

UTHUKELA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WATER AND SANITATION TARIFFS (REVISED)



FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND:

Tariff-setting is a pivotal and strategic part of the compilation of any budget. When rates, tariffs and other charges were revised, local economic conditions, input costs and the affordability of services were taken into account to ensure the financial sustainability of the Municipality.

Since 2015 the District and the rest of the country experienced severe drought due to the heat and lack of rain which resulted to water shortages, the impact from that situation affected the municipality. The effects from the drought are still felt by the

municipality as it affected the collection rate as water had to be shut down and distributed by water tankers. Municipality is still recovering from this situation.

The core function of the municipality is water and sanitation which is considered to be the basic needs for human beings and the constitution says they are basic human rights. The municipality has a difficult task of setting tariffs which are affordable to all consumers and the same time must be cost reflective taking into account all cost associated with the end product.

National Treasury continues to encourage municipalities to keep increases in rates, tariffs and other charges as low as possible.

Discounting the impact of these price increases in lower consumer tariffs will erode the Municipality's future financial position and viability. As mentioned earlier services are failing to break even.

It must also be appreciated that the consumer price index, as measured by CPI, is not a good measure of the cost increases of goods and services relevant to municipalities. The basket of goods and services utilized for the calculation of the CPI consist of items such as food, petrol and medical services, whereas the cost drivers of a municipality are informed by items such as the cost of remuneration, bulk purchases of electricity, petrol, diesel, chemicals etc. The current challenge facing the Municipality is managing the gap between cost drivers and tariffs levied, as any shortfall must be made up by either operational efficiency gains or service level reductions. Within this framework the Municipality has undertaken the tariff setting process relating to service charges as follows

Tariff the cost of the provision of general services. Determining the effective tariff is therefore an integral part of the municipality's budgeting process. The 6% increase in tariffs is set to be cost reflective and ensure protection of basic level services to provide free water to indigent recipients

Below are the proposed water services tariffs for the financial year 2019/2020 these tariffs exclude VAT.

WATER & SANITATION SERVICES TARIFF 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Description	Tariff
1.	Tariff for accessibility to water (basic charge occupied and unoccupied)	R80.04/ month
2.	Tariff for accessibility to sewerage system (basic charge occupied and unoccupied)	R102.00 month

3.	Sewer tariff for restricted usage (unmetered)	R102.00/ month
4.	Servicing sewer conservancy tanks/pits (small)	R180.21/ service
	Servicing sewer conservancy tanks/pits (large)	R386.52/ 5000l/ load
	Discharge of sewage to waste water works by private sewer tankers	R0,14/litre
	Integrated Step Tariff (Domestic Use)	
5.	Water tariff for water usage up to 6kl	Free/ Indigent
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 30kl	R11.62kl
	Water tariff for water usage 31kl to 100kl	R13.46kl
	Water tariff for water usage 101kl and above	R15.48kl
	Integrated step tariffs(Business use)	
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 30kl	R11.62kl
	Water tariff for water usage 31kl to 100kl	R13.46kl
	Water tariff for water usage 101kl and above	R15.48kl
	Integrated Step Tariff (Industrial/Factory Use)	
6.	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 1000kl	R12.06kl
	Water tariff for water usage 1001kl and above	R6.31kl
	Integrated Step Tariff(Co-operatives)	
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 40kl	R5.46kl
	Water tariff for water usage 41 to 80kl	R6.23kl
	Water tariff for water usage 81kl and above	R7.50kl
	Integrated Step Tariff(Churches)	
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 30kl	R5.46kl
	Water tariff for water usage 31 to 70kl	R6.23kl
	Water tariff for water usage 71kl and above	R7.50kl
	Integrated Step Tariff(Trust)	
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 30kl	R10.30kl
	Water tariff for water usage 31 to 70kl	R10.82kl
	Water tariff for water usage 71kl and above	R12.67kl
	Integrated step tariff(Government use)	
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 30kl	R11.62kl
	Water tariff for water usage 31kl to 100kl	R13.46kl
	Water tariff for water usage 101kl and above	R15.48kl

