

RATE INFORMATION

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Welcome to the River Place Municipal Utility District (MUD). The District is a non-profit, tax-exempt governmental unit established to provide water and wastewater services. The District has its own water and wastewater treatment facilities.

SERVICE DEPOSITS: Obtaining service requires (1) filling out a Service Application, (2) paying a non-refundable \$5 transfer fee, and (3) paying a refundable security deposit which will be applied to the final bill and the credit balance to be refunded by check. No interest is paid on service deposits. Service deposit rates for residential and commercial accounts depend on the meter service.

5/8"	\$300.00
3/4"	\$325.00
1"	\$375.00
1 1/2"	\$475.00
2"	\$575.00
Over 2"	LUE x \$75.00
Fire Hydrants	\$800.00

Transfer fee - \$5.00

Water Rates:

FLAT FEES: Residential flat fees include trash collection as well as the first 2000 gallons of water and 2000 gallons of wastewater. The monthly flat fees for in-district residential, commercial, and fire hydrant or temporary meter accounts are based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Residential	Senior Citizens*	Commercial	Fire Hydrants
5/8" - 1"	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$12.00	\$75.00
1 1/4"			\$12.21	
1 1/2"			\$14.47	
2"			\$21.40	
3"			\$68.76	
4"			\$84.10	
6"			\$129.93	
8" + over			\$175.80	

*Senior Citizens are those over 65 years of age. Driver's license or proof of age required.

COMMODITY RATES -- The commodity (per thousand gallons) for water is

	<u>2,000-25,000</u>	<u>Over 25,000</u>
Residential, Commercial, or Homeowners Association Fire Hydrant	\$ 2.50 / 1000	\$ 3.00/1000

WASTEWATER RATES: Wastewater charges are based on the “winter average” (the average of water consumption during December, January, and February) OR on actual water consumption each month, **whichever is lower**. New residents will be given a 10,000 gallon wastewater average until their actual winter average is calculated. Wastewater rates for in-district customers are as follows:

	<u>Flat</u>	<u>Per Thousand</u>
Residential	N/A	\$ 3.14 / 1000
Commercial	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.14 / 1000

REGULATORY FEE – The Texas Natural Resources Conversation Commission assesses a .05% fee on all water and wastewater utilities. That one-half on a percent will be added to your bill.

TRASH COLLECTIONS – The District has an exclusive contract with IESI to collect garbage and recycled materials once a week. Fees for trash collection are included in the flat fee. Customer should call IESI at 282-3508 if a container has not been provided.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Utility bills are mailed approximately the 15th of each month and are due approximately the 5th of the next month. Payments must reach the office by 5:00 p.m. on the due date or a late fee of 10% will be applied to the next bill.

Timely payment means no late charges. Postmarks or check dates are not accepted as proof of timely payment. Delinquent hearings are held monthly for non-payment. If service to a delinquent account is terminated, a \$40 reconnection fee will be charged. If meters are tampered with, a fine of \$250 will be assessed. If a payment is returned for insufficient funds, a \$25 fee will be assessed.

TAX RATE: The District’s tax rate is as follows:

Maintenance & Operation	\$.0753	per \$100 of assessed value
Debt Service	<u>\$.2747</u>	per \$100 of assessed value
Combined Total	\$.35	per \$100 of assessed value

TAP PERMITE FEES – Water and wastewater permit fees are based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Water	Wastewater	Inspections*	Total
5/8"	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$325	\$3800
3/4"	\$2000	\$2000	\$325	\$4325
1"	\$2250	\$2250	\$325	\$4825
Over 1"	\$250/ea Incremental size increase	\$250/ea Incremental size increase	\$325	To be determined

*Inspections include erosion control and plumbing inspections (rough, copper, service lines, top out and final).

Excavation of the water or wastewater main shall be performed by the District at cost plus 10% in addition to the above tap fees.

Additional inspection fees are:	Plumbing Re-inspections	\$ 50
	Grinder Pumps	\$ 25
	Backflow preventer test	\$ 75 per device
	Re-inspect Erosion Control	\$ 25

Security Deposits - 5/8" - \$300 3/4" - \$325 1" - \$375

Builder Deposits – Builders must pay a \$1000 deposit for the first house in the District’s service area and a \$500 deposit for each additional house. The \$1000 deposit is held until the final bill of final home is paid. The \$500 deposits are applied to the utility account and refunded when account is closed.

GRINDER PUMPS & PRIVATE LIFT STATIONS – If grinder pumps are required for wastewater service, the equipment shall be installed by the customer’s plumber at the customer’s expense. District representatives shall inspect the facilities for compliance and shall be charged a \$25 inspection fee. Costs for subsequent maintenance and repair shall be conducted by District personnel at the customer’s expense. All private lift stations must have grinder pumps. Grinder pumps must meet the District’s grinder pump specifications.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

Meter Re-Read Fee upon Customer Request – Upon written request of any Customer, the District shall take a reading of the Customer’s water meter for comparison with the reading shown on the Customer’s most recent bill for purposes of resolving the Customer’s questions regarding the accuracy of the reading on the bill. If a re-read of the Customer’s water meter indicates the prior reading was in error, there shall be no charge to the Customer for this service. If, however, the reading of the meter on the Customer’s bills is determined to be accurate, the Customer’s monthly utility bill will be charged \$15.00, which is the cost to the District for providing this service.

Meter Test upon Customer Request – Upon written request of any Customer, the District shall flow test a meter to resolve disputes of high consumption. The flow test involves metering the water from a house connection and removing the water meter and metering water at the tap connection. If the meter is found to be malfunctioning, there shall be no charge to the Customer for this service. If, however, the meter is not malfunctioning, the Customer’s monthly utility bill will be charged \$25.00, which is the cost to the District for providing this service.

Water Meter Calibration Fee upon Customer Request – Upon written request of any Customer, the District shall remove the water meter for calibration. If the meter is determined to be improperly calibrated upon testing, the meter shall be replaced with no charge to the Customer and an adjustment shall be made to the Customer’s Account. If the meter is determined to be accurately calibrated with a range of 97% to 103% the Customer’s monthly utility bill will be charged the cost to the District for removal, reinstallation, and test of the meter.

The above rates are based on the “Order Establishing Water and Wastewater Rules for the District”, which specifies that “No free service shall be granted to any user...” a complete copy of which is available upon request. The District is governed by District residents elected to the Board of Directors. Please be assured that the rates set by the Board will be the lowest possible, while providing for the proper maintenance and operations of the system. We hope you enjoy living in the District. Please call the District office if our staff can be of assistance. The District does not have a leak adjustment policy.