



VILLAGE OF FORESTVILLE

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WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

REFERENCES

The Village of Forestville Comprehensive Water and Sewer Systems Ordinance, Number 2003-01, enacted on April 17, 2003 and any amendments shall govern use and connection to the Village water system.

All water services shall be installed in accordance with the technical specifications attached to these water service rules and regulations.

WATER MAINS

The water mains of the Village shall be under the exclusive control of the Public Works Superintendent, and no person, firm or corporation other than authorized agents or employees of the Village shall tap, change, obstruct, interfere with, or in any way disturb the system of water mains.

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

The corporation stop, the service pipe from the main to the curb stop at the road right-of-way line, the curb stop and curb box, will be provided in place and maintained by the Water Department after payment of the fee charged for a water permit as provided in this document. The service pipe from the curb stop to the building on private and public property shall be installed and properly maintained by the owner. The owner shall keep the curb stop box free from dirt, stones or other substances that will prevent access to the curb stop.

PLUMBERS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH SERVICE PIPES

Plumbers shall not interfere in any way with service pipes installed by the Water Department and shall not be permitted to turn water on or off at the curb stop except for the purpose of testing their work, in which case the curb stop shall be left in the same condition and position as they found it. Any plumber called upon to shut off water and drain pipes in any premises shall do so inside the building only.

WATER SERVICE, APPLICATION, PERMIT AND CHARGES

1. No structure or property shall receive water service without first receiving a permit issued by the Village Clerk.
2. Before any connection is made to any Village curb stop valve, the owner, or his authorized agent, of the premises to be served (hereinafter called "applicant") must first apply for a permit at the office of the Village Clerk. The Village shall supply application forms.
3. At the time of the application, the applicant shall render full payment, or an irrevocable obligation to pay, which shall constitute a lien on the property to be served, for connection fees, meter and inspection fees as established by the Village Council. The application shall not be processed and no permit shall be issued without full payment or the irrevocable obligation for these charges and/or fees.

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- ~~3.4.~~ Capital charges, connection charges and other fees or charges pertinent to the provision, installation or modification of water service shall be set from time-to-time by resolution of the Village Council.
5. At the time a permit is issued, the Village will provide a stake for the property owner to mark the desired water service location. The property address and parcel number shall be clearly indicated on the stake and the stake shall be placed at the road right-of-way line. One service shall be installed per developed parcel.
- ~~4.6.~~ The Village shall install the water service lead from the main to the curb stop at the road right-of-way within 45 days of issuance of the permit.
7. The applicant shall obtain the necessary plumbing permit from the County Building Department for any plumbing work within any building.
- ~~5.8.~~ The applicant shall perform his portion of the work under the terms set forth in the application, subject to inspection of the work by the Villages Representative.
- ~~6.9.~~ Upon satisfactory completion of the work and clean-up of the job site, the Public Works Superintendent shall then turn on the water service.

METERS REQUIRED

All premises using Village water shall be metered and payment shall be made for water at rates established by the Village Council. In no case will water be supplied at fixed or flat rates except for temporary supplies as herein provided or in special cases approved by the Council.

METER SIZE

Water meters must be purchased from the Village. In cases where a meter larger than 3/4 inches may be required the Village Public Works Superintendent shall determine the necessity of such larger size. The applicant shall pay for additional cost over the cost of a 3/4 inch meter.

METER LOCATION

Meters shall be set in an accessible location and in a manner satisfactory to the Public Works Superintendent. Where the premise contains no basement or cellar or other suitable location, the meter shall be installed outside in a meter pit, deep enough to prevent freezing. The Public Works Superintendent shall approve the location of the pit. Where it is necessary to set a meter in a pit, such pit shall be built at the expense of the owner and according to specifications provided by the Village.

METER SEALS

Meters will be sealed by the Village and no one, other than an authorized employee of the Village shall break or injure such seals, or alter, change the location of, or interfere in any manner with the meter.

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PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR METER

The owner of the premises where a meter is installed will be held responsible for its care and protection from freezing and from injury or interference by any person or persons. In case injury to the meter or in case of stoppage or imperfect operation, the owner of the premises shall give immediate notice to the water department. All water furnished by the Village and used on any premises must pass through the meter. No bypass or connection around the meter will be permitted. If any meter gets out of order or fails to register, the owner will be charged at the average quarterly consumption rate as shown by the meter over the period of the preceding four quarters, when the meter was accurately registering.

METER ACCURACY

1. The accuracy of the meter on any premises shall be tested by the Village upon the written request of the owner or occupant who shall pay in advance a fee, set by resolution of the Village Council, to cover the expense of such test. If, on such test, the meter shall be found to register over five (5%) percent more water than actually passes through it, the owner will be responsible to purchase a replacement meter. Additionally, the Village Clerk may adjust the water bill in such manner as shall be fair and just.
2. If the owner requests the meter be sent to the factory for recertification, then the Village may do so at the expense of the owner.

PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES

Pressure reducing valves will be required for services in Sherman Township for buildings below an elevation of approximately 625 (from Helena Road to about Atwater Road) to maintain reasonable water pressure within the building. The pressure reducing valve shall be installed upstream of the water meter with 5 feet of pipe between the pressure reducing valve and the water meter.

USE OF WATER

When new service pipes are installed in any premises, the stop curb, shall be left closed, and will thereafter only be opened by an authorized employee of the Village and only upon the request of the owner or his agent; provided, however, that a licensed plumber may open and close a service cock to test his work.