

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE OF MOOSE LAKE, MINN. ESTABLISHING RULES, REGULATIONS & PENALTIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CONSUMERS.

The Village Council of the Village of Moose Lake do ordain as follows:

Section 1:

That the rules, regulations and rates herein contained, together with such a s may hereafter be enacted, shall be a part of the contract with every consumer of water furnished by the waterworks system of said Village of Moose Lake, and upon violation of any such rule or regulation the water service shall be shut off and service discontinued and shall not be renewed except by order of the superintendent in charge and upon payment of the charges and penalties hereinafter mentioned. The right is reserved by the Village Council to change such rules, regulations, penalties and water service rates from time to time as they may deem advisable, and to make special rates and contracts in proper cases.

Section 2:

The following rules, regulations, water service rates & penalties are hereby established, viz: -

1. Applications for water service must be made to the Village Clerk, and must state fully the purpose for which same is to be used, with description of premises to be supplied, and must be subscribed by the Owner or his authorized agent.
2. Each separate building supplied with water must have its own separate Water service connection directly with the mains, except that two or more buildings located on the same lot may, subject to the written application of the owner and consent of the Village Council, be supplied through the same connections, provided that the single ownership continues, and that the owner agrees to pay all charges for water service consumed on the entire premises. Upon change from such single ownership, a new and separate connection shall be made immediately to the building or premises theretofore having the indirect connection, provided that in case there is no water main on which said premises abut, the Village Council may permit such connection to remain until a water main is laid in such abutting street.
3. Where two or more tenants are in one building, or two or more buildings are on one lot or enclosure, the water service will be charged to one person only, who must pay the full rates for the whole property.
4. The Superintendent, or any person authorized by the Village Council, must have free access at all reasonable hours to all parts of every building, for the purpose of inspecting or reading of meters.
5. The Villag Council may permit water to be used temporarily from any fire hydrant for other than domestic purposes in localities where no other supply can be obtained, by attaching a reducer to one of the hydrants openings and controlling the supply by means of a small valve. This permission will not be granted until a written application therefore is first made to the Village Clerk.

6. The stop cocks at sidewalk, together with box and covers are the property of the Village, and all persons are forbidden to interfere with them. The Village of Moose Lake will provide the corporation cocks, goose necks and service box required at the property line, for which a fee of \$10.50 shall be paid to the Village Clerk.

7. No plumber or other person except the Superintendent will be allowed to tap any water main, and for every tap thus made with the Village tapping machine a fee of \$3.00 shall be paid to the Village Clerk.

8. A meter furnished by the Village of Moose Lake must be installed on each & every service line on or before July 1, 1927, which meter will be owned by the Village of Moose Lake. The installation, repair and disconnection of all meters is to be performed by the Superintendent or under his direction. A cash deposit of \$5.00 shall be made with the Village Clerk when application for a meter is made and same shall be returned when meter is taken out, less all amounts owing to the Village.

9. When fees are fixed, payment must be made at the time application to Village Clerk is made for water service. No water will be turned until all charges are paid, including water used for building purposes.

10. The supply of water through each separate meter service must be recorded by one meter only, for which only one account will be rendered by the Village Clerk. If additional or auxiliary meters are desired for recording the sub-division of such supply they must be furnished and set by the Owner or consumer at his expense, and they must assume all responsibility of reading and maintaining same.

11. The following meter rates are to apply:-

A meter rent or charge of 45 cents per quarter is to be charged against all presises using meters.

For the first 3000 gallons per quarter, \$1.50 for minimum charge.

For the next 3000 gallons per quarter, 50 cents per thousand gals.

For the next 6000 gallons per quarter, 45 cents per thousand gals.

For the next 6000 Gallons per quarter, 40 cents per thousand gals.

For the next 18000 gallons per quarter, 35¢ per one thousand gals.

For commercial purposes a set rate shall be made upon application.

12. All water service charges are due and payable quarterly to the Village Clerk, or as designated by the Village Council, on the 1st day of January, 1st day of April, 1st day of July, and 1st day of October of each year. If water service charges are not paid within twenty (20) days after the same becomes due, the superintendent will in such cases shut off the water service forthwith, and without notice.

13. All water passing through a meter shall be charged for at regular rates, and no allowance can be made for excessive consumption due to leak or waste.

