

ORDER AMENDING CONSOLIDATED RATE ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS
HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 152

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 152 (the "District") has previously adopted rates, fees, rules, regulations, and policies with respect to the District's waterworks and sanitary sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board has amended such rates, fees, rules, regulations and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board now deems it appropriate and necessary to amend the rate order to restate such Order as so amended;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 152 THAT:

I. CONNECTIONS AND FEES.

A. Connections Made and Inspected by District Operator; Plans Reviewed by District's Engineer.

1. Waterworks. All connections to the waterworks of the District shall be made by the District's operator and shall be metered (except fire line connections). All fireline connections shall be made by the District's operator and (a) shall be metered or (b) shall have a flow detector (of the type specified by the District's engineer), or (c) the owner shall install a sprinkler system with a pressure sensitive and activated alarm system. The unmetered fireline shall include a backflow preventer (of the type specified by the District's engineer) immediately downstream of the fireline tap.

2. Temporary Meters. All temporary connections to the waterworks of the District shall be made by the District's operator and shall be metered.

3. Sanitary Sewer. All connections to the sanitary sewer system of the District (including the sanitary sewer lines up to the building slab) shall be inspected by the District's operator. The sanitary sewer line inspection shall be performed prior to back filling. Any line not inspected and not approved must be uncovered to permit such inspection or shall pass such alternate method of inspection as approved by the Board.

4. Storm Sewer. All connections to the storm sewer system of the District shall be made as specified by the District's engineer and shall be inspected for compliance by the District's operator.

5. Inspections of unmetered facilities. All underground piping downstream from the water connection for unmetered firelines shall be inspected by the District's

operator prior to back filling and shall be pressure tested under the supervision of the District's operator.

6. Engineer's review of plans and specifications. Before any connection, other than a single family residential connection, is made to the District's water, sewer, or drainage system, the person requesting such connection shall submit, at least 14 days prior to applying for a tap into the lines of the District, to the District's engineer for review and approval the water, sanitary sewer, and drainage plans and specifications for the property for which the connection is sought. Such plans shall clearly show the estimated volumes of water or effluent and the proposed points of connection to the District's system. A copy of such approved plans, with the engineer's approval indicated thereon, shall be submitted to the District's operator. Any modification of such plans shall require reapproval by the District's engineer. The District reserves the right to require removal of any connection made in violation of this Section.

7. Plat Requirement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the operator shall make no connection to the District's water or sanitary sewer collection system unless either

(a) the tract, parcel, or lot of land to be served by such connection is part of an area covered by a development plat duly approved pursuant to article 974a-3, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, as amended, or pursuant to an ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to such a development plat,

(b) the operator has been presented with or otherwise holds a certificate applicable to such tract, parcel, or lot of land issued by or on behalf of the Planning Commission or City Council of the City of Houston, Texas, under section 4A, article 974a, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, as amended, stating that either a plan, plat, or replat of such tract, parcel, or lot either is not required or has been revised and approved by such Commission or Council, or

(c) such tract, parcel, or lot was first connected to such system prior to September 1, 1987.

B. Payment of Fees and Deposit. Any party desiring a connection to the District's waterworks or sanitary sewer or storm sewer system shall complete and file with the District's operator an application therefor in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", or such other form as such operator may prescribe from time to time, and shall pay the water tap fee, sanitary sewer inspection fee, storm sewer inspection fee, and fee for engineer's review of plans and specifications, as the case may be, described in Paragraph I.C. hereof and the deposit described in Paragraph I.D. hereof prior to receiving such connection. No connection shall be made until such fees and deposit are paid.

Any party desiring a temporary connection to the District's waterworks system shall file an application with the District's operator and shall pay the installation fee prescribed in Paragraph I.C. hereof and the deposit prescribed in Paragraph I.D hereof prior to receiving such temporary meter and a flushing valve wrench.

C. Tap and Inspection and Installation Fees. The following tap fees are based on ultimate and full utilization of a given user's tract. The water tap fees shall be assessed based on the plans and specifications as approved by the District's engineers and shall be calculated as follows:

Commercial:	120% of the actual costs incurred by the District.
Fireline tap fees:	Cost to the District of installing the tap.
Multi-Family Residential:	(including apartments, townhomes, and condominiums) 120% of the actual costs incurred by the District.
Hotels and motels:	120% of the actual costs incurred by the District.
Single-family Residential- 3/4 x 5/8 inch meter:	\$450.00
Sprinkler or oversized residential meter:	120% of the actual costs incurred by the District.
Other:	Fees for uses other than those described above shall be determined by the Board on an individual basis.

The sanitary sewer inspection fee (other than residential) shall be \$75.00 per inspection. For each inspection that results in a rejection of the line inspected, an additional fee of \$75.00 will be assessed. The residential sanitary sewer tap inspection or rejection charge shall be \$25.00.

The storm sewer inspection fee shall be 120% of the actual costs incurred by the District.

The fee charged for the engineer's review of plans and specifications shall be \$500.00 plus \$50.00 per acre or any part thereof in the parcel served.

The installation fee for a temporary connection shall be \$50.00.

