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Mifflintown Municipal Authority

Water Service Rules and Regulations

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CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

1.1. water service is furnished only in accordance with the currently prevailing WATER SERVICE RULES and REGULATIONS of the MIFFLINTOWN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (hereinafter "Authority"), which are made a part of every application, contract, agreement, or license entered into between any person, customer, developer or any other entity and the Authority. Any further modifications of Rates or Regulations shall apply equally to those who are receiving service at the time such amendments or modifications may be adopted.

1.2. The current rate study was adopted by the Authority on 1/1/2022. The Authority Board chose to implement the rates in accordance with what is identified as Appendix F.

1. DEFINITIONS

2.1. Unit of capacity - unit of capacity is a method of equating expected water to be consumed by a single family dwelling. one unit of capacity is equal to 5,000 gallons based on a quarterly consumption.

2.2. The word "Authority", as used herein, shall mean Mifflintown Municipal Authority acting through its properly authorized officers, agents, or employees, each acting within the scope of the particular duties entrusted to him/her.

2.3 The word "customer" as used herein, shall mean the party applying for and/or taking a supply of water to a property.

2.4. Premises: The word "premises" as used herein shall mean the following:

2.4.1. A building under one roof owned by one party and occupied as one business or residence, or

2.4.2. A combination of buildings owned by one party in one common enclosure occupied by one family or business, or

2.4.3. The one side of a double house having a solid vertical partition wall, or

2.4.4. A building owned by one party having a number of apartments or offices and using in common one hall and one or more means of entrance.

2.4.5. A structure existing or known as a "condominium" or "townhouse" as defined and approved pursuant to the applicable ordinances of any of the five municipalities in the Authority's service area; Mifflintown, Mifflin Borough, Fermanagh, Walker, Milford and which structure shall not exceed three stories in height and shall maintain a separate or individual entrance way providing access to said condominium or townhouse. The Authority will bill each residence or business at a rate of 1 unit of capacity. Usage over 169 gallons/day will have additional units of capacity charges.

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2.4.6. wherever there is a separate tenant or separate business on any property, each tenant and each separate business shall be treated and regarded as separate customers subject to the schedule of rates. However, where more than one customer is presently served by a single service line and meter, rates shall be computed using the number of customers served as the number of minimums before completing the step rates with allowance for number of minimum quantities and based on units of Capacity. owner may elect to serve multiple customers from one service line and one meter provided the primary service line from the main serves no more customers than allowed by the following table:

2.5. PRIMARY SERVICE LINE SIZE

METER SIZE 3/4", 1", 1-1/2", 2", 4", & 6"

EQUIVALENT NUMBER SERVICES OR METERS PER *PRIMARY

3/4

1

1^{1/2}

2

4

6

* 3/4

1

* 1

2

1

* 1^{1/2}

5

2

1

* 2

12

6

3

1

*4

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66

32

9

6

1

* 6

181

88

25

16

2

1

* Primary

2.5.1. Each customer will be supplied through a separate meter wherever practical.

2.5.2. Owner must first provide means of controlling the supply and housing the meter for each tenant; the controlling devices to be outside of the building for each meter, and the meters will be properly and conveniently housed either outside or within the building.

3. SERVICE REGULATIONS

3.1. Except in a case of an emergency, only an authorized representative of the Authority may turn on or off water services for any purpose.

3.2. A customer shall be obligated to pay for services from the time water service is turned on and until such time a request is made by the customer providing notice to the Authority to discontinue service.

3.3. A customer must provide access during normal working hours for the purpose of discontinuing service and failure to provide such access will continue charges until such access is provided.

3.4. customers are not be permitted to supply water to any premises other than that stated in the application, agreement, or contract.

3.5. Parties desiring small amounts of water or service for a short time, or where rendering of such service will require the attention of an employee of the Authority, will be charged rates fixed by the manager in keeping with the service rendered.

3.6. No connection or outlet is permitted on the service line/pipe or pipes supplying any premises between the street main and the meter. ALL WATER MUST PASS THROUGH THE METER.

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4. EMERGENCY OR SPECIAL SERVICE

4.1. Emergency service, non-emergency service or special service may be furnished temporarily at the discretion of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority in any case not covered under the schedule of rates. The Authority shall charge the then prevailing rate in effect at the time of consumption for said emergency water service, based upon actual or estimated flows as determined by the Authority.

4.2. Emergency service, non-emergency service or special service shall include water furnished through fire hydrants for emergency uses other than the extinguishment of fires. The Authority shall charge the then prevailing rate in effect at the time of the consumption based upon actual or estimated flows as determined by the Authority.

5. SUPPLY OF WATER

5.1. Due to the nature of its services, the Authority cannot and does not guarantee water supply or water pressure.

5.2. The Authority reserves the right to restrict the supply of water as may be necessary or whenever the public welfare may require it.

6. APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE

6.1. A service connection will be made and water will be furnished only upon written application as approved by the Authority.

6.2. Application for a new service shall be made by the owner or his properly authorized agent on the forms prepared by the Authority for this purpose.

6.3. When a customer applies for water service, he/she or the entity owning the subject property, shall be required to sign an Affidavit stating that he/she or the entity is the owner of the subject property before an application for water shall be processed. said Affidavit shall remain on file with the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

6.4. Before water service is provided the owner of the property requesting service must sign/ execute the Mifflintown Municipal Authority's Consumer Water Agreement Form, which form shall remain on file with the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

6.5. The application and these regulations shall constitute the contractual relations between the owner and the Authority; and each owner, by the taking of service, agrees to be bound thereby individually and collectively.

7. WATER TURN ON CHARGE - NEW CUSTOMER

7.1. The water inspection fee of \$40.00 shall be payable at the time of application for water service.

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8. WATER RATES & MINIMUM CHARGES

8.1. The Authority shall post conspicuously at its office current fees, water rates and minimum charges.

8.2. Any rate change and all present rate and charges shall correspond to the appropriate schedule herein.

8.4. Effective March 1, 2024, for quarterly billed customers. Customers using under 169 gallons per day shall be billed quarterly at the present rate of \$89.87 for One unit of Capacity for usage up to 5,000 gallons and \$8.64 per each additional 1,000 gallons. The Authority Board has implemented the rates in accordance with Appendix F.

8.5. Effective March 1, 2024, for monthly billed customers. Customers using over 169 gallons per day shall be billed monthly at the present rate of \$29.97 for One Unit of Capacity for usage up to 1,667 gallons, \$8.64 per each additional 1,000 gallons.

NOTE: that this rate is subject to the following rate changes:

8.6. Customers using over 169 gallons per day are subject to the following regulations:

8.6.1. All customers using over the value established by the current rate study as (One Unit of Capacity) will have the value assessed annually.

8.6.2. This value will be averaged from the prior annual usage.

8.6.3. The value will be averaged over a minimum of 6 months and not more than 12 months.

8.7. Bulk water:

8.7.1. Application for bulk water sales must be applied for at the Authority office.

8.7.2. Permits are set on an annual basis with a present fee \$75.00 and non-profit organizations (that are existing billing customers of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority) fee will be \$10.00.

8.7.3. Bulk Water Rates: A charge of \$19.00 per 1,000 gallons.

8.7.4. Bulk water haulers will be billed on the first of the month for the previous month of usage. Water Rate schedules are available at the Mifflintown Municipal Authority's office during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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9.FIRE PROTECTION

9.1. Fire protection shall be defined as: any sprinkler system for fire protection or any similar system acting as fire protection for the premises.

9.2. All fire lines shall be equipped with a double detector check valve, bypass meter, and outside register.

9.2.1. Valve, meter, and register will be provided by the property Owner(s).

9.2.2. Valve, meter, and register must be installed to the requirements and specification of the Authority under and subject to the inspection of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

9.2.3. A charge of \$100.00 per year as compensation for standing ready to serve and the use of water is not normally contemplated except for actual extinguishing of fire.

9.3. water used for other than fire service, user shall pay actual (if metered) or estimated consumption charge.

9.4. Abuse or inappropriate use of fire service. The Mifflintown Municipal Authority reserves the right to require the installation of a meter of appropriate size on any line at the expense of the Owner if it determines abuse or inappropriate use of fire service.

9.5. Metered Fire Service. In the event a meter is installed, the established meter rate, including both actual water usage and applicable minimum charges, will apply instead of the above charges.

10.MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES & RATES

10.1. Inspection of Service.....NO Charge

10.2. Final Bill..... No Charge

10.3. Turn Water On or Off at Customer's Request.....\$40.00

10.4. Restoring of Water after Non-Payment of Bills or Services, Or Violations of Regulations, or Terms of Application.....\$75.00

10.5. Installation of new service.

10.6.1. During Normal working hours

Monday-Friday - 8:00 am 4:00pm.....\$75.00

10.6.2 After Normal Working Hours/(2 Hour Minimum Charge).....\$178.00

10.7. Checks Not Honored by Bank for Insufficient Funds. Amount of Check plus \$50.00 Service Charge and all other costs permitted by law.

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10.8. Research of Account Billing (See Regulation 13)

10.9. Requested by a Customer of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority to research more than 4 quarters billing \$25.00 charge

10.10. Liens - Prevailing Prothonotary Charge plus Attorney Fees plus Postage (See Regulation 14).

10.11. Sheriff Sale

Listing of Home..... \$250.00

Sale of Home.....\$100.00 (See Regulation 15)

10.12. Water Rates. See water rate study adopted 03/24/2008 (See Regulation 8)

10.13. Removing, testing, resetting, and resealing meters where sealing wire has been tampered with or broken, or the meter has been removed from the service line..... \$120.00

10.14. Testing meter at customer's request. (See Regulation 19)
5/8", 3/4", and 1" Meters
\$125.00 each
1 1/2" and 2" Meters
\$175.00
Larger than 2" Meters
Prices on Request

10.15. Testing of private meters brought to the shop.....
Prices on Request

10.15. Special meter Reading Requested by Customers.....
Prices on Request

10.16. Frozen Meter - Price of New meter or parts (charges will be assessed also on services for a call out after hours of \$178.00 or \$40.00 during normal working hours.

10.17. Meter Repair.....Actual cost of parts plus \$40.00 service cost.

11. BILLING PERIODS

11.1. All billings will be rendered monthly for users over the base of one unit of capacity, and all other customers will be billed quarterly.

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11.2. Duplicate billings shall not be furnished by the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

11.3. Customers are to pay all billings promptly and the failure to receive a bill shall not exempt any customer from accruing a penalty for late payment.

11.4. The presentation of a bill to the customer is only a matter of accommodation and not a waiver of this rule.

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS

12.1. Locations for Payment - All customers may make payment to the Authority on their account at any of the following locations:

Denholm water office, (credit card, check or money order only)
259 Water Company Road, Mifflintown Office
Hours Monday/ Friday 8:00AM /4:00PM;

Juniata Valley Bank Offices located in Juniata County

Pennian Bank Offices located in Juniata County

12.2. All charges for general water service whether by minimum, budget, or monthly billing shall be paid on or before the due date.

12.3. All charges for general water service are subject to a 5% late charge if paid after the due date.

12.4. Water services shall be discontinued to customer whose bill for water service remains unpaid after forty-five (45) days from the due date of the bill and subject a shutoff charge (SECTION 10.4).

12.5. In the case where service to any customer is discontinued for non-payment, a reconnection fee (SECTION 10.4) shall be charged and in addition to payment of full of overdue account prior to re-establishment of service.

12.6. In the case where a customer has two checks not honored by the customer's bank, future payment will be required on a certified check, cashier's check or money orders only basis.

12.7. Special arrangements for payments must be approved by the Manager.

13. RESEARCH OF ACCOUNT BILLINGS

13.1. Any request by a customer of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority for research of their account billings for a period greater than one billing quarter is subject to the following:

13.1.1. Customer shall furnish the Authority a listing of all months to be reviewed.

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13.1.2. This listing shall be in chronological order, up to and inclusive of the present billing period, with all charges separately listed.

13.1.3. All discrepancies that are being claimed shall be annotated for review against the records of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

13.1.4. Duplicate billings shall not be furnished by the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

13.2. Any request by an entity other than a customer of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority for research of a Mifflintown Municipal Authority customer's account shall furnish to the Authority the following:

13.2.1. Written authorization from the Mifflintown Municipal Authority customer for the research to proceed.

13.2.2. A listing of all billing months to be reviewed.

13.2.3. This listing shall be in chronological order, up to and inclusive of the present billing month, with all charges separately listed.

13.2.4. Duplicate billings shall not be furnished by the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

13.2.5. All discrepancies that are being claimed shall be annotated for review against the records of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority.

14. LIENS

14.1. A municipal lien will be filed against the property owner on any account delinquent for (90) days in an amount of \$500.00 or greater.

14.2. Payment of lien shall include all court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, plus postage, (pursuant to Act 1 of 1996 of the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Act).

14.3. The Authority Board shall review any municipal lien to determine whether execution (sale of the real property) is necessary to collect a delinquent account(s).

15. SHERIFF SALE

15. For any customer whose real property is listed for sheriff sale, regardless of whether the sale transpires, their account is subject to a \$250.00 minimum charge for the necessary paperwork and documentation required for the sale.

16. TERMINATION OF SERVICE BY CUSTOMER - FINAL BILLING

16.1. A customer, who for any reason wishes to terminate the service, shall give a minimum seven (7) day notice to the Authority.

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16.2. The customer owner shall be responsible for payment for service rendered by the Authority until such notice is received.

16.3. The customer shall continue to be responsible for payment for service until access is provided to the premises for the purpose of making a final reading inside the premises on the meter itself.

16.4. Discontinuance of service by the Authority for non-payment of a bill or violation of these Water Service Rules and Regulations shall not cancel the application for services nor constitute a waiver of this regulation.

17. TERMINATION OF SERVICE BY AUTHORITY

17.1. Termination of services by the Authority due to non-payment of water bills or services.

17.1.1. Owner will be sent a delinquent notice (at the address provided by customer on customer's account) when the account reaches 30 days past due.

17.1.2. Upon 45th day of delinquency, owner will be sent a certified letter including charges and administration fees to be paid by the customer or service will be terminated within 10 days.

17.1.3. Any customer beyond 50 days past due without a satisfactory payment arrangement, their service will be terminated.

17.1.4. The Authority will not restore water service discontinued as a result of a delinquent account until account is paid in full with a \$75.00 reconnection fee.

17.2. SATISFACTORY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

17.2.1. Payment arrangements on outstanding accounts can be discussed by calling the Authority office at 717-436-2342.

17.2.2. Only the Authority's manager is authorized to discuss satisfactory payment arrangement.

17.3. Termination of service for other than non-payment. The Authority reserves the right at all times, after due notice, to shut off the water for neglect or refusal to comply with the Rules & Regulations of the Authority.

17.4. Termination of water service for any reason is subject to a charge for restoration of service.

17.5. Service under an application may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:

17.5.1. For misrepresentation in application as to property or fixtures to be supplied or the use to be made of the water supply.

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17.5.2. For failure to maintain in good order, connection, service lines, or fixtures beyond the curb and owned by the applicant, which may cause unknown leaks.

17.5.3. For molesting, damaging, altering any service pipe, meter, curb stop or seal, or any appliances of the Authority.

17.5.4. In case of vacancy of the premises.

17.5.5. For violation of any regulation of the Authority.

17.5.6. For neglecting to make payments of any charges against the property.

17.5.7. For refusal to permit access to the property for purposes of inspecting, for reading, caring for, or removing meters during normal working hours.

17.5.8. The Authority shall have the right to shut off the water without notice in the case of breakdowns, or for other unavoidable causes, including, but not limited to the purpose of making necessary repairs, connections, etc. Reasonable courtesy notice will be given when practicable. In no case shall the Authority be liable for any damage or inconvenience suffered.

17.7. Charges for service rendered to a tenant shall be the liability of the owner and the owner of the real property receiving services is responsible for all charges for the service to the property.

18. METERS

18.1. The Authority will furnish and install meters for all water service, including separate fire lines at the customer's expense.

18.2. All meters are the property of the Authority. The Authority will maintain, repair, and adjust all meters, except as provided in the regulations.

18.3. High rate users. The Authority offers the option for high rate users that require a meter, above the size of 1 1/2", to purchase a meter that is specified by the Authority.

18.4. An existing service without an outside meter, when practical, an outside meter will be installed as a onetime service, at no charge to the customer.

18.5. The water meter will always be the official instrument for determining consumption of water by a customer.

18.6. The customer is responsible for the care and maintenance of the outside reader and wire installation and if the outside reader or wire is damaged the repairs will be completed by a Authority employee and the customer will be charged a minimum of \$40.00 plus the cost of any replacement parts needed.

18.7. The customer must provide suitable housing facilities for the meter and the customer is responsible for any damage to the meter through extreme heat, cold, accidents or any other damage from any cause or source.

18.8. The Authority responsibility for meters is limited to ordinary maintenance.

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18.9. The meter must not be housed or enclosed in such a manner as to make repair or replacement impossible without liability of damage to the premises.

18.10. In such cases where enclosures are deemed too restrictive for normal maintenance, the owner shall, at owner's expense, correct the condition immediately and failure to correct the condition will result in discontinuance of service.

18.11. In the event that no suitable housing for the meter is available in the cellar or basement or about the premises, the owner is required to furnish an approved meter housing located in the parkway, terrace, or sidewalk area of said premises and such housing must be approved by the Authority.

18.12. Only an authorized agent of the Authority shall at any time be allowed to repair, remove, or replace any meter.

18.13. Service Lines more than one hundred (100) feet in length where the service line extension on the customer's property is more than one hundred (100') feet in length, the Authority may require that the meter be located in the parkway, terrace, or sidewalk area, and placed in an approved meter housing as above indicated.

18.14. The customer shall furnish, install and maintain on the service line, immediately before the meter, a ball valve with full throat, without waste, the same size as the service line on the street side of and on the consumer side of and immediately after the meter an approved dual stage backflow preventer with an expansion tank and then the other ball valve.

18.15. On service connections that the influent pressure may exceed (70) pounds per square inch, the Authority will require the customer to install a pressure reducing valve. This valve shall be installed after the first shutoff valve and prior to the meter.

18.16. The backflow preventer, pressure reducing valve and inside shutoff valves along with the expansion tank shall be maintained by the customer at all times.

18.17. The size of the meter shall be no larger than the size of the service line which the customer requires or requests the Authority to install.

18.18. The line size after the curb stop to point of meter, shall be at the discretion of the Authority. In the case of extra long service lines, or other unusual types of installation.

18.19. Any increase in line size shall be at the expense of the applicant.

18.20. The customer shall not permit anyone, unless an agent of the Authority, or otherwise lawfully authorized person or agent to do so, to remove, alter or tamper with the meter or other property of the Authority on customer's premises.

18.21. If, in repairing the customer's service line, it becomes necessary to break the meter seal, the Authority will, upon application, authorize the person making the repairs to break the seal and the Authority will reseal the meter without charge to the customer.

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18.22. When a meter seal, or seal wire, has been tampered with, removed, or broken, or the meter removed from the service line without the application to the Authority and the Authority's consent, the Authority will remove the meter, test it, reset it and reseal it, and the owner of the property served by the meter will be charged all applicable fees for the removal, testing, reset and resealing of the meter and such charges and fees must be paid within ten (10) days or service may be discontinued.

18.23. The customer shall immediately notify the Authority of any of the following:

18.23.1. damage to a meter

18.23.2. malfunctioning of a meter

18.23.3. the breaking of the seal, or-seal wire

18.24. Provided that the damage, malfunctioning, broken seal or seal wire was not caused by wrongful act(s) of the customer and the customer so advises the Authority, the meter may be replaced or repaired without charge providing the meter is in proper working order.

19. METER TESTS

19.1. The Authority shall test all meters periodically without charge to the customer with normal periodic cycle of testing every ten (10) years.

19.2. Should any customer of the Authority doubt the accuracy of customer's water meter at any time, the customer may have said meter tested upon written application to the Authority and by making a deposit, as indicated by Regulation 10, to defray the cost of said extra meter test.

19.3. Should such accuracy test show the meter in question to be correct to the accepted industry standard of within four percent (4%), the deposit shall be forfeited. Should the test show said meter to be registering fast by more than four percent (4%) of the accurate amount, the required deposit shall be refunded and the entire cost of the test shall be borne by the Authority.

19.4. In the event that the incorrect registration exceeds plus or minus four percent (4%), water consumption for the preceding six months will be adjusted, and either a supplemental bill will be rendered, or a refund made as appropriate.

19.5. Charges for meter tests may be waived at the discretion of the manager.

20. TAP-IN FEES & SERVICE LINES

New services, tap in fees were adopted in the current Act 57 study, January 1, 2022.

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20.1. Water service connections will be made only to improved property, or to property in the process of improvement, after receipt of written application; provided however, that upon said application to be submitted, the Authority shall have, in writing, approved the point of connection to its waterline and the meter location within the structure to which water service is to be made, with signature of the property owner or his duly authorized agent.

20.2. When properly executed applications are received for both water service line installation and for regular water service. The Authority will tap the main, insert corporation cock, extend service pipe to the property line, and insert a curb stop with curb box for each customer.

20.3. The service facilities between the water main and the curb stop shall be and remain the property of the Authority and will be maintained by the Authority.

20.4. The Authority will render the aforesaid service at a cost to the customer of the following normal tap-in fees, PLUS (+) road opening, replacement costs, and any permit fees:

20.5: Tap-in fees are pursuant to the January 1, 2022 Act 57 are based on service line size as follows:

- 20.5.1 \$2,200.00 for each normal 3/4" service line
- 20.5.2 \$2,750.00 for each normal 1" service line
- 20.5.3 \$3,500.00 for each normal 1-1/2" service line.
- 20.5.4 \$5,600.00 for each normal 2" service line.
- 20.5.5 \$11,200.00 for each normal 4" service line. (2) 2" meters

20.6. Normal tap is defined as a tap made on the same side as the waterline. If the Authority is required to make a tap on the side opposite of the waterline, then the Authority shall charge an amount equal to the service line fee at section 20.5, as applicable, PLUS the cost of labor and materials to make the long tap.

20.7. The owner must furnish and install a service line extension beyond the curb box upon the premises to be served subject to the following:

20.7.1. The materials of each extension must be of Type K-soft Copper, high density poly with inserts or ductile iron pipe, to and through the wall of the building, or housing facilities for the meter, on which shall be placed an approved ball valve immediately before the meter and inside the building or housing wall.

20.7.2. The service line, beginning at the curb stop and extending as far as the meter, shall be no less in diameter than the service line installed by the Authority from the main line to the curb stop unless otherwise approved by the Authority.

20.7.3. Any charges for removal and replacement of the traveled surface of roads or sidewalks, or for fees or permits of any kind, are to be paid for by the applicant.

20.7.4. Water will not be supplied through the customer's part of any service supply line between the curb stop and meter which has not been inspected in the open trench and approved by the Authority.

20.7.5. There will be no charge assessed for inspection of service lines.

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20.8. Replacement and repairs by customer to service supply line between the curb stop and meter are subject to the same specifications and requirements as set forth at paragraph 20.7 et seq. above including specifically 20.7.4 aforesaid.

20.9. Service Pipe(s) Installation.

20.9.1. All service pipes must be laid at least five feet (4') deep and not less than five (5') feet distant from any open area or vault.

20.9.2. No service pipe shall be laid in the same trench with any drain or sewer pipe, and must be laid in a separate trench not less than three (3') feet from any drain or sewer pipe.

20.10. Customer maintenance.

20.10.1. The customer will be required to maintain customer's service line extension in good order to prevent leakage and loss of water before measurement by the water meter.

20.10.2. Upon customer's failure to repair any leak(s), the Authority reserves the right to repair said leaks and to charge all costs for such repair work to the customer in question, or as an alternative, to require a relocation of the meter, at the customer's expense, to a position near the curb box, in the parkway, terrace, or sidewalk area, in a regulation housing as specified by the Authority.

20.10.3. Pits located on municipal property shall be installed at the owner's liability; and the owner is responsible for permit fees and all other expenses.

20.11. REMOVAL OF SERVICE LINES. Any person or entity having the legal right to demolish or remove a structure from real property within the service area of the Mifflintown Municipal Authority shall:

20.11.1. Prior to or contemporaneously with the making of an application for a Permit to the municipality for the demolition or the removal of a structure, secure from the Authority written consent from the Authority to so do.

