

**Wampum Borough  
Water Rules &  
Regulations**

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I. **APPLICATION FOR SERVICE**

A service connection will be installed and water will be furnished upon written application by the property owner, his properly authorized agent, or the responsible tenant, on a blank application form prepared by the Borough for this purpose, and after approval of such application by the Borough is endorsed thereon.

A new application must be executed and approved by the Borough upon any change in ownership of the property, when the owner is the consumer, or in any tenancy where the tenant is the consumer. The required deposit for service is \$65.00.

Service will be renewed under a new and properly executed application, when the conditions under which such service was discontinued are corrected, and upon payment of all charges provided in the adopted rate schedule or tariffs of the Borough, bills for labor, supplies and permits required in "shut-offs" and turning on the water supply.

There will be a reconnect fee of \$50.00 for delinquent shut-offs. When a request to turn off the water is received a fee of \$25.00 shall be charged and an additional \$25.00 to turn the service back on.

II. **SERVICE CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS, METERING  
REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

A. SERVICE CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS.

1. The service connection shall include a 3/4" corporation cock installed in the main line, a length of 3/4" soft "K" type copper service line, curb stop and curb box.
2. The Borough will provide and maintain, at its own cost, the corporation cock connected to the main line, the service line and the curb stop and box. This portion of the service installation shall be and remain the property of the Borough, and accessible to and under its control. All service line installation from the curb stop or box and beyond shall be installed and maintained by the applicant at his expense.
3. Applicant service lines shall be installed at a minimum depth of 42" below existing ground elevation.
4. The Borough Water Operator or Water Committee shall approve the size and type of all service connections.
5. Service line and connections between the curb stop and domestic meter shall be 3/4" diameter, type "K" soft copper, ASTM B-88. All applicant work shall be installed in a workmanlike and approved manner.

6. Any and all leaks or required repair on the applicant's portion of the service line shall be done within five (5) days of receipt of a written notice to the Applicant from the borough. The applicant shall repair the leak on the applicant's portion of the service line or the borough may terminate and "shut-off" water service.
7. The Borough requires an inspection of all service line material and installed work, for approval to the applicant prior to back filling. The request for this inspection shall be made to the Borough with reasonable advance notice and during normal working hours.
8. A service line shall serve the residence of the applicant located on the property of the applicant.
9. The applicant is permitted to extend water lines into other non-inhabited incidental buildings.
10. No applicant or tenant supplied with water service of the Borough is permitted to supply other persons, families, dwellings or other properties without the review and approval of the Borough.
11. The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining his service connection, lines and fixtures on his property and for any and all damage incurred by water escaping there from.
12. Frozen or broken service line and appurtenances from the curb stop and box to the dwelling shall remain the responsibility of the applicant.
13. Applicants violating the "Rates, Rules and Regulations" may have their water service shut-off" after a notice of five (5) days from the Borough. The "shut-off" shall remain until the violation is resolved.
14. Where two or more users are furnished water service by a single service line, any of said users shall be deemed a violation to all and the Borough may take such action as would be taken against a single user, except that such action shall not be taken until the innocent user, not in violation, has been given reasonable opportunity to connect his lines to a separate service connection.
15. Applications for temporary service are subject to the following conditions; The Borough shall furnish all materials at the applicants cost. The installation shall require the approval of, and all work shall be performed under the direction of the Borough Water Operator. All pipes, fittings, meters, etc., shall be removed by the Borough when the applicant desires the water service be discontinued. If corporation cocks have been

installed in the main line, they shall remain in the water line when the service piping is removed. The corporation cocks will be considered property of the Borough, without any expense to the Borough. It is further understood that the applicant is to bear the full expense of the complete installation and removal. The Borough shall furnish all supervision and inspection of this temporary service.

16. The applicant shall be responsible for all surface substance along their service line from the curb stop and box to the dwelling.

