

RULES, RATES AND, REGULATIONS

March 19, 1991	Accepted Rules, Rates, Regulations
June 20, 1993	Section 2 Change: A reconnect fee of \$50 will be charged to those whose water was shut off for any reason.
June 20, 1993	Section 4 Change: Service line may be covered without EJ Water inspection
June 21, 1994	Section 7-C Addition: Water leak adjustment
March 20, 1995	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be \$20 for the first 1000 gallons. The next 14,000 gallons will be \$4.00 per 1000 gallons & anything over 15,000 gallons will be is \$3.00 per 1000 gallons
September 17, 1996	Section 2 Change: A reconnect fee of \$75 will be charged to those whose water was shut off for any reason.
October 21, 1997	Section 2 Change: In order to guarantee payments of water bills, a \$100.00 deposit shall be made by any user who does not own real estate to which the water service is provided
November 18, 1997	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will stay at \$20.00 per month for 1000 gallons & increased to \$4.25 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
March 18, 2003	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will stay at \$20.00 per month for 1000 gallons & increased to \$4.35 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
March 16, 2004	Section 8 Change: The 1000-gallon minimum changed to 750 gallons & \$4.35 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
March 15, 2005	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will stay at \$20.00 per month for 750 gallons & increased to \$4.45 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
October 1, 2005	Section 6 Change: Transfer fee increased to \$25
April 1, 2006	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will stay at \$20.00 per month for 750 gallons & increased to \$4.60 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
April 1, 2007	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will stay at \$20.00 per month for 750 gallons & increased to \$4.75 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount

April, 2007	Section 7 Change: Billing cycle added
August 1, 2007	Section 8 Change: The minimum monthly water rate will be increased from \$20.00 to \$22.00 for 750 gallons
May 1, 2008	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$22.65 per month for 750 gallons & \$4.90 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2009	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$23.35 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.05 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2010	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$24.05 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.21 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2011	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$24.41 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.29 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2012	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$25.12 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.45 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2013	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$25.60 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.56 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2014	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$26.09 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.67 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 1, 2015	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$26.59 per month for 750 gallons & \$5.78 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
July 21, 2015	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$27.39 per month for 750 gallons & \$6.13 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
May 17, 2016	Section 8 Change: The minimum water rate will be increased to \$27.94 per month for 750 gallons & \$6.26 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount

- September 1, 2017 **Section 8 Change:** The minimum water rate will be increased to \$28.50 per month for 750 gallons & \$6.39 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
- May 1, 2018 **Section 8 Change:** (EJ, LP & RE service areas) The minimum water rate will be increased to \$29.44 per month for 750 gallons & \$6.60 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (SangChris service area) The minimum water rate will be \$36.88 per month for 0 gallons & \$10.54 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
- February 1, 2019 **Section 8 Change:** (EJ, LP & RE service areas) The minimum water rate will be increased to \$30.61 per month for 750 gallons & \$6.79 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (SangChris service area) The minimum water rate will be \$37.96 per month for 0 gallons & \$10.85 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
- January 20, 2020 **Section 8 Change:** (EJ, LP & RE service areas) The minimum water rate will be increased to \$31.84 per month for 750 gallons & \$7.13 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (SangChris service area) The minimum water rate will be \$39.88 per month for 0 gallons & \$11.40 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount
- March 1, 2021 **Section 8 Change:** (EJ, LP & RE service areas) The minimum water rate will be increased to \$33.46 per month for 750 gallons & \$7.50 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (SangChris service area) The minimum water rate will be \$41.91 per month for 0 gallons & \$11.98 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (Montgomery County service area) The minimum water rate will be \$42.33 per month for 2000 gallons & \$7.80 for gallons 2001-5000 & \$6.41 for every 1000 gallons used over that amount
- March 1, 2022 **Section 8 Change:** (EJ, LP & RE service areas) The minimum water rate will be increased to \$35.76 per month for 750 gallons & 8.01 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (SangChris service area) The minimum water rate will be \$42.62 per month for 0 gallons & \$12.18 for every 1000 gallons used over this amount (Montgomery County service area) The minimum water rate will be \$42.33 per month for 2000 gallons & \$7.80 for gallons 2001-5000 & \$6.41 for every 1000 gallons used over that amount

EJ WATER CORPORATION
RULES, RATES & REGULATIONS
Accepted by the Board on March 19, 1991

This is a true & current copy of the by-laws of EJ Water

Chris Hartke, President

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RULES, RATES & REGULATIONS
FOR THE OPERATION OF
EJ WATER CORPORATION SYSTEM

BE IT RESOLVED, by The Board of Directors, EJ Water Corporation, as follows:

SECTION 1. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

- Water service shall be furnished only to Corporation's users upon filling out an application and the water user's agreement with the Secretary of the Corporation upon a form to be supplied by the Corporation.

