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**THE WATER ACT**

*(NO. 8 OF 2002)*

**MERU WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES (MEWASS)**

**WATER TARIFF ADJUSTMENT**

WATER Services Regulatory Board (WASREB) has approved justified water tariff for implementation by Meru Water and Sewerage Services in line with Section 73 (5) of the Water Act 2002.

By extension therefore, Tana Water Services Board (TWSB) gives a one month notice to all existing and potential water customers of Meru Water and Sewerage Services (MEWASS) Company that the tariffs have been adjusted as per the Service Provision Agreement between TWSB and Meru Water and Sewerage Services as approved by WASREB.

**1.0 Water Tariff Structure for the period 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 and 2016/17**

<i>Type of customer</i>	<i>Approved Tariff (KSh./m<sup>3</sup>)</i>
Residential /Government institutions	
<i>Consumption Block(m<sup>3</sup>)</i>	
0-6	Fixed Charge KShs.200
7-20	50
21-50	65
51-100	80
101-300	100
300 and above	130
Commercial/Industrial	
<i>Consumption block(m<sup>3</sup>)</i>	

0-6	33
7-20	50
21-50	65
51-100	80
101-300	100
300 and above	130
Schools	
<i>Consumption block(m<sup>3</sup>)</i>	
0-600	40
601 -1200	50
1200 and above	90
Standpipes/Kiosks	35

## 1.1 Sewerage Tariff

(a) Sewerage is charged at 75% of the water billed for all customers

(b) Disconnected water accounts shall be charged based on the average of the last three months' sewer charges before the disconnection.

(c) Customers with no water connection:

(i) 75% of the volume of water used as per the metered source of water or an estimated based on previously measured metered consumption.

(ii) Commercial customers: 75% of volume of water used as per the metered source of water.

## 2.0 Miscellaneous Charges

### 2.1 Meter Rent per Month

<i>Meter rent</i>	
Size (Inches)	Approved (Kshs)
	50
	50
1	250
1	250
2	250
2	450
3	450
4	800
>4	1,500

### 2.2 Deposits

<i>Water Deposit</i>	
<i>Connection Type</i>	<i>Approved (KSh.)</i>
Domestic customer (single dwelling)	2,500
Domestic customer (single connection serving more than one single dwelling including flats) consuming more than 200m <sup>3</sup>	10,000
Water Kiosks where anticipated monthly consumption is:	
<i>Less than 50m<sup>3</sup></i>	1,000
<i>Between 50m<sup>3</sup> and 100m<sup>3</sup></i>	2,000
<i>Between 100m<sup>3</sup> and 150m<sup>3</sup></i>	2,500
<i>More than 150m<sup>3</sup></i>	3,000
Retail shops, workshops and offices consuming more than 10m <sup>3</sup>	3,000
Bar, restaurant and lodgings more than 15m <sup>3</sup>	5,000
Hotel class "A" and "B" less than 150m <sup>3</sup>	10,000
Hotel class "C" and "D" more than 150m <sup>3</sup>	15,000
Hospitals more than 150m <sup>3</sup>	20,000
Minor construction site (temporary connection) less than 200m <sup>3</sup>	10,000
Large construction site (temporary connection) more than 200m <sup>3</sup>	50,000
Light industries less than 200m <sup>3</sup>	10,000
Medium industries between 200m <sup>3</sup> and 300m <sup>3</sup>	15,000
Heavy industries more than 300m <sup>3</sup>	20,000
Health centres/dispensaries less than 150m <sup>3</sup>	5,000
Schools/colleges/other institutions more than 200m <sup>3</sup>	10,000
Schools less than 200m <sup>3</sup>	5,000
Topping up of consumer deposit after disconnection based on actual average consumption for domestic consumers	The actual cost subject to a minimum of 2,500

### 2.3 Other Charges

<i>Service</i>	<i>Approved (KSh)</i>
For special reading of a meter	200
For cutting off supply at the request of customer	200
For turning on supply otherwise than in respect of a first connection	200
For turning on supply after disconnection for non-payment	500
Water Bowser (own transport) per m <sup>3</sup>	180
Water Bowser by WSP	2,500
For testing a meter at the request of the consumer where it is not found to register incorrectly to any degree exceeding 5%	The actual cost subject to a minimum of 500

Exhauster Service (Trust Exhauster)	5,000 for other customers and 4,000 for informal settlements within the Meru Township and Kshs 100 per kilometer for customers outside the township
Private Exhausters (Dumping into the Trust's sewer system)	Kshs 5,00.00 per truck

<i>Penalties</i>	<i>Approved (KSh.)</i>
Self reconnection after cut off for non payment	5,000 and billing to be backdated from date of cut off
Surcharge for illegal connection-Domestic	10,000 and regularise connection
Surcharge for illegal connection- Commercial/school/college/ hospital	40,000 and regularise connection
Surcharge for illegal connection-Construction site	100,000 and regularise connection
Surcharge for illegal connection- Industry	500,000 and regularise connection
Illegal connection Sewerage	Charges equal to those of illegal connection of water per category
Surcharge for tampering with meters (this to include meter removal, reversing of meter, etc)	5,000
Surcharge for direct suction of water from the supply line using a pump	10,000
Surcharge for meter loss or damage	Cost of meter

### 3.0 Analysis of Cost Structure

Below is the summary of the cost structure that makes up the total costs incurred by MEWASS:

<i>Expenditure Item</i>	<i>2014/15</i>	<i>2015/16</i>	<i>2016/17</i>
Operations (Million Kshs)	110,4459,048	119,306,602	126,616,969
Maintenance (Million Kshs)	16,406,497	17,226,822	16,753,163
Regulatory Levy (Million Kshs)	1,452,927	1,544,052	1,610,280
WSB Administrative Fees (Million Kshs)	13,456,401	14,401,735	15,110,228
Minor Investments (Million Kshs)	2,568,068	913,279	-
Total Costs (Million Kshs)	144,342,941	153,392,490	160,090,700
Projected Revenue (Million Kshs)	139,480,990	148,228,965	154,586,873
Total Cost Coverage Before subsidy (%)	96.63166694	96.6337824	96.56205701

Subsidy for Meru County Government	4,861,951	5,163,525	5,503,827
Total Cost Coverage After subsidy (%)	100	100	100

### 3.1 Subsidy

The County Government of Meru shall subsidize the costs of Meru Water and Sewerage Services Company as follows:

<i>Expenditure to be subsidized</i>	<i>2014/15(KSh.)</i>	<i>2015/16(KSh.)</i>	<i>2016/17(KSh.)</i>
Chemicals	2,756,817	3,032,499	3,335,749
Electricity	2,105,134	2,131,026	2,168,078
Total	4,861,951	5,163,525	5,503,827

### 4.0 Conditions attached to the tariff approval

<i>Target</i>	<i>2014/15</i>	<i>2015/16</i>	<i>2016/17</i>
Water Coverage (%)	61%	63%	64
Water quality standards (%)	100% compliance with the quality standards		
Non Revenue Water (%)	26	23	22
Hours of Supply (Hrs)	To be maintained at the current 24 hours throughout the tariff period		
Staff per 1000 connections	10	9	8
Metering ratio (%)	To be maintained at the current 98% throughout the tariff period		
Collection Efficiency (%)	95.00	95.00	
Resale at Kiosk	Regulate resale by kiosk vendors at Kshs 2.00 per 20-litre jerican. Tariffs at kiosks must be displayed at strategic points for public awareness		

Dated the 3rd July, 2014.

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