## **B. METERING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The 5/8", 3/4", 1" and 2" meter, domestic, commercial or otherwise, must be furnished by the Borough at a prevailing cost to the property owner. (Example- present cost of 5/8" meter is set at \$125.00, but may change due to prevailing cost to the Borough.)

Large size meter cost will be charged at prevailing cost. The meter shall be installed by the Borough at their expense and shall be subject to its control. They shall be accessible and conveniently located in a horizontal position at a point approved by the Borough representative so as to control the entire water supply. It is required by the Borough that each applicant shall furnish a 3/4" ball valve on the inlet and outlet side of the meter.

Where pressure reducing valves are installed by the applicant, this installation shall be "ahead of" the Borough meter. The Borough will install pressure reducing valves at its expense only in those cases where the service line pressure as measured at the meter exceeds 125 psi.

2. The applicant shall notify the Borough of any damage to, or the non-working of the water meter as soon as it comes to his/her attention.

3. Meters will be maintained by the Borough so far as wear and tear are concerned; but damage and repair required due to freezing, hot water, or external causes shall be borne by the applicant. Protection from freezing of meters shall be the responsibility of the user. Cost of repair will be charged by the Borough at prevailing cost.

4. No person or persons, except duly authorized representatives of the Borough, are permitted to remove or repair borough meters.

5. In case of a disputed account involving the accuracy of a meter, the meter shall be tested at the request of the applicant. In the event the meter so tested is found to have an error in registration of one (1) percent, the bill to the consumer will be decreased or increased accordingly.

6. Each request for the test of a meter for accuracy shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$75.00.

7. If the meter so tested shall be found to have an error in registration of less than one (1) percent, the deposit shall be retained by the Borough as compensation for such test; if the error is found to be one (1) percent or more, then the cost of the test shall be borne by the Borough, and the amount of the deposit shall be returned to the applicant.

8. Where water is furnished by meter, the quantity recorded by it shall be conclusive for both the applicant and the Borough except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In such case the quantity may be determined by the average registration of the meter when in order, or by such other fair and reasonable method as shall be based upon the best information obtainable.

9. The following are considered separate consumers and must either have a separate meter or pay a separate monthly minimum based on overall water usage averaged to each consumer. The consumer herein means the applicant contracting for water service to a property within the following classifications:

- a. A building under one (1) roof and occupied as one (1) residence.
- b. A building under one (1) roof and occupied as one (1) business.
- c. A building under one (1) roof and occupied as one (1) residence, primarily and the same person operates a business from or at this residency.
- d. One (1) side of a duplex building having a physical vertical partition wall.
- e. One (1) story of a multi-story building having a physical horizontal floor separation.
- f. A building having more than one (1) part occupied by more than one (1) family, individual person or business where each such occupancy has independent and exclusive use of water service and appurtenances, subject only to the provisions for existing buildings and new construction as set forth in sub paragraph (i) and (j).
- g. Each apartment, office, suite of offices or living quarters having separate and independent water fixtures located in a building having several such apartments, offices, suites or living quarters and using a common hall and/or having one (1) or more means of entrance.
- h. Each apartment having separate and independent water fixtures located in a group of buildings having a number of such apartments owned and controlled by a single owner.
- i. Multi-metering for separate occupancies located in an existing structure may be waived by the Borough and upon review by the Borough of the multi-use, a reasonable metering and user rate will be established.
- j. Multi-metering for new construction buildings shall be accomplished by provision of a common service "header" or service manifold enabling the required

number of separate users to be separately metered.

10. Incidental buildings or structures which are not inhabited do not require a separate meter.

**C. PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

**CURRENT RATE SCHEDULE:**

\$4.09 per 1000 gallons /Plus the Minimum Base rate per meter size as follows:

5/8" - \$13.75                      3/4" - \$24.25                      1" - \$34.25                      2" - \$94.25

*Future rates may be adjusted by Borough Council by resolution when necessary.*

**D. TAPPING FEE AMOUNT:** \$1000.00 plus the actual cost of repair to the pavement of any street or sidewalk disturbed because of the tap-in.

**E. METERS, SPECIAL AGREEMENT:**

The type, size of meter, size of service line, tapping fee and charges per month shall be determined by the Borough and become a part of the existing rate schedule upon Borough Council approval.

**F. METER, CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER:**

The water and meter furnished for construction purposes shall require a minimum deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a 5/8" meter. There will be a twenty dollars (\$20.00) minimum charge per month plus \$4.09 per 1,000 gallons usage. Minimum charge per month and excess use charge shall be as specified herein regardless of meter size.

The Borough Agent shall provide and set a meter for the temporary service. Only the Borough Agent has the right to turn the water service "on" or "off."

The Contractor/Developer shall be responsible for the proper care and return of said meter.

For meters larger than 5/8" the deposit required shall be as established by the Borough at the time of application for service.

- a. Bills will be rendered monthly to each consumer for the minimum charge.
- b. Meters to be read monthly and adjustments made on the basis of monthly meter reading and application of above rates.
- c. There shall be no water service rendered free of charge.
- d. All billing shall be originated at the end of each month.
- e. If bills are not paid by the due date, the 15th day of the month, the Borough may add to the bill for service five (5) percent penalty. In the case of bills to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, any department or institution thereof, schools, or to any agency of the Federal/Government, the non-penalty

provisions of all schedules are extended so as to provide a thirty (30) day period during which payment may be made at net rates.

- f. The Borough will accept remittances bearing local postmarks of the last day for payment without penalty.
- g. Where special service rates are fixed or cost of service of any kind is estimated, payment must be made at the time the application is submitted and before the service is granted.
- h. Bills and notices relating to the Borough or its business will be mailed or delivered to the property owner's or consumers last address as shown by the books of the Borough, and the Borough shall not otherwise be responsible for delivery. The Borough shall send all such notices and bills to the address given on the application for services until a notice of change has been filed in writing with the Borough by the applicant.

### III. **FIRE HYDRANTS:**

- A. No person or persons shall take water from any fire hydrant except for fire-fighting purposes, or for use of the fire department in case of fire. No Borough fire hydrant shall be used for sprinkling streets, flushing storm sewers or gutters, or for other reasons than fire-fighting purposes, unless specifically permitted by the Borough for the particular time and purpose and in a specified amount.
- B. It shall be expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties receiving private fire service and the Borough that the Borough does not assume any liability as insurers of property or persons; and the agreement does not contemplate any special service pressure, capacity or facility, other than the ordinary or changing conditions of the Borough which exist from day to day. The Borough hereby declares, and it is agreed by the consumer, that the Borough shall be free and exempt from any and all claims for injuries to persons or property by reason of fire, water pressure or capacity.

### IV. **CROSS CONNECTIONS:**

Any physical connection or arrangement of pipes between two otherwise separate water-supply systems, one of which contains potable water and the other water of unknown or questionable safety, whereby water may flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending upon the pressure differential between the two systems.

No physical cross connection is permitted between a public or private water-distribution system containing potable water, and any other system containing water of questionable quality or any other contamination or polluting substance.

V. **OPEN CONNECTION:**

A piping arrangement which provides an air gap between two water-supply systems and which may become a cross connection or inter-connection by the insertion of a length of pipe into the air gap.

Open connections, physically separated, are permitted under supervision of the Borough.

VI. **BACKFLOW CONNECTION:**

Any arrangement whereby the flow of water or other liquids into the distribution system of a potable supply of water can occur from any source or sources other than its intended source .

House or industrial toilet or sink fixtures; industrial tanks with submerged water connections; condenser ponds with submerged make-up connections; or any fixtures capable of back-siphonage into the water system are classed as backflow connections and are therefore prohibited. Burden of proof shall rest on the consumer and not on the Borough, which reserves the right to discontinue service to the property in violation.

VII. **INTERCONNECTIONS**

An interconnection is a physical connection between two potable water-supply systems.

Interconnections are not permissible.

VIII. **DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE:**

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

- a. For misrepresentation in application as to property or fixtures to be applied or use to be made of the water supply.
- b. For the use of water for any other property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- c. For allowing an additional family to move into premises and use water without proper notice to the Borough.
- d. For willful waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures, meters or otherwise.
- e. For failure to protect and maintain in good condition the meter conditions, service lines or fixtures.
- f. For non-payment of any bill for more than thirty(30) days after the same is due.
- g. For molesting any service line or pipe, meter curb stop- cock, meter seal, fire hydrant or any other appliance of the Borough controlling or regulating the water supply.
- h. In case of vacancy of premises.
- i. For direct connection of private water system to the Borough water system.
- j. For violation of any "Rate, Rule or Regulations" of the Borough.



No water fixture or appliance in connection therewith will be considered cut off until it is disconnected so that it cannot be used again or is sealed in a manner that is satisfactory to the Borough.

No plumber, owner, or other unauthorized person shall turn the water on or off at any corporation stop or curb stop or remove the water meter.

The Borough reserves the right to shut off the water in its mains at any time without notice to making repairs, extensions, or alteration but will so far as possible, notify consumers of the intention to shut off. It is expressly stipulated by the Borough that no claim shall be made against it by reason of the breaking of any pipe or for any other interruption of the supply of water.

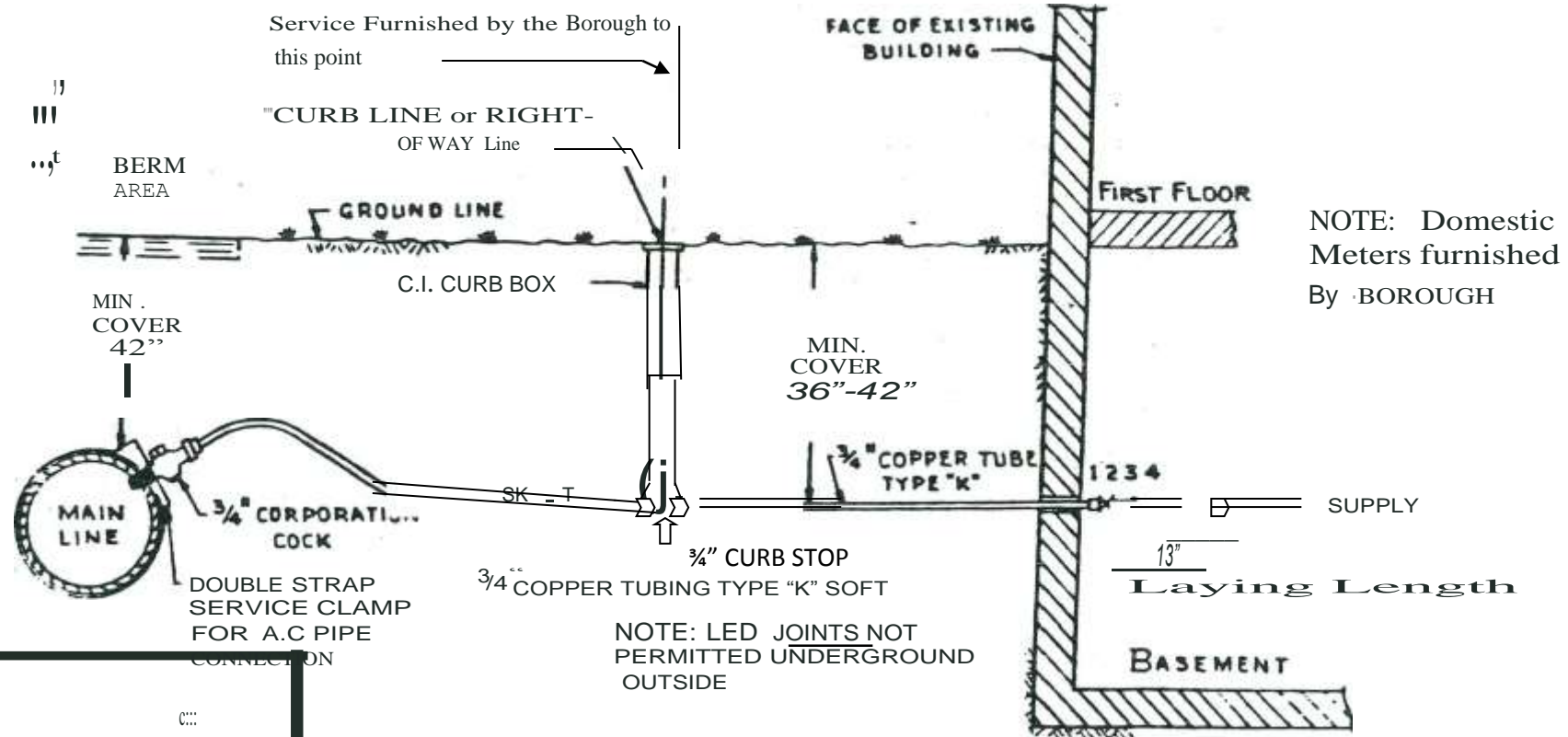
No person shall be entitled to any damages or to have any option of payment refunded for any stoppage for purpose of additions or repairs, which in the opinion of the Borough may be deemed necessary, or for causes beyond its control.

In case of scarcity of water, or whenever in its judgement the public welfare may require it, the Borough shall have the right to reserve a sufficient supply of water at all times in its reservoirs to provide for fire protection and other emergencies or may restrict or regulate the quantity of water used by consumers.

A "turn-on" charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid where water has been turned off for any violation of the terms of the application or rules of the Borough or for any other reason stated under "Discontinuance of Service". In such cases, the water will not be turned on until after all water bills, repair bills, and other accounts due to the Borough have been paid.

IX. **GENERAL:**

- A. No agent or employee of the Borough shall have authority to bind it by any promise, agreement or representation not provided for in these "Rate, Rules and Regulations", unless such authority is approved by the Borough Council.
- B. The Borough or their authorized agents are the sole persons who may lawfully interfere with anything pertaining to, belonging to the Borough, or the management thereof. No unauthorized person shall be permitted to tap, make any connection or attachment with or to the main distributing lines of the Borough, or to turn on the water gains at any point or place whereit has been turned off by the Borough
- C. No unauthorized person shall remove, obstruct, paint or in any way damage any fire hydrant, valve boxes or box covers, or stop-cock box covers of the Borough.



FITTINGS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER METER (INSIDE:)

1. 3/4" FLARED MALE ADAPTER, BRASS, FLARED TO IRON PIPE THREAD
2. 3/4" GATE VALVE, BRASS, IRON PIPE THREAD
3. 3/4" SWIVEL CONNECTOR, STRAIGHT OR BENT, BRASS, PIPE THREAD, FURNISHED BY BOROUGH
4. 5/8" WATER METER, FURNISHED BY THE BOROUGH
5. 3/4" SWIVEL CONNECTOR, BRASS, STRAIGHT OR BENT, BRASS, IRON PIPE THREAD, FURNISHED BY BOROUGH
6. 3/4" X 1/8" REDUCER, BRASS, IRON PIPE THREAD
7. 1/2" NIPPLE, OPTIONAL
8. 1/2" CHECK VALVE, BRASS, IRON PIPE THREADS, THREAD MINIMUM SIZE

**NOTE: LINE MUST BE INSPECTED BEFORE DITCH IS BACKFILLED**

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE CONNECTION TO WAMPUM BOROUGH WATER SYSTEM

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF TAP-IN : \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER IF OTHER THAN APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MAKING THIS APPLICATION, I HEREBY AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ORDINANCE # 318 AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF WAMPUM.

SIGNATURE (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: TAP-IN FEE OF \$1,000.00 DUE PRIOR TO CONNECTION TO THE SYSTEM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Permit Granted: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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