7.	Bulk potable water supply to IDC Estate	R6.07kl
	Bulk Raw water supply	R3.71kl
8.	Emergency Services Connection (excluding emergency services)	R25.82kl

9.	Availability charge for fire hydrant per month	R98.41
10.	For water drawn or usage from metered fire hydrant	R12.85/kl
11.	Inspections for internal leaks and any other services (per visit)	R623.33
12.	All connections, repairs and work required from Council Domestic	Cost + 10%
13.	All connections, repairs and work required from Council other services actual cost + 10 %	Cost + 10%
14.	Trade Effluent	Charge(c/kl)= R82.20c+([COD/1000] x R1.73c) (COD-Chemical Oxygen Demand)
15.	Account Deposits (Subject to credit worthiness)	Residential dep. max R2768.49 Bus./Govt./Trust dep. max R9223.76 Industrial dep. max. R15912.72 Churc/Coops dep. Max R2 546.58 New consumers:- Residential dep.R1 600.27 New Bus./Govt./Industr. R3 818.80 New Co-operatives R752.02 New Churches R1 794.56 New Trust businesses R3 589.10 New Trusts R1 504.02 New account connection fee is R 185.00
16.	Scrutiny of building plans	R477.61/ plan
17.	Clearing of grass overgrowth	Actual cost + 12%
18.	Requested Water Tankering (funerals – if not indigent)	5000l = R550.37 / load

19.	Requested Water Tankering (other events)	5000l = R880.51/ load
20.	Developer's Capital Contribution - Water	R 10006.48
21.	Developer's Capital Contribution - Sanitation	R 11007.21
22.	Disconnection Fee Reconnection fee - Working hours -After hours, Saturdays/Sundays/Public Holidays	R 132.07 R 134.08 R330.15
23.	Clearance certificates	R487.88
24.	Flat rate services (where applicable)	R328.06 per household
25.	Moving/shifting of the existing water meter (in metres)	
26.	A distance less than a metre (1m)	R328.00
27.	A distance from 1 metre to 3 metres	R530.00
28.	A distance more than 3 metres to any distance	R795.00

Offences and penalties

1. Any person who fails or refuses to give access required by an officer of the authority or an authorized provider shall be guilty of an offence in terms of section 34 of the Water Services By-laws and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R 4 240,00 or in default on payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months and in the event of a continued offence to a further fine not exceeding R 2 120,00 for every day during the continuance of such offence after a written notice from the authority or an authorized provider has been issued and in the event of a second offence to a fine not exceeding R 6 360,00 or, in default on payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months.

2. Any person who obstructs or hinders any officer of the authority in the exercise of his or her powers or performance of his or her functions or duties shall be guilty of an offence in terms of section 34 of the Water Services By-laws and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R53 000,00 or in default on payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months and in the event of a continued offence to a further fine not exceeding R10 600,00 for every day during the continuance of such offence after a written notice from the authority has been issued and in the event of a second offence to a fine not exceeding R79

500,00 or, in default on payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months.

Water and Waste Water Analysis		
Determinant	Units	Cost per sample
Alkalinity	mg/l CaCO ₃	R63.72
Appearance	Descriptive	
Aluminium - soluble	mg/l Al	R55.15
Ammonia	mg/l N	R53.12
Chloride	mg/l Cl	R42.52
Chlorine – Free	mg/l Cl ₂	R21.18
Colour	Pt-Co	R31.77
Conductivity	mS/m	R21.16
Fluoride	mg/l F	R53.13
Iron	mg/l Fe	R31.15
Manganese	mg/l Mn	R53.12
Nitrate	mg/l N	R32.23
Nitrite	mg/l N	R32.23
Odour	Descriptive	
pH	pH Units	R21.18
Phosphate - soluble	mg/l P	R31.77
Solids - Settle able	ml/l	R31.77
Sulphate	mg/l SO ₄	R46.63
Sulphide	mg/l H ₂ S	R53.12
Suspended Solids	mg/l	R46.92
Temperature	°C	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	R31.77
Turbidity	NTU	R21.08
Oxygen Absorbed	mg/l O ₂	R63.72
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/l O ₂	R74.30
Magnesium/Calcium	mg/l Mg/Ca	R74.13

- Sample bottles can be collected at the Laboratory.
- A volume of at least 1 litre is necessary for analysis.

