Disposal Rates for All Septage Haulers – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. No Increase to the disposal charge or annual fee.
13. Chapter 5, Section 5.10 Non-residential surcharges at SRWTF – Deleted FY 2021 and inserted FY 2022. Increased the surcharges by 5.9%.
14. Chapter 5, Section 5.15 Penalties, Paragraph 6. (a):

DELETE

“Any Person found to be tampering with Meters or Auxiliary Meters or plumbing that effects the Meter or Auxiliary Meter shall be punished by a fine of triple the amount of damages sustained thereby or \$1000.00, whichever is greater. Damages shall include the value of water used and the cost of labor and equipment to repair and replacement.”

REPLACE WITH

“If any tampering occurs with Meters or Auxiliary Meters or plumbing that affects Meters or Auxiliary Meters, the damage is the responsibility of the Owner of the Premises and shall be punished by a fine of triple the amount of damages sustained thereby or \$1000.00, whichever is greater. Damages shall include the value of water used and the cost of labor and equipment to repair and replace.”

15. Chapter 6, Section 6.1 Definitions, Changes are in red and listed below:

Section 6.1 Definitions

112. Life Estate Beneficiary: A resident of a Property named on that Property’s deed as a beneficiary of a life estate.