SECTION 2. INITIAL & MINIMUM CHARGES WHETHER WATER IS USED OR NOT

- The rates as shown in the rate schedule in Section 8 of these Rules, Rates, and Regulations shall be paid by each customer who has signed a User's Contract beginning at the time the Corporation makes the service available to the customer. A monthly minimum is required to be paid by each customer regardless of whether water is used at the location.
- There shall be a membership tap-on fee for service to each property in which an application and water user's agreement have been filled.
- By resolution, the Board of Directors may establish a different fee for a limited time to encourage sign-up prior to an extension of the water distribution mains.
- For meters larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ", the tap-on fee will be the current tap-on fee, plus additional costs associated with larger meter materials and installation.
- A reconnect fee of \$100.00 (07/21/15) will be charged to those customers whose water was shut off due to nonpayment of water bills.
- To guarantee payment of water bills, in addition to the above charges, a \$100 deposit (10/21/97) plus a \$25 transfer fee (10/01/05), SPP#31 shall be paid by any user who does not own the real estate to which the water service is provided. The deposit shall be returned to the user without interest upon termination of water service and all accounts of that user being paid in full. Where the user owns the real estate to which water is supplied, the deposit shall be waived if the User's Contract grants the district a lien on said real estate for unpaid water bills.
- (4/17/18) Any newly installed commercial meter (larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ") will be charged a rate based on the size of the meter (demand factor).

SECTION 3. CORPORATION'S RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

- A. **Ownership, Installation, and Maintenance.** The Corporation shall install, own and maintain the complete water system, water mains, and service lines to the meter, and the meter, which shall be located at or near the property line or a mutually agreed upon point subject to the Board of Director's determination that a particular service is economically feasible to install. The Corporation shall furnish, install and maintain a meter and appurtenances including a shutoff valve. The shutoff valve shall be installed on the user's property line, or such other point determined by a duly authorized representative of the Corporation. The meter may be located near the shutoff valve or within the user's premises as determined by the Corporation representative. The meter and shutoff valve must be located at a point where it is readily accessible.
- B. **Refusal of Service.** The Corporation may at any time refuse additional service(s) to any applicant if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the capacity of the system will not permit such use.
- C. **Liability.** All water service supplied by the Corporation shall be upon the express condition that the Corporation shall not be liable nor shall any claim be made against it for damages or injury caused by reason of shutting off of the water for repair, relocation, or expansion of any part of the system or failure of any part of the system or for the concentration of water for such purposes as fire-fighting or restricted use of water.
- D. **Use of Water on User's Premises.** The Corporation shall reserve the right to use the water from the user's facilities at any time deemed necessary. No charge shall be made by the user for the use of his facilities, and no charge shall be made by the Corporation for the water used by the Corporation. By applying for service, a user grants the Corporation the right to enter the premises and obtain water for sampling and testing purposes, for inspections with regard to cross connections, and for compliance with other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. USER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR:

- A. **Installing and Maintaining Service Lines.** The user shall be responsible for installing and maintaining service lines between the meter and the residence or business. Such service lines must be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter and must be installed at a minimum depth of 3 feet. Service lines must have a minimum working pressure rating of 160 psi at 73.4 F and must be constructed of one of the following types of materials: Copper (Type K), and polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Service lines may be covered without E J Water inspection (6/20/93). The user will not connect any service line or any plumbing connected with the service line to any other water source. The service line must meet any State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requirements.
- B. **Provisions for Location of Meter.** The user shall permit the meter to be located on his property.

- C. **Easements**. The user shall give such easements and rights-of-way as necessary to the Corporation and allow access for the purposes of construction, repair, testing, maintenance, meter reading, relocation, or expansion of the water system. The Board of Directors shall determine the necessity.
- D. **Damage to Corporation Property**. No user shall tamper, adjust, damage, or in any manner interfere with the components or operations of the water system owned by the Corporation. The shutoff valve shall be opened only by a duly authorized representative of the Corporation. Penalty for tampering, damaging, adjusting, or in any manner interfering with the components or operation of the system shall be up to \$500, payable to the Corporation. If the penalty is not paid within 30 days after the amount is determined, the Corporation shall discontinue the water service. The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the penalty. In addition to the penalty, the user responsible shall reimburse the Corporation for the actual cost of repairing any damage arising from the user's activity. Users shall report any known evidence of tampering, adjusting, damaging, or interference with the operation of the system owned by the Corporation to the President of the Board of Directors. Any malicious act or damage to the system that is not appropriately punishable by the foregoing shall be prosecuted through a court of law.
- E. **Specified Uses of Water**. Water purchased from the Corporation may be used for ordinary domestic, industrial, or farm use upon the premises of the user-provided:
- a. No User Shall resell or permit the resell of water purchased from the corporation.
 - b. Each dwelling, apartment, business, and farm located outside and separate from a single-family living unit is a separate unit. The user must make an application for service for each unit, and each unit shall have a separate cutoff valve, meter, and service line, and the user shall pay the minimum monthly rate and other rates and fees herein established for each unit.
 - i. **Definitions:** For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply.
 1. *Dwelling*: single-family living unit
 2. *Apartment*: the single-family living unit that may be an individual living unit or part of a multiple-family complex
 3. *Business*: business outside & separate from a single-family living unit
 4. *Farm*: Consists of one single-family dwelling & all related farm enterprises served by that meter & service line.
- F. **Cross-Connections**
- a. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply.
 - i. **Backflow**: water of questionable quality, tastes, or other contaminates entering a public water supply system due to a reversal of flow.
 - ii. **Cross-connection**: shall mean a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenance through which a backflow could occur.
 - iii. **Safe air gap**: the minimum distance of a water inlet or opening above the maximum high-water level or overflow rim in a fixture, device, or

