

TOWN OF SCHROON

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SECTION 1. Applicable Territory.

The territory to which this Local Law applies includes the Town of Schroon, Essex County, where water mains are maintained. Specifically this Local Law pertains to all properties located within the Town of Schroon Water District No. 1 described in the “Map, Plan and Report for the Formation of the Town of Schroon Water District No. 1” dated December, 1997 and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Schroon on February 9, 1998. Individual parcels within the boundary of the Water District are identified by their respective tax map numbers as they existed in 1997. It is intended to include any and all mergers, splits or renumbering of the original (1997) tax map parcels. The provisions of this local law are also applicable to any and all “Out of District” users who must sign an agreement to purchase water from the Town of Schroon Water District No. 1.

SECTION 2. Application for Water Service

- A. Written application:
- (1) All applications for the use of water must be in writing on a form provided by the Town of Schroon.
 - (2) The application must be made by the property owner, who shall be held responsible for payment of service.
 - (3) The property owners or their agent must have a permit to do any kind of work, said permit calls for the following information:
 - (a) The exact location where the work is to be done.
 - (b) The exact type of work to be done.
 - (c) When the work will commence and when the work will be finished.
 - (d) That the excavation and all necessary work shall be left open so an inspection and approval can be made of the work done.
 - (4) Each such application shall state whether the premises to be serviced is located within or adjacent to the limits of the Schroon Lake Water District and whether the premises is occupied or operated on a seasonal or year round basis. The Schroon Lake Water District must be notified in writing of any change in such classification.
 - (5) No application shall be considered for service outside the limits of the Schroon Lake Water District without prior approval of the Town Board.
- B. Application accepted subject to existing water mains. Application for service shall be accepted subject to there being an existing water main in a street or right-of-way abutting on the premises to be served. The application in no way obligates the Town to extend its water mains to serve the premises under consideration.
- C. Application not accepted from consumers in arrears. No agreement shall be entered into by the Town with any applicant for water service until all past due and current charges due from the applicant for water or services at any premises now or heretofore owned or occupied by the applicant shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 3. New Service.

- A. Tap Charges. The following is payable at the time of the approval of the application (current price list of materials available from the Water Superintendent):
- (1) Charge for all materials to be supplied by the Town which includes corporation stop, curb stop and curb box at the current cost.
 - (2) Charge for a water meter with all necessary fittings at the current cost.
 - (3) Turn-on fee as set forth in Section 12.
- B. Excavating:
- (1) Upon acceptance of a water tap application by the Town, the Water Superintendent or his agent shall locate the main nearest to the location of the desired tap.
 - (2) All excavating on private property shall be the responsibility of the property owner desiring the tap. The property owner is responsible for notifying Underground Facilities Protective Organization (UFPO). Forty-eight (48) hours prior to excavating, the property owner shall contact the Water Superintendent and arrange a mutually agreeable date for the excavating.
 - (3) Excavation in the public right-of-way (State, County, Town) will be accomplished by the Town or an approved contractor.