20.11.2. The issuance of the Authority's consent in writing addressed to the municipality shall state that the applicant has deposited with the Authority a sum of money which the Authority has estimated to cover the cost or to compensate the Authority for its cost of labor, equipment, and materials directly related to the termination of water service.

20.11.3 Termination of service shall be at the main line of the Authority.

20.11.4 The Authority shall provide to the applicant an estimate of its cost for the termination of water service and following the termination of said service, apply the funds escrowed to compensate the Authority for said costs. Should the actual cost thereof be less than the amount escrowed with the Authority, the difference shall be refunded to the applicant. Should the amount exceed the sum escrowed for said purpose, then the applicant shall be responsible to pay to the Authority the additional costs thereof.

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20.11.5. The person or entity shall not commence the demolition or removal of any structure until such time as the applicable water service line connection shall have been terminated by the Authority, which shall in no event exceed a period of seventy-two (72) hours following the issuance of the Municipal Permit and, if applicable, said other required Governmental permits.

21. WATERLINE EXTENSIONS

21.1. The Authority shall be under no obligation at any time to make any extensions to its existing waterlines, but may do so, at its option, upon the written request of one or more prospective customers, either wholly or in part at the expense of said customer or customers.

21.2. Any Party desiring the extension of water mains or fire lines shall file an application to so do with the Authority.

21.3. The Application shall be submitted in writing and shall be accompanied by the following:

21.3.1. Two prints of the Plan, prepared by a registered Engineer or surveyor.

21.3.2. One print of a Plan showing the ultimate development of contiguous land owned by the Applicant.

21.3.3. The Authority may authorize the Authority Engineer to proceed with preliminary engineering on any line extension prior to approval of the Developer's Agreement and requiring the developer to pay for the additional costs resulting from the necessary changes.

21.3.4. Approval of any extension shall require appropriate evidence of the approval of site plans by the Governmental Bodies of the Municipality.

21.3.5. The Authority shall determine adequate main size, number and location of valves and location of fire hydrants.

21.4. Three alternatives may be pursued in connection with the installation of water main extensions:

21.4.1. Applicant may elect to construct and install the water mains, etc..

21.4.2. Applicant may elect to have a contractor of his/her choice perform the construction and installation.

21.4.3. Applicant may elect to have the Authority secure a contractor to perform the construction and installation.

21.4.3.1. The following shall apply to alternative

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21.4. Applicant and Authority shall enter into a written agreement prepared by the Authority's solicitor. All materials required for said installation shall be determined by the Authority Engineer and approved and supplied by the Authority pursuant to the bid for said materials. The extent of the overhead chargeable shall, in part, be determined by whether the materials are supplied in truckload or non-truckload lots.

21.5. If the developer elects the procedure in 21.3.1 or 21.5.2, the developer shall:

21.5.1. construct the waterline in accordance with the final plans and specifications as approved by the Authority;

21.5.2. construct waterlines strictly in accordance with the specifications as adopted by the Authority, and the Developer agrees that, in the event he/she enters into any agreement with any other contractor, agency or assigns, the requirements as set forth in these Water Service Rules and regulations shall be incorporated into such agreement.

21.5.3. Developer will deliver to the Authority, prior to commencement of any work, a Certificate of Insurance certifying that the developer is insured with a reliable insurance company for Public Liability, Personal Injury, Property Damage, minimum coverage, and full coverage for Workers' Compensation.

21.6. Should the Authority enter into an agreement with a developer, the developer shall guarantee the completion of all the waterline improvements required by the terms of the agreement in a manner satisfactory to the Authority and shall further provide one of the following guarantees:

21.6.1. Surety Bond to cover the entire cost of the waterline, plus ten percent (10%). The duration of the bond shall be until such time as the waterline improvements are accepted by the Authority in accordance with the requirements and standards therewith.

21.6.2. The developer shall deposit cash with the Authority in an Escrow Account. The amount of deposit shall be equal to the cost of the waterline improvement plus ten percent (10%). In the case of an Escrow Account, the developer shall file with the Authority an agreement between the bank and himself or herself guaranteeing the following:

a) The funds of the Escrow Account shall be held in trust until released by the Authority and may not be used or pledged by the developer as security in any other matter during the period of construction of the waterline improvements.

b) In the case of failure on the part of the developer to complete the improvements, the bank shall immediately make the funds in such account available to the Authority for use in the completion of those improvements.

