

BYLAWS OF HANGMAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT #15

Hangman Hills Water District #15 is organized under Title 57 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and is authorized to furnish water, street lighting, and sewer service. The District currently provides water service only. The Board of Water Commissioners adopts the following rules and regulations for the equitable and efficient operation of the District.

SECTION 1 – Basic Services and Procedures

1. All water service shall be provided on a metered basis. Rates may include a minimum service charge and additional usage-based charges.
2. The Board may adjust rates as necessary to maintain efficient and financially responsible operations pursuant to the authority granted in **RCW 57.08.081**. Refer to the attached rate schedule for the most current rates and charges.
3. Water service charges delinquent after 90 days constitute a lien against the property served and may be foreclosed as permitted under Washington law (**RCW 57.08.081** and **RCW 57.08.090**). All applicable fees associated with liens shall be payable before the lien is removed or service is restored.
4. The District mailing address is 2901 E Player Drive, Spokane, WA 99223. Billing and inquiries: 509-448-6823. Emergencies: 509-939-4175. Requests to attend Board meetings must be submitted in writing before the third Monday of the month.
5. Payments are due by the 1st day of the month following the billing period. Delinquent accounts are subject to penalties, shutoff charges, termination of service, and lien procedures in accordance with **RCW 57.08.081** after 90 days delinquent and ten days written notice.
6. The District may pursue collection remedies, including foreclosure of liens in Spokane County Superior Court, as authorized by **RCW 57.08.090**.
7. Water service is billed monthly. Meters are generally read from April through October, and overage charges will be billed accordingly.
8. Monthly charges consist of the applicable base rate plus charges for excess water usage established under **RCW 57.08.081**.

SECTION 2 – Water Rates and Charges

9. Residential Rate: \$39.99 per dwelling unit per month for up to 900 cubic feet, plus applicable usage charges and taxes, set pursuant to **RCW 57.08.081**.
10. Non-Residential Rate: \$100.00 per month for up to 900 cubic feet, plus applicable usage charges and taxes, set pursuant to **RCW 57.08.081**.
11. A 10% penalty shall apply to all delinquent balances after the billing due date, as authorized by **RCW 57.08.081**.
12. Water shutoff and restoration services are subject to applicable service fees, including after-hours charges.
13. Property owners are responsible for keeping meter boxes clean, accessible, and free of debris. Failure to comply after notice may result in a \$50 fee per billing cycle.

14. New 1-inch connection fee: \$4,500, including meter setter and one meter box. Risers are not included. Connection charges are established in accordance with **RCW 57.08.005**.
15. Use of fire hydrants, except for fire suppression, requires prior approval and applicable usage charges.
16. Property owners remain responsible for all charges and compliance requirements for rental properties. Accounts shall remain in the owner's name.
17. Checks are accepted subject to bank clearance. Dishonored checks may result in reinstatement of delinquency status and service termination.
18. Returned checks are subject to a \$40 fee or the amount charged by the bank, plus any applicable charges allowed by law. Customers with repeated NSF checks may be required to pay by guaranteed funds.
19. Meter installation specifications and related costs shall be determined by the Contract Operation & Maintenance Manager. Please refer to the fee schedule as it is updated frequently.
20. Restricted access to meters requiring additional service visits may result in an additional service charge.

SECTION 3 – Mains (Old and New)

21. District-owned infrastructure includes mains, valves, control cables, service lines up to the curb stop valve, and all water meters, operated under the general powers of **RCW 57.08.005**. Property owners are responsible for protecting meters from damage, freezing, and obstruction, and for maintaining all service lines beyond the curb stop. The district bears no liability beyond private property lines. Damaged or faulty meters will be replaced with district-provided meters at the customer's expense.
22. A signed waiver is required before any customer-requested water shutoff for plumbing work. Property owners are responsible for repairs if shutoff valves fail or are nonfunctional.
23. Requests for new water service must be submitted in writing and may require approval by the District and the Washington State Department of Health under **Chapter 70A.125 RCW**.
24. Applicants requesting new main extensions or services are responsible for all associated costs pursuant to **RCW 57.22.010**.
25. All new main extensions must meet District engineering standards and approved material specifications in accordance with **Chapter 57.22 RCW**.
26. Unauthorized operation of District valves or connections to District mains is prohibited.
27. Customers requesting additional fire protection or specialty system connections shall bear all related costs.

SECTION 4 – Connections and Service Lines

28. Requests for new service connections must include a site sketch and payment of applicable hook-up, tapping, labor, and material fees as permitted by **RCW 57.08.005**.
29. All connection costs are the responsibility of the applicant. District-owned service infrastructure extends to the property line, including the meter and shutoff valve.
30. Private service lines must be installed at least 48 inches deep and inspected before covering.
31. Property owners are responsible for maintaining privately owned pipes and valves in good repair. The District may complete emergency repairs at the owner's expense or terminate service until repairs are completed.
32. Water service shall only be used on the property served unless otherwise authorized by the District.

33. Cross connections that may endanger the water system are prohibited and must comply with Washington State regulations (**Chapter 70A.125 RCW**) and approved backflow prevention standards outlined in **WAC 246-290-490**.
34. Authorized District representatives may access properties at reasonable hours for inspection, maintenance, and compliance purposes as authorized under **RCW 57.08.005**.

SECTION 5 – Meters and Meter Boxes

35. Water meters shall be installed at the property owner's expense and located as directed by the District under the authority of **RCW 57.08.005(3)**. Property owners are responsible for preventing tampering or damage.
36. Meters found to be defective due to normal wear, neglect, freezing, or vandalism may be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense. Only District-approved meters may be installed or replaced by District personnel.
37. Customers may request meter accuracy testing. If testing confirms the meter is within acceptable accuracy standards, all testing and replacement costs shall be charged to the customer. Estimated billing may be used if a meter fails to register properly.

SECTION 6 – Miscellaneous

38. Property owners or approved tenants may request temporary water discontinuation in writing, subject to public health and landlord-tenant regulations.
39. The District may interrupt water service without notice when necessary for repairs, emergencies, operational needs, or rule violations. The District is not liable for damages resulting from service interruptions.
40. Service disconnected for delinquency or rule violations shall not be restored until all outstanding charges and applicable fees are paid in full (**RCW 57.08.081**).
41. Persons responsible for damage to District facilities shall be liable for all repair costs.
42. These revised rules and regulations are effective May 15th, 2026.

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Fee Schedule Effective 5/15/2026

Service	Rate
Basic Rate Water Charge – up to 900 cubic feet	\$39.99
Excise Tax	5.02% of Water Charges
Charge per 100 cubic feet over 900 cubic feet per month	\$1.99
Late fee	10% of overdue amount
Lien Fees	
Recording a Lien	\$303.50
Administrative Fee	\$261.00
Releasing a Lien	\$303.50
Administrative Fee	\$261.00