D. Deposit. Each person, other than a home builder who complies with the provisions of paragraph E below, requesting a water or sanitary sewer or storm sewer connection or a temporary connection shall establish with the District a deposit conditioned upon compliance with this Order and the District's Rules and Regulations adopted by this Order and payment in full of any damage to the District's waterworks, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer system caused by and water and sewer service charges assessed against such person. For

permanent connections, such deposit shall be returned after the sanitary sewer and/or storm sewer service lines have been inspected and connected to the District's sanitary sewer and/or storm sewer system. For temporary connections, such deposit shall be returned (less amounts owed the District) after the operator has removed the meter, on request of the owner. The amount of each such deposit shall be computed in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Meter Size (Inches)</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
Temporary Meters	\$ 750.00
2 and smaller	1,000.00
3	1,600.00
4	2,500.00
6	3,500.00
8 and over	4,000.00

E. Rates for Non-Taxable Entities (within the District's boundaries). In addition to the tap, inspection, and installation fees provided for in Subsection C above, non-taxable entities served by the District shall be charged a fee in an amount equal to the maximum amount allowed by law, based on the actual costs (to be determined by the District's engineer and operator) to the District for all facilities that are necessary to provide District services to such entity and that are financed or to be financed in whole or in part by tax-supported or revenue bonds of the District.

II. REQUIREMENTS OF HOMEBUILDERS.

A. Builder Deposit. Each builder of homes within the District shall establish a deposit of \$500 with the District, which deposit shall be refunded without interest to each builder at the completion of the builder's homebuilding program within the District except to the extent such deposit has been applied as provided in Paragraph II.B. hereof; provided that, if such home builder violates any part of this Order, the amount of such builder's deposit shall be immediately doubled for each violation.

B. Use of Deposit. The cost of any repairs to waterworks or sanitary or storm sewer lines necessitated by builder negligence shall be billed by the District's operator to the builder responsible therefor at the rate of cost plus 25% (representing the District's service handling charge). A \$25.00 administrative fee shall be added to the invoice to any builder delinquent in paying such bills for 30 days or more. At any time that a builder is delinquent in paying such bills for 60 days or more or responsible for outstanding bills in the amount of \$500 or more, the District shall transfer the \$500 deposit or any part thereof to its operating fund to pay such bills and require that such deposit be replenished by such amount transferred or require that an additional \$500 or greater deposit be made by the builder before allowing the installation of additional water taps for such builder.

C. Adjustments of Manholes, Fire Hydrants, Meter Boxes, and Clean Out Valves. Builders of homes within the District must contact the District's operator requesting the adjustment of manholes, fire hydrants, valve boxes, or clean out valves within thirty days following the closing of the purchase of the lot on which such manhole, fire hydrant, meter box,

or clean out valve is located. Following such thirty-day period, the home builder will be responsible for the cost of such adjustment.

D. Damaged Meters and Meter Boxes. Each customer shall be responsible for protecting any and all District meters and meter boxes located on property of such customer and shall be assessed the cost to the District of repairing or replacing such meters or meter boxes when damaged by any cause whatsoever, except by act of the District or its operator.

E. Builder Damage Procedure. When a builder improves a lot, reserve or other property, the builder may damage District facilities on the property. The builder may avoid responsibility for damages existing at the time the builder obtains control of the property by contacting the District, through the operator prior to the clearing of any lot, to do a survey of District facilities on the property. The fee for such inspection shall be \$25.00, to be paid by the builder at the time the inspection is requested. Any damages noted at this time will be repaired at no expense to the builder.

To be released from or to limit the amount of any claim for damage to District facilities due to a builder's activities, the builder must contact the District, through the operator, to make a final inspection to determine any damages to facilities while under the control of the builder. This inspection will not be made until all work, including fences, landscaping and resodding, is complete. This inspection can be made even if the property has not been sold if the builder has completed all work. The fee for this inspection will be \$25.00, to be paid by the builder at the time the inspection is requested. A representative of the builder will be asked to sign the inspection, authorizing the repairs at his expense. The cost of any repairs to facilities damaged due to builder activities also may be deducted from the builder's deposit with the District. If, at the time of the final inspection, the builder has not completed all work, the inspection will be rejected and a rejection fee of \$25 will be charged. A final inspection will not be made unless an approved sewer inspection is on file with the District.

All repairs, except for positioning or replacement of meter boxes, will be performed by the operator, regardless of with whom the financial responsibility for the repair resides. Positioning or replacement of meter boxes may be performed by the builder only before the final survey is made.

Damages are not limited to structural damages, but also may include problems arising from burying, covering up, restricting access to, or fencing over the top of facilities, causing land elevations adjacent to facilities to change, making facilities nonfunctional, and similar actions. Hidden damages not apparent at the time of a survey but discovered later will be back charged to those responsible if there is sufficient evidence to support a claim.

Regardless of the status of the lot or reserve or any property as indicated in the above procedure, the District is the owner of its assets and will take those actions it deems necessary to prevent damage to its property or injury to persons, with or without notice to others, and will also take those actions it deems necessary to recover the expense of those repairs from any party responsible for causing them.