container to which public water is furnished which shall be at least two times the inside diameter of the water inlet pipe; but shall not be less than one inch and need not be more than 12 inches

- iv. Secondary water supply: a water supply system maintained in addition to a public water supply, including but not limited to, water systems from ground or surface sources not meeting the requirements of the Act. No. 98 of the Public Acts of 1913, as amended by Sections 325.201 to 325.214 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, or water from a public water supply which in any way has been treated, processed, or exposed to any possible contaminant or stored in other than an approved storage facility.
 - v. Submerged inlet: a water pipe or extension thereto from a public water supply terminating in a tank, vessel, fixture, or appliance which may contain water of questionable quality, waste, or another contaminant and which is unprotected against backflow.
 - vi. Water utility: The Corporation
- b. **Cross Connection Prohibited.** Cross-connections of public water supply systems & any other supply system or source including but not limited to, the following are prohibited:
- i. Between a public water supply system & a secondary water supply.
 - ii. By submerged inlet.
 - iii. Between a lawn sprinkling system & the public water system
 - iv. Between a public water supply system & piping immersed in a tank or vessel which may contain a contaminant.
- c. **Cross Connection Control Program.** The water utility shall develop a comprehensive control program for the elimination and prevention of all cross-connections, removal of all existing cross-connections, and prevention of all future cross-connections.
- d. **Correction & Protection Devices.** Any user of the water utility water shall obtain written approval from the water utility of any proposed corrective action or protective device before using or installing it. The total time allowed for completion of the necessary corrections shall be contingent upon the degree of hazard involved and include the time required to obtain and install equipment. If the cross-connection has not been removed within the time as hereinafter specified, the water utility shall physically separate the water system from the on-site piping system in such a manner that the two systems cannot be connected by any unauthorized person.
- e. **Piping Identification.** When a secondary water source is used in addition to the water supply, exposed water utility water and secondary water piping shall be identified by distinguishing colors or tags and so maintained that each pipe may be traced readily in its entirety, it will be necessary to protect the water utility

water supply at the service connection in a manner acceptable to the water utility.

- f. **Private Water Storage Tanks.** A private water storage tank supplied from the utility water supply system shall be deemed a secondary water supply unless it is designed and approved for potable water usage.
- g. **Elimination of Existing Cross-Connections.** Within one year from the effective date of this Section, all existing cross-connections to the water utility water supply systems shall be eliminated. The expenses of such elimination shall be that of the owner of the property on which such cross-connection exists.
- h. **Inspection.** The water utility or any representative thereof shall have the authority to inspect any premises to determine the presence of any existing cross-connection and to order the elimination of such cross-connection.
- i. **Discontinuance of Water Service.** The water utility shall discontinue water service after reasonable notice to any person owning any property where a cross-connection in violation of this Code exists or where the user refuses to allow an inspection to determine the presence of a cross-connection. The water utility may take such other precautionary measures as necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the water utility water supply system. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such cross-connection has been eliminated.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS OF MAINS:

- A. **Determination of Who Pays Expense of Extension.** The Board of Directors shall first determine if an extension of the water main is economically feasible based on the estimated cost of the extension and the number of existing potential users that will use water along the extension. If the extension is economically feasible, the Corporation may install and pay the cost of the extension at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the Corporation elects not to pay the cost of extending the water main, the person or persons desiring water service shall install the extension at their own personal expense. The Corporation shall not pay for any extensions to an undeveloped area such as a subdivision being developed unless there are sufficient existing residents or businesses to make the extension economically feasible.
- B. **Requirements if Extension is Installed by Someone Other than the Corporation.**
 - a. The corporation must approve all plans & specifications for any extension.
 - b. Before any extensions are installed, the plans and specifications must be reviewed and approved by the State of Illinois, Environmental Protection Agency.
 - c. Ownership, rights-of-way, and title must be conveyed to the Corporation for all extensions installed by anyone other than the Corporation. The Corporation will maintain the mains thereafter.
 - d. No extension will be permitted if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the System does not have the necessary capacity to serve the proposed extension.