Microbiological Analysis		
Faecal coliforms	colonies per 100ml	R58.44
Total coliforms	colonies per 100ml	R58.44
Standard plate count	colonies per ml	R48.74

- Sample bottle can be collected at the Laboratory.
- A volume of at least 1 litre is necessary for analysis.

- Sterile bottles provided by the Laboratory should be used.
- Samples must be delivered to the Laboratory within 6 hours of collection and should be kept cold.
- A volume of 500ml is sufficient for analysis.

1. Prices listed are for single samples.
2. Sterile bottles can be supplied free of charge. Bottles broken or not returned will be charged for at a rate of R19.39 per bottle.

FINES FOR ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS AND TEMPERING

First instance	R 2 650
Second instance	R 5 300
Third instance	R 7 950
Forth instance	R10 600

NB: Immediately if the consumer committed a fifth instance, complete disconnection of water supply will apply!

PENALTY FEES

1. Warning letter R
59.77
2. Final cut-off
 - Additional deposit-business R 179.33
 - Additional deposit-households R126.72
 - Penalty fee R 100.12

RECONNECTION FEES:

1. Standard fee applies during working office hours R123.12
2. Standard rate applies after office hours R293.83

NEW CONNECTION (PLUMBING WORK) CHARGES, INCLUDING FIRE HYDRANT

NO	SIZE (MM)	UNIT COST R	DEPOSIT
1	20	2 530.59	239.10
2	25	2 530.59	239.10
3	32	3031.07	597.76
4	40	6 767.00	597.76

5	50	7187.76	597.76
6	80	10 549.23	597.76
7	100	11 464.49	597.76
8	150	11 903.27	597.76

NB: The above costs exclude material and labour costs!

Other municipal services increase by 6.0% as per MFMA circular 86.

Tender documents
 Maps GIS
 Clearance certificates

	A3 PRINTER		A0 PLOTTER		
	A4	A3	A2	A1	A0
Full Colour	23.57	47.16	178.95	159.16	212.21
Grey Scale	23.57	47.16	178.95	144.59	212.21
Topo Maps	17.69	33.37	83.42	178.95	159.16
Line / Hatch	11.79	33.37	63.32	76.64	106.10

Maps GIS tariffs

1.4.1.1 Tender Documents

Municipal Produced	R199.44
Consultants produced depending on the project	R398.88 and R465.39 respectively

- Clearance certificate R 454.72

ALL TARIFFS ARE EXCLUSIVE OF VAT!!

The table above reflects the overall expected impact of the tariff increases on a large and small household, as well as an indigent household receiving free basic services.

	Description	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020
1.	Tariff for accessibility to water (basic charge occupied and unoccupied)	R66.96/ month	R71.25 month	R75.53 month	80.06 month
2.	Tariff for accessibility to sewerage system (basic charge occupied and unoccupied)	R85.32./month	R90.78./month	R96.23 month	R102.00 month
3.	Sewer tariff for restricted usage (un-metered)	R85.32/ month	R90.78/ month	R90.44 month	R95.87 month
4.	Servicing sewer conservancy tanks/pits (small)	R150.75/service	R160.40/service	R170.02 month	R180.22 month
	Servicing sewer conservancy tanks/pits (large)	R323.07 / 5000l/ load	R343.75 / 5000l/ load	R364.38 /5000/load	R386.24 month
	Discharge of sewage to waste water works by private sewer tankers	R0.12/litre	R0.35/litre	R0.37	R0.39
	Integrated Step Tariff (Domestic Use)				
5.	Water tariff for water usage up to 6kl	Free/ Indigent	Free/ Indigent	Free /indigent	Free /indigent
	Water tariff for water usage 1 to 30kl	R9.72kl	R10.34kl	R10.96kl	R11.62kl
	Water tariff for water usage 31k to 100kl	R11.26kl	R11.98kl	R12.70kl	R13.46kl
	Water tariff for water usage 101kl to any usage	R12.95kl	R13.77kl	R14.60kl	R15.48kl