

(II) [, which shall be] THE READY TO SERVE CHARGE IS based [upon] ON the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property.

(III) [, and of a] THE charge for water used [, which shall be] IS based [upon] ON the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last [two] 2 readings[.,].

(IV) [the] THE meter [being required to] SHALL be placed on each water connection[, ] by[, ] and at the sole expense of the [commission] WSSC.

(2) THE WSSC MAY PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM OR READY TO SERVE CHARGE INCLUDES A SPECIFIED MINIMUM NUMBER OF GALLONS OF WATER WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE WATER, AND THE MINIMUM FIGURE MAY VARY WITH THE SIZE OF THE METER INVOLVED.

(3) [The commission may, however,] THE WSSC MAY provide for the billing and collection of the water and sewer usage charges on an estimated basis for periods of [six] 6 months or less, but in [such cases it] THAT CASE THE WSSC shall require that the meters be read every [six] 6 months, and that the final bill for [such six] THE 6 month period SHALL be based on THE actual consumption adjusted by the previous estimates.

[The commission may further provide that the minimum or ready to serve charge, hereinabove provided for, includes a specified minimum number of gallons of water without additional service charges therefor, the minimum figure varying with the size of the meter involved.]

(4) (I) [Bills] A BILL for the amount of [the] THESE charges [as above specified] shall be sent monthly, [quarterly,] 4 TIMES A YEAR, or [semiannually] TWICE A YEAR, as the [commission may determine] WSSC DETERMINES, to each property served, and ON RECEIPT EACH BILL [shall be thereupon] IS payable at the office of the [commission;] WSSC.

[and if any bill shall remain unpaid after 30 days from date of sending the commission shall after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until the bill, together with late payment penalty charges as authorized by law and the cost incurred in shutting off and restoring the water supply, shall have been paid.]

(II) AN ADDITIONAL LATE PAYMENT CHARGE OF 5 PERCENT OF THE UNPAID CHARGES SHALL BE ADDED AND COLLECTED AS PART OF THE BILL IF: