

ORDINANCE NO. 167

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 163, ESTABLISHING WATER USE RATES AND RELATED FEES, FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY MITCHELL PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Mitchell Public Water District is a Public Water District organized under the Public Water District Act, as amended, (70 ILCS 3705/1 et seq.) (Act); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Act, more specifically Sections 12, 22, and 23, and of said Act, the Board of Trustees is mandated to establish rates and charges for use and services of the property of said District, which rates and charges shall be sufficient at all times to pay for the cost of maintenance, operation, principal and interest of any outstanding bonds, and to provide a reasonable depreciation fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the increased costs of water and increased expenses incurred to maintain and improve the water distribution system of this District, to service any debt incurred to provide the necessary funds for the capital expenditures, to defray costs of providing service to fire protection facilities for properties connected to the District water distribution system, and to enhance the protection of the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, to meet its statutory obligations, deems it necessary in order provide for the financial stability of this District to increase and change certain of the rates, charges, and/or fees of the Water District for use of the water works property of said District and the services of said District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby finds it is appropriate to amend Ordinance 163, adopted April 17, 2025, with changes to the rates, fees and/or charges stated in Ordinance 163 solely and specifically for meter tampering and for residential tap on fees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds it necessary to increase the charge for tampering with a water meter to a sum greater than the existing charge of \$100, to help defray the actual costs of employee time and equipment associated with responding to meter tampering; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds the Water District recently replaced approximately 1900 water meters on residential properties in the Water District, for a cost of approximately \$355 per water meter, and the Water District borrowed money to pay for said meter replacements; and

The Mitchell Public Water District assesses an additional fee of \$200.00 annually upon any customer and owner, jointly and severally, to confirm the cross-connection control device on their property was so inspected in the previous twelve months. Where the customer or owner fails to timely document each annual inspection by an inspector approved by the IEPA, that customer and owner shall jointly and severally be assessed an additional charge of \$1,000.00 by the Mitchell Public Water District.

Installation Charges

The charge for installation of a meter or tap-on fee for each single family residential dwelling is \$3,000.00. This charge is separate from and in addition to any charge or fee for a new customer connection, above.

Billing:

Accounts are billed monthly, due and payable on the date indicated on the bill. If no due date is shown on the bill then the full amount of the bill is due prior to the first business day following twenty calendar days after the billing. Any bill not paid when due will be assessed a delinquency fee of 10% of the total billing amount each month, until paid. A bill delinquent more than twenty days will cause a disconnection procedure to begin in compliance with the rules and regulations of the District. A copy of the rules and regulations are available upon request at the District's Office. If a bill remains delinquent more than ten (10) days following its due date, a notice of intent to disconnect the user from the District will be sent through the United States Postal Service First Class Mail.

Service from the District shall be disconnected ten (10) days following the date of mailing the notice. For customers who consent in writing to receive notices by email, the disconnection will occur ten days from emailing of the notice to disconnect. All charges must be paid in full prior to having service reconnected. Checks may be payable to the M.P.W.D. at P.O. Box 8125 Granite City IL. 62040.

Mailed payments will not be considered paid until payment is actually received at the District Office. The District is not responsible for, and does not make allowance for, payments delayed in the mail.

Basic Rules:

No service taps or service connections will be allowed to the District's system without an application to the District and approval of such actions by the District Manager or representative. Meter wells are to be opened by Water District personnel only. Any damage caused by unauthorized opening of wells will be billed to the user. Metered wells, also known as meter pits, must be accessible at all times and not covered by any obstruction.

WHEREAS, the increase in costs associated with a new residential service tap on requires an increase in the existing \$2,000.00 one-time residential tap on fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Mitchell Public Water District as follows:

SECTION I

The following rates, fees, and charges are hereby adopted for the use and services of the Water District. All rates from Ordinance 163, adopted April 17, 2025, are hereby repeated below and reaffirmed, except for the charge for meter tampering, and the residential tap on fee stated below.

WATER USAGE

Rates/Monthly Charges Effective Beginning July 1, 2025 The Minimum Monthly Service Charge was an remains \$30.00 Per Month.

0 - 2,000 gallons per month \$15.00 per thousand gallons (\$30.00 monthly minimum)

All usage over 2,001 gallons per month \$13.30 per thousand gallons per month.

Additional Monthly Charges Meter Detector Or Check Valve Size

\$0-(Included in minimum rates)	5/8"
\$54.00	3/4"
\$80.00	1"
\$160.00	Two 1" meters connected for one manifold service
\$264.00	2"
\$380.00	3"
\$450	4"
\$301.48	6" Detector Check Valve
\$475.89	8" Detector Check Valve
\$669.90	10" Detector Check Valve

Additional Special Charges

New residential customer connection fee	\$25.00
New commercial customer connection fee	\$500.00
Account transfer fee	\$20.00
Turn on fee during business hours	\$20.00
After business hours emergency turn fee	\$150.00
Delinquent turn off fee	\$50.00
NSF check	\$25.00
Tampering with meter charge	<u>\$150.00</u>
Quality Infrastructure Program Fire Service (QIPFS) Fee. (For structures over 5,000 square feet. This QIPFS fee is in addition to gallon usage and all other charges).	\$500.00 Monthly
Running/flow of Fire System water without first contacting Mitchell Public Water District Personnel	\$1,000.00 per incident.
Residential Meter Fee	\$2.50 Monthly

Additional Charges for Inspections Relating to Reduced Pressure Zones, Cross Connections, and Backflow Preventers.

All connections that have potential to allow the backflow of contaminants into the mains or distribution system of the Mitchell Public Water District must have cross-connection control devices. All cross-connection control devices, including but not limited to atmospheric vacuum breakers, fixed proper air gaps, and reduced pressure principle backflow preventers, must be inspected at least annually by a person then approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as a cross-connection control device inspector.

Only one household is to be connected to each meter. All home water systems such as wells must be disconnected from pipes connected to the District's distribution system, to help protect the District distribution system from potential contamination by an outside source. Customers must notify the Water District when the service is to be discontinued.

Rates are to be billed from meter readings, or estimates occurring not more than two months in succession based upon one hundred per cent of the most recent preceding recorded usage, at the rates designated above.

SECTION II

The rates, charges and fees set forth in this Ordinance shall be published within thirty (30) days after its adoption, in a newspaper published within the County of Madison and having a general circulation within the Mitchell Public Water District.

SECTION III

The rates, charges and fees set forth by this Ordinance shall become effective August 1, 2026. All bills shall be paid as required by Ordinance of the Water District then in effect.


SECTION IV

This Ordinance establishes fees and charges in addition to all other fees, charges, and rates of the Mitchell Public Water District presently in effect. All fees and charges not expressly altered or amended by the above Section I shall remain in effect as previously published and shall be payable as required by Ordinance(s) previously adopted and published by the Mitchell Public Water District. No charge or fee listed herein is to be applied to the exclusion of any other listed fee or charge, unless expressly so stated in this Ordinance. All applicable fees and charges listed herein are to be assessed against each customer.

All terms and provisions of Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby amended to conform to this Ordinance.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of Mitchell Public Water District on this 21st day of May, 2026.

MITCHELL PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT

BY: 
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: 
SECRETARY: Ruth Richardson

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