- C. **Extension of Main not Allowed.** The Corporation may determine that a requested extension will encourage undesired farmland conversion, destroy wetlands or create other unwanted environmental effects. Upon such a determination, the Corporation will not allow the construction of the extension.

SECTION 6. **CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY:**

- A. **Notice to Corporation.** Any user requesting termination of service shall give notification prior to the time such termination of service is desired. The Corporation shall prepare a final bill & the user will be billed.
- B. **Responsibility for payment of service already consumed.** Responsibility for payment of water consumed before the date of termination shall be with the property owners and the user.
- C. **Charges for change.** There shall be a \$25 charge for transferring the water service to the subsequent user **(SPP#31)**

SECTION 7. **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

- A. **Date Due.** The meters will be read by the Corporation each month. If weather conditions or other circumstances prevent the reading of meters, each water bill will be estimated by the Corporation. Bills will be mailed by the 1st day of each month and will be delinquent 15 days after mailing. Billing Cycle 2, which was added on **4/2007**, is mailed on the 15th of the month and payment is due on the 28th of the month. Formerly MCWC Cycle which was acquired on **12/2020** is mailed on the 10th of the month and payment is due on the 25th of the month. Bills will be paid to the Corporation.
- B. **Penalties for Late Payment.** A ten percent (10%) penalty will be added to each bill that is unpaid 15 days after mailing. If any bills remain unpaid 30 days after mailing, the water supply to the property affected may be shut off by the Corporation, and the service will not be restored until the delinquency and penalty are paid in full. In addition, a \$100.00 **(07/21/15)** service fee will be added to cover the cost of restoring services. Bills remaining unpaid 30 days after rendition shall constitute a lien upon the real estate to which the service has been rendered. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file a notice of such lien in the office of _____ County, Illinois, and to pursue such legal action as is necessary to collect the delinquent charges. (If a non-public body) (If after 60 days from the date of mailing, the account remains unpaid, all services under that membership shall be shut off and the membership canceled.)
- C. **Water Leak Adjustment.** E J Water Corporation shall grant a one-time water leak adjustment **(6/21/94)** for each service on the system. The adjustment will be calculated at the rate of the customer's average bill plus the wholesale cost of each 1,000 gallons over the average bill. **(3/23/2022)** The adjustment will be calculated at the rate of the customer's previous three months' average water bill plus 50% of the cost of the gallons over the average water bill.

SECTION 8. RATE SCHEDULE:

A. The following shall be the rates for water supplied by the Corporation:

- a. Monthly minimum will be as follows: (5/8" or 3/4" outlet meter)
 - i. EJ Water Service area: \$35.76 (750 gallons)
 - ii. LP Water Service area: \$35.76 (750 gallons)
 - iii. Mason Service area: \$29.55 (750 gallons)
 - iv. RE Water Service area: \$35.76 (750 gallons)
 - v. SangChris Water Service area: \$42.62 (0 gallons)
 - vi. Montgomery County Service area: \$42.33 (2000 gallons)
- b. Commercial meters (larger than a 5/8" or 3/4" outlet meter) will be charged based on meter size (demand factor)

Meter Size	Demand Factor	Monthly Minimum	Gallons Included
3/4"	1	\$35.76	750
1"	2.5	\$89.40	2100
1.5"	4.8	\$171.65	3600
2"	6.8	\$243.17	5100

- c. The minimum monthly bill will be payable irrespective of use.
- d. The monthly bill will be computed on the following rate schedule:

Rate Group	Active From	Minimum Charge	Gallons Included	Overage Cost
EJ Residential	2/1/22-present	\$35.76	750	\$8.01
Coalton Residential	6/17/21-present	\$35.76	1000	\$7.50
	2/10/22-present	\$31.76	1000	\$16.98
Dieterich Residential	1/2/22-present	\$20.00	750	\$4.30
Watergate Residential	2/1/22present	\$12.18	750	\$7.62
Mason Residential	2/1/22-present	\$29.55	750	\$8.01
Montrose Residential	2/9/22-present	\$13.11	100	\$5.28
MCWC Residential	9/12/19-present	\$42.33	2000	
			2000-5000	\$7.80
			5000 +	\$6.41
Owaneco Residential	3/19/21-present	\$12.00	750	\$7.50
SangChris Residential	1/2/22-present	\$42.62	0	\$12.18
Strasburg Residential	2/1/22-present	\$35.76	750	\$8.01
Unused Meter Rate	3/1/21-present	\$25.00		
Watson Residential	2/1/22-present	\$13.17	1000	\$3.20

- e. Bulk water = \$10.01 per 1000 gallons
- f. Fire Hydrant Rental = N/A