

2007 Budget and Rates

Beginning February 1, 2007 the Cherokee Metropolitan District will implement the second phase increase of the monthly sewer charge and an increase in the street light fee, there will be no increase in current water rates.

The Board of Directors approved the sewer increase in two phases, the first of which occurred in 2006 and the second in 2007. Your new monthly sewer rate will now be \$24.48 per month. This increase will fund the construction of our new wastewater treatment facility addressing several challenges, including: meeting stricter environmental regulations, a growing community and the recharge of the water basin used to supply our District.

We have been able to keep the street light fee at the same rate for several years, but rising electrical and maintenance costs have created the need for an increase. To ensure consistent and reliable service the Board approved at the budget hearing on December 12, 2006, an increase from \$.78 to \$1.00 per month to cover rising costs.

This year's budget does not include a water rate increase. You will be charged the same block rate used in 2006, the rates are as follows.

2007 Water Rates

UNITS (per 100ft³ or 748 gal)	COST PER UNIT
1 - 5	\$1.53
6 - 20	\$1.91
21 - 35	\$2.87
36+	\$3.31

2007 Water Restrictions Approved by Board of Directors

At the regular board meeting held January 9, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the 2007 water restriction schedule and a water conservation plan. A more detailed description of the water conservation plan will follow next month.

These restrictions were determined utilizing 2005 - 2006 water usage data and statistics. The year is divided into two seasons, Irrigation (April - October) and Non-Irrigation (November - March). The Non-Irrigation season will consist of only one stage (Winter Stage) and will allow one day of watering per month. The Irrigation Season consists of four stages (1 - 4). One stage will be selected and implemented according to water usage and availability.

Winter Stage takes effect immediately and beginning April 1, 2007, Stage 2 restrictions will take effect. In order to maintain or improve the current stage, it is important District residents follow the prescribed restriction guidelines as over usage may result in Stage 3 or 4 restrictions during the Irrigation season. Please refer to the restriction schedule on the back of the newsletter.

2007 Water Restrictions

Non-Irrigation Season

STAGE	MONTHS	RESTRICTIONS	ODD ADDRESS WATERING DAY(S)	EVEN ADDRESS WATERING DAY(S)	TIME ALLOWED	WATERING TIMES
WINTER <i>(Effective immediately)</i>	November - March	Once per month	1 st Saturday of the month	1 st Sunday of the month	Not to exceed 2 hours per watering day	10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Above 40°F
		Car washing permitted				

Irrigation Season

STAGE	MONTHS	RESTRICTIONS	ODD ADDRESS WATERING DAY(S)	EVEN ADDRESS WATERING DAY(S)	TIME ALLOWED	WATERING TIMES
STAGE 1	April - October	3 times per week	Tuesday Thursday Saturday	Wednesday Friday Sunday	Not to exceed 2 hours per watering day	Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.
		Car washing permitted				
STAGE 2 <i>(Effective April 1, 2007)</i>	April - October	2 times per week	Tuesday Saturday	Wednesday Sunday	Not to exceed 2 hours per watering day	Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.
		Car washing permitted				
STAGE 3	April - October	Once per week	Saturday	Sunday	Not to exceed 2 hours per watering day	Before 9 a.m. After 6 p.m.
		No car washing				
STAGE 4	April - October	No outside watering	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		No car washing				

Large areas, such as apartments, commercial complexes and parks that cannot be irrigated within a two hour time frame will follow the Odd Day Watering Schedule and water according to the type of sprinkler system used. Rotor sprinklers will be allowed 45 minutes per zone and pop-ups will be given 15 minutes per zone. Watering must take place before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Sod and seed permits will be available beginning April 1, 2007, through May 15, 2007, and September 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007. The permit cost, which has yet to be determined, allows for daily watering of up to 1,500 square feet of sod or seed for a four-week period. Top soil or soil amendment will be required and you must show proof of purchase to acquire a permit. Permits are dated four weeks from the date of purchase and will not be post-dated. To maximize the overall benefit, we recommend the new sod or seed be installed before a permit is purchased. No exceptions or extensions will be made.

Flowers, trees, shrubs and vegetable gardens may be watered on any day before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. using a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or a drip system. Drip system watering must be limited to 60 minutes per day.

Effective immediately, car washing will be allowed using a handheld hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle. Should Stage 3 or 4 be implemented car washing will not be permitted.

These water restrictions were developed with your needs in mind; all while taking into account our limited resource. We are committed to providing highly-reliable service and promoting the responsible use of our resource and we will work continually to accomplish these goals. The Board of Directors and staff are grateful for your cooperation, support and understanding during this time.