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21.6.3. Property Escrow. The developer shall offer a guaranty of land or other property, including corporate stocks or bonds. The value of any such property shall be at least equal to the cost as estimated by the Authority and approved by its Engineer of the installation of all waterline improvements plus ten percent (10%). The County Assessor shall establish the value of any property so used and, in so doing, shall take into account the likelihood of decline in the value of property during the guaranteed period. The Authority shall retain the right to reject the use of any property when the value of such property is sufficiently unstable, when it believes the property will be difficult to sell, or for other reasons such as will inhibit the Authority from exchanging the property for a sufficient amount of money to complete the required improvements.

21.6.3.1. when the property is offered as an improvement guaranty, the developer shall:

a) Execute an Agreement with the Trustee, when it is not the Authority, instructing the Trustee to release the property to the Authority in the case of default. The Agreement shall also state the property may be released only upon the consent of the Authority. The Agreement shall be placed on file with the Authority manager.

b) File with the Authority an Affidavit affirming that the property to be used as a guaranty is free and clear of any encumbrance or lien at the time it is placed in trust and execute and file with the Authority an Agreement stating that the property is to be used for no other purpose or pledged as security for no other matter until it is released by the Authority.

***The Authority Reserves the right to reject any waterline extensions if all needs, specifications or requirements of the Authority are not met.

22. LIABILITY FOR LEAKS AND DEFECTIVE PLUMBING

22.1. The Authority shall not be liable for any damage resulting from leaks, broken pipes, or from any other cause, occurring to, or within any house or building. It is expressly stipulated by and between the Authority and the customer that no claims shall be made against said Authority on account of the bursting or breaking of any main or service pipe or any attachment to said water works.

23. LIABILITY FOR WATER CHARGES CAUSED BY LEAKS OR WASTE

23.1 All water passing through a meter shall be charged at the regular rate, and no allowance will be made for excessive consumption due to leaks or waste. The Authority reserves the right at its discretion to review, modify or forgive a one time exception to a charge as a result of a leak.

24. USE OF HYDRANTS

24.1. Use of a fire hydrant for any unauthorized purpose is forbidden.

24.2. Unlawful use of hydrants will be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation and prosecution.

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24.3. It is unlawful for any persons to open any fire hydrant or to use any water from any hydrant for any purpose without permission in writing from the Authority, except in case of fire.

24.4. All hydrant tests shall be made directly under the supervision of an authorized agent of the Authority.

24.5. The expressed purpose of fire protection charges is to compensate for "standing ready to serve" and that for said charge the use of water is not contemplated except for the actual extinguishing of fires, or for testing fire hydrants, systems, and apparatus which shall not be done without first notifying officials of the Authority. If used otherwise, a consumption charge, in accordance with the rates published, will be imposed. consumptions will be estimated by the Authority and shall be binding.

24.6. The appropriate municipality where the fire hydrant is located will be assessed an annual fee of \$87.00 for each hydrant. This fee covers all maintenance and future replacements needed for each hydrant. If the municipality does not pay the rental charge, the Authority may choose to remove said hydrant.

25. MISCELLANEOUS

25.1. All customers having any equipment upon their premises which is dependent upon certain minimum pressure of the water in the Authority's pipes to keep them supplied, are strongly cautioned against danger of collapse in the event of line ruptures, and all such damage shall be borne exclusively by the customer.

25.2. NO water will be furnished to any premises where any possibility exists of the commingling of the water furnished by the Authority with water from any other source.

25.3. NO water main or service pipe/line may be connected in any way to any piping, tank, vat, or other apparatus containing liquids, chemical, or any other matter which may flow back into the Authority's service pipes or mains unless an exception is made to this rule at the option of the Authority, provided proper safeguards are installed which shall be inspected and have the approval of the Authority, the Insurance underwriters, and the state DEP.

26. CHANGING OF REGULATIONS

26.1 The Authority shall periodically review these WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Authority reserves the right to change or amend from time to time these Regulations and the rates for the use of water as is necessary and in accordance with all applicable law.

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