

DIVISION XV      WATER SERVICE CHARGES

Section 15.01   Service Charges.

Water service charges are hereby imposed upon all premises receiving water service from the works and facilities of the District. For the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 fiscal year and each year thereafter the annual water service charge shall be \$828.00 per living unit.

A living unit is defined as a single family dwelling, including dwelling units such as apartments, condominiums and hotel and motel rooms (units). Equivalent living units for all commercial and industrial services shall be established by totaling the fixture units as defined in the latest edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code as prepared by the International Association of Plumbing Mechanical Officials, dividing this total by the whole number 20, and rounding to the nearest whole number.

Example: 48 fixture units total

$$\frac{48}{20} = 2.40 \text{ which rounds to } 2 \\ \text{equivalent living units}$$

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Section 15.02   Water Standby or Availability Assessment.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 31032.1, an annual water standby or availability assessment shall be levied on undeveloped land within the District to which water service is made available for any purpose by the District. The assessment shall be \$30.00 for each District fiscal year for each acre of land or parcel of land of less than one acre in area. A bill for the assessment shall be mailed to each affected property owner on or before July 1 of each year.

In the event that the water standby assessment becomes delinquent, the District may elect to have the delinquent assessment, plus the maximum penalties provided by law, become a part of the annual tax levied upon the land and be collected as part of the annual tax.

The amount of the assessments shall constitute a lien against the lot or parcel of land against which the assessment has been imposed as of noon of the first Monday immediately preceding the date of levy.

In addition to any other remedy provided by law, if the water standby assessment becomes delinquent, a basic penalty of six percent (6%) may be added to said assessment, plus a further penalty of one-half percent per month on the first day of each month following the date of delinquency.

Section 15.03 Time for Payment.

Annual standby assessments are due and payable in full on or before the first day of July in each year and become delinquent thirty days thereafter if not paid.

Section 15.04 Time for Payment - Newly Subdivided Lots.

Upon the availability of District water service within a newly subdivided area, the pro-rata share of the standby assessment fixed by Section 15.02 and applicable to the then remaining portion of the current fiscal year is due and payable as to each lot in the subdivision to which water service is made available. Assessments due under this section shall become delinquent thirty (30) days from the date of written notice to the lot owner(s) of the assessment(s).

Section 15.05 Effect of Delinquency.

No connection or reconnection shall be made to the District's system so long as standby assessments or any other charges or fees of the District remain unpaid as to the parcel which is the subject of the application and said unpaid assessments shall be subject to any other penalties and procedures for collection and enforcement provided by law.

Section 15.06 Water Base Charge.

A water base charge is hereby imposed on those premises within the District where a water connection remains in effect, but where water service is inactive in accordance with the ordinances, rules and regulations of the District. For the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter the annual water base charge shall be \$613.00 per living unit. As used herein, the term "living unit" shall mean "living unit" as defined in Section 15.01 of Division XV of Chapter 2 of the District Code. [Amended by Ord. No. 58, §3; eff. 7/1/97. Amended by Ord. No. 63, §2; eff. 8/20/2000. Amended by Ord. 64, §2; eff. 8/21/2002. Amended by Ord. No. 67, §2; eff. 5/25/2002. Amended by Ord. No. 90, §2; eff. 9/14/2007.]