- (4) Unless prior approval is obtained from the Town Board, the Water Superintendent or his agent is the only person authorized to perform a tap into any existing water main. The cost of this service, together with the cost of any additional materials and supplies to install the curb stop and curb box as well as the cost of the excavation and restoration of the public right-of-way will be charged to the property owner at the current rate for labor, equipment, materials and supplies.
 - (5) The excavating, tapping and restoration of the public property shall be overseen by the Water Superintendent or his agent. When he is satisfied that the job is properly completed, he shall notify the Town Clerk, in writing, who shall forward a bill to the property owner for the replacement of all sidewalk damage or removal during the excavation at the rate of two dollars (\$2) per square foot, which shall be payable upon receipt.
- C. Following the completion of the tap, the work shall be approved by the Town of Schroon Water Superintendent, and any of the equipment, having been supplied by the property owner (corporation stop, curb stop, curb box, water meter and water meter remote), shall become the property of the Town of Schroon. A gate valve, approved back-flow preventer, water meter and a minimum of twelve (12) inches of copper must be in place before the first fixture.
- D. If approved by the Town Board, Sprinkler taps shall be made by the property owner. No domestic water can be drawn from a sprinkler tap.
- E. Mechanical specifications for meters, pipes and other equipment are as follows:
 - (1) Meters: Single residence standard meter five-eight's by three-fourth inch Neptune Sealed Register Generator type with remote reading register, one thousand (1,000) pulse.
 - (2) Size and kind of service pipe. The service pipe shall be not less than three-fourths (3/4) inch (eighty-five percent (85%) copper), Type K.
 - (3) Gate valves: Mueller A-2480-20 non-rising stem, mechanical joint or equal.
 - (4) Corporation stop: three-fourths-inch Mueller-15008 or equal.
 - (5) Curb stop: three-fourths-inch Mueller H-15219 or equal.
 - (6) Curb box: Mueller H-10314 or equal.
 - (7) Valve box: Mueller 36-60 or equal.
- F. Curb Boxes.
 - (1) All curb boxes are the responsibility of the Schroon Lake Water District and where possible all curb boxes should be installed on town right-of-way on the same side of the street as the service and where possible between the sidewalk and curb. No person other than the Water District shall make any connection, repairs, additions or alterations to any Town water main or to that portion of any pipe through which town water flows between town water main to and including the curb stop. All turning on and shutting off of water is the responsibility of the Water District and no person is to tamper, touch or alter the curb box in any manner.
 - (2) No turn-ons or turnoffs shall be made unless the property owner or person designated by them are on the premises at the time this service is rendered, except in the case of emergency.
 - (3) It shall be the duty and obligation of the property owner to keep the curb box on any water service pipe line unobstructed at all times in order that the employees of the District may, at any time, have ready access thereto for the purposes of turning on or off the water supply to the premises using same.
- G. Service Pipe.

The service pipe shall be installed and maintained by the property owner from the curb box to the service by approved construction methods under the supervision of the Water Superintendent or his agent.
- H. Depth of Service.

If examination of the service pipe discloses that the service is not at least five (5) feet in depth to prevent freezing, the Town reserves the right to require it to be lowered to prevent the pipe from freezing.
- I. A gate valve, approved back-flow preventer, water meter and a minimum of twelve (12) inches of copper must be in place before the first fixture.
- J. The Town reserves the right to shut off the supply of water if the consumer does not properly repair any leak in his pipes or fittings as follows: The owner shall be allowed forty-eight (48) hours to contract for its repair.

Failure to do so upon being notified that it is necessary shall allow the Town to make the repair and bill the customer or owner for all costs or, if necessary, to immediately discontinue service until repair has been completed unless an emergency situation exists as determined by the Water Superintendent.

- K. There shall be no taps made between October 1 and April 15 unless recommended by the Water Superintendent or his agent.

SECTION 4. General Rules on Water Regulations.

