

WATER RENT LOCAL LAW #2018-1

Section I. Title

The Village Board of the Village of Sherman hereby amends its Water Rent 2-1980, as follows:

Section II. Findings and Rates

The fees for the Water Rent are hereby amended to

- A. ALL properties with water connection are to receive water usage fees and sewer usage fees where applicable
- B. Increase usage fee to \$4.60 per hundred cubic feet of discharge for Village residents
- C. Increase usage fee to \$6.90 per hundred cubic feet of discharge for residents outside the Village
- D. Remove the Water Reserve Fee of \$5.00 per Meter
- E. Establish a \$25/month base water service charge per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit)
- F. Terms of Payment
 - a. **BILLING:** Bills will be sent out to consumers on a bi-monthly schedule, but failure of consumer to receive a bill promptly shall not excuse non-payment of the same.
 - b. **DISCOUNTS:** No prompt payment discounts.
 - c. **NONPAYMENT:** If any water/sewer bill is not paid within thirty (30) days from the bill date, a 10% penalty fee is accessed.
 - i. **RE-LEVY:** Village properties with outstanding water or sewer balances as of March 30th, the amounts shall be re-levied onto the property owners tax bill.
 - ii. **SHUT OFF:** Outside properties with outstanding water or sewer balances after forty-five (45) days from the bill date are susceptible to shut off without board approved payment arrangements to remedy amounts in arrears. Shut off will commence with five (5) days' notice.
 - iii. **OFF/ON Fees:** Shut off for non-payment will receive a \$50 Shut Off Fee, and an additional \$50 Reconnection Fee when service is returned.
 - d. **USAGE CHARGE:** This bill is based on the number of hundred cubic feet (or its equivalent conversion in gallons) of water that have been recorded by the meter as used and discharged into the sewer system. Bills are sent six (6) times a year. Meters are read a minimum of four (4) times a year. All water passing through a meter will be charged for, whether wasted or used.
 - i. Properties outside the Village are charged one and one half (x1.5) times the usage fee set for Village property consumption.
 - e. **SERVICE CHARGE:** This is a flat rate fee and will be sent regardless of whether or not a dwelling or lot is vacant. It is based on the service provided or available to a dwelling or lot and maintenance on the water/sewer lines, pumps, and plant. The base SERVICE charge for EACH unit within the dwelling or on a lot is determined as specified on the Village Tax Roll.

- i. Village properties and properties outside the Village receive the same charge per EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) allocation.
- ii. Attached Row Building, Residential Multiple Dwelling, and Apartment property classifications will be evaluated on site to determine the number of EDU's (equivalent dwelling unit) for each property.
- iii. Residential Vacant properties that are not Landlocked are to be billed one quarter (1/4) or twenty-five (25%) percent of the service charge for an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) on the tax bill.
- iv. Commercial Vacant properties that are not Landlocked are to be billed one half (½) or fifty percent (50%) of the service charge for an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) on the tax bill.
- v. Properties that are classified as Storage without water service connection are to be billed one half or fifty percent of the service charge for an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) on the tax bill.
- vi. Barns, Garages, and Pools, where the property owner has elected to have an additional meter installed and read will receive water and sewer base service charges, where applicable, at the rate of one EDU (equivalent dwelling unit).
- vii. Laundromat(s) are to be billed one and one half (x1.5) times the service charge for an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit).
- viii. The main school campus is to be billed fifteen (15) EDUs (equivalent dwelling units).
- ix. Parking lots as classified by the NY State Property Tax Class Code which are specified on the Tax Roll are not subject to water and sewer base service charges and are not included as an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit).

SECTION III. Terms and Conditions

All other terms and conditions of the Village's Water Rent Law shall remain in full force and effect, except as may be amended herein.

SECTION IV.

This Local law shall take effect Monday, October 1st, 2018, on all usage and service charges accumulated beginning October of 2018. This Local law shall take effect after the passage by the Village Board and filing with the Secretary of State in the manner provided by law.

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