14. If meters owned by the Village shall be damaged by freezing, hot water or other causes, either by carelessness or neglect of the owner or occupants of the presises or their agents, the owner or occupant must pay for such damage. The cost of ordinary maintenance and repairs to all but privately owned auxiliary meters will be borne by the Village.

15. In case of breakage, stoppage or any other irregularity in the meter, the owner or consumer is to notify the Superintendent immediately, and any necessary repairs will be made by the Superintendent as hereinafterbefore provided.

16. At the written consent of an owner or consumer, the Superintendent will test the meter supplying his premises. A deposit of \$2.00 will be required before the meter is disconnected which will be returned if the meter is not found to be registering correctly within two per cent of a flow equal to one eighth of the diameter of the service, otherwise the deposit will be retained by the Village to cover cost of test. The owner or consumer can, if desired, be present at the time the test is made. The result of the test will be reported to the owner or consumer in every case.

17. If the testing of a meter, as hereinbefore provided, shows that it fails to register correctly, the charge to the consumer shall be on the basis for the corresponding period of the previous year. If the meter has not been in service for a year, or if for any other reason the charge for the corresponding period of the previous year cannot be justly applied, the charge shall be equitable adjusted by the Village Council.

18. The minimum rate will be charged as long as the meter remains on the service. In responce to a written request of the owner or authorized agent asking that the water be shut off and the meter removed, the Superintendent will proceed to comply with such request and the minimum rate will cease on the date when the meter is removed. No charge will be made for removing a meter, but a charge of \$2.00 will be made when the meter is again installed.

19. After supply to meter premises has been shut off for any reason, except for repairs, the service will not be reestablished unless a written order is given to the Superintendent by the owner or authorized agent, nor until all arrears are paid.

20. The use of water for lawn sprinkling purposes shall at all times be subject to the express condition that the Council may at any time when in its opinion the condition of the public water supply demands it, limit the time each day during which hose may be used for sprinkling purposes, or the Village Council may forbid the use of water for lawn sprinkling for any period not exceeding thirty days at one time.

21. The following rates will be charged for water used for building purposes:-

Bricklaying (masons measurements) 15 ¢ per 1000 brick.

Concrete work, 10¢ per cubic yard.

Plastering, 50¢ per 100 square yards.

Concrete walks and similar work, 50¢ per 100 square yards.

No permit will be issued for less than \$1.00.

For all other purposes not specified about, to be determined by the Superintendent, subject to the sanction of the Village Council.

22. It is expressly declared and understood that the Village reserves the right at any time to shut off the water for the purpose of extending, replacing, repairing or cleaning mains and appurtenances, and the Village shall not be held liable for any damage arising therefrom.

23. No branch will be allowed to be taken off of the service except on the house side of the meter.

24. For violation of any of the foregoing rules and for the non-payment of all charges, the Village reserves the right to shut off the water without notice, and to forfeit any payment made. After the water has been shut off from any service pipe on account of non-payment of charges or violation of rules, the same will not be turned on until all charges, penalties and fines are paid, together with the expense of shutting off and turning on such water, and no water shall be furnished any person who is indebted to the Village.

Section 3:-

The management of the waterworks system shall be as follows:

1. The Village Council shall appoint one man who shall be general executive officer or superintendent of waterworks, who shall give bond to the Village of Moose Lake in the sum of \$500.00, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties.

2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that the rules and regulations relative to waterworks are executed, that the conditions of all contracts by or with said waterworks are faithfully complied with, and to have general supervision over all the operations and interests of said waterworks, and shall make out a semi-annual report of the conditions and operations of said waterworks, and shall perform such other duties as the Village Council shall prescribe. He also shall have special supervision over all buildings, machinery and everything connected with said waterworks, and shall take the readings of all meters once every quarter. He shall act as engineer of the waterworks, shall keep himself prepared for duty at all times, shall have charge of the machinery connected therewith. He shall visit and examine all hydrants at least once every quarter and shall not allow quantity of water in the tank to diminish more than one third, and shall see that all valves and all parts of the waterworks system is in perfect order and in case of breakage or defects in the same he shall give immediate notice to the President or some member of the Village Council.

3. All records pertaining to the management of the waterworks, excepting only those required to be kept by the superintendent, shall be kept by the Village Clerk in books provided for that purpose, such records must show the names of all patrons description of premises supplied, collections made and such other items as the Village Council may from time to time require.

4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1927.

Approved and Passed, March 2, 1927.

Attest:

F. A. Schweiger,
Village Clerk

Chas K. Handschu
President, Village Council

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