



INTRODUCTION OF FIRE SYSTEMS BASE CHARGES – OCTOBER 1, 2018

Please be advised that the Board of County Commissioners, Ex-officio the Governing Board of the Collier County Water-Sewer District (District), has approved a rate study, proposing changes to charges for private fire protection systems connected to the District's potable water distribution mains. The Special Act of the Florida Legislature that created the District requires a public hearing before changes to user rates can be adopted. An advertised public hearing will be held in September for a Resolution amending the proposed rates as from October 1, 2018.

The proposed monthly base charges will be billed to all privately-owned fire protection systems in accordance with methodology utilized by the Florida Public Service Commission that is applied by public utilities in the State of Florida and is based on the size of the service line, whether metered or not, connecting the private system to the District water system (i.e. readiness to serve).

NOTE: Please see enclosed list of properties identified as being under your stewardship.

Florida Administrative Code, Rule 25-30.465 states:

Private Fire Protection Rates.

The rate for private fire protection service shall be a charge based on the size of the connection rather than the number of fixtures connected. The rate shall be one-twelfth the current base facility charge of the utility's meter sizes, unless otherwise supported by the utility.

If you are an existing customer with a utility account that includes a fire meter, the new fire systems base charge will appear on bills from November 1, 2018.

Where non-metered connections to the District's water system exist for property owners, with a privately-owned fire protection system, Applications for Service will be mailed to those property owners, New accounts will then be created and those property owners will also begin receiving bills with the fires systems base charges from November 1, 2018.