- A. The owners of all premises, or users having connection with any water main through which town water flows, must keep all the pipes and fixtures in connection therewith in good repair and protected against freezing at their expense, in order that leakage and waste be prevented.
- B. The Water Superintendent and his aids, agents and assistants may enter the premises of any water consumer at any reasonable time to examine the fixtures and pipes, to ascertain the quantity of water being used and the manner of its use and to determine whether there is any wasteful or unlawful use of water.
- C. No water consumer or property owner shall allow any person other than those residing or employed upon the premises to regularly take water therefrom. There shall be no additional water service on the premises beyond the original application, without additional written application.
- D. The Water Superintendent or those acting under his direction are the only personnel authorized to interfere with, open or close, or attempt to do so, any valve gate or shut-off appurtenant to the mains through which town water flows or appurtenant to any service line between the water main and the curb shut-off. Only with the Water Superintendent's permission, a property owner or his agent may be permitted to shut-off the flow of town water at the curb shut-off to the property at no charge. However, the property owner shall be responsible for any damage to the shut-off or any other parts of the town water system and will be responsible for the immediate repair and replacement of said damage at the property owner's expense.
- E. The Town Board of the Town of Schroon, acting as the Board of Water Commissioners for the Schroon Lake Water District shall control the use of any and all fire hydrants connected to the Schroon Lake water distribution system.
- F. No person other than the Water Superintendent, those acting under his direction, the fire chiefs or members of the Fire Department shall manipulate, control or operate, or attempt so to do, any fire hydrant or plug deriving a supply of town water flows, or draw water therefrom. Only those trained in the operation of such fire hydrants or plugs shall be permitted to manipulate same. Whenever a hydrant has been opened and used, notification of such fact shall promptly be given to the Water Superintendent or his agent. No tools or implements shall be used to open hydrants except such as are furnished by the Town or by the Fire Department.
- G. The Town undertakes to use reasonable care and diligence to provide a constant supply of water at a reasonable pressure but reserve the right at any time, without notice, to shut off the water in its mains for the purpose of making repairs, taps and extensions. The Town shall not be held liable for deficiency or failure in the supply of water or in the pressure, for any cause whatsoever. However, the Town shall try to give notice of the shutting off of water supplies when time and conditions permit.
- H. The town water system furnishes water and not pressure and does not guarantee a continuous supply. No responsibility shall be assumed for any damages to any apparatus in any house or building due to the shutting off of water without notice.
- I. The town may make extensions of mains within existing public right-of-ways (where practical), provided that it can be assured of an annual revenue from the territory to be served sufficient to warrant the necessary expenditure.
- J. Any subdivision requiring an extension of mains (new water service) must make application to the Town Board. The Town Board must approve the design, materials and installation. The Town Board reserves the right to approve or reject any and all proposals for new service.

- K. Any private water supply (dug, drilled or driven well or point; spring or surface water; etc.) either new or existing, located within or supplying water to any property within the Schroon Lake Water District must have a permit and be inspected to insure that cross-connections are prevented. All New York State Department of Health Rules and Regulations and Town of Schroon Local Laws and Ordinances must be adhered to.

SECTION 5. Discontinuance of Service

- A. Water service may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:
- (1) For use of water other than represented in application.
 - (2) For willful waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes.
 - (3) For interfering with any service pipe, seal, meter, curb box, curb stop or any other appliance of the town.
 - (4) For non-payment of bills for water or services rendered by the Town.
 - (5) For cross-connecting the town service pipe with any other source of supply or with any apparatus which may endanger the quality of the town water supply.
 - (6) For refusal of reasonable access to the property for the purposes of inspecting fixtures or piping.
- B. Before service so discontinued shall be restored, the consumer shall pay a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the turn-on charge or the actual cost to the town of restoring service, whichever is greater, in advance of the work performed and sign an application for service, if one has not already been made. In addition to the above, the consumer may be required to pay water rent up to one (1) year in advance before restoration of service shall be considered.
- C. Shut-off of joint services. Where two (2) or more consumers are now supplied with water through one (1) service pipe under the control of one (1) curb stop, if any of the parties so supplied shall violate any of these rules of this ordinance, the town reserves the right to shut off the joint service line, except that such action shall not be taken until the innocent consumer who is not in violation of the town rules has been given a reasonable opportunity to attach their pipe to a separately controlled service connection.

SECTION 6. Regulations Governing Supply.

No person shall in any manner interfere with or attempt to interfere with any structure, standpipe or pipeline or the appurtenances thereto or trespass upon any of the property being and forming a part of the water supply system of the Town of Schroon.

SECTION 7. Service Installation.

- A. Property owners or their agents who install new equipment on their property must have a permit issued by the Town of Schroon but no fee shall be required.
- B. No water pipe or pipes shall be laid closer to a sewer line than two (2) feet, provided that the sewer line is of cast iron, but in the event that the sewer line is of vitrified tile or any other material, said water pipe or pipes shall not be closer to the sewer line than four (4) feet; however, if the circumstances warrant a greater separation than two (2) feet as above designated, in the sound discretion of the Water Superintendent, his agent and/or the Town Board, then and in that event the right to effect greater sanitary precautions shall be reserved by the Town Board for the purpose.
- C. Where a water main crosses a sewer line there shall be a clearance of not less than two (2) feet with sand between the pipes, and in each event the sewer pipe must be two (2) feet lower than the water main.
- D. All New York State Department of Health Rules and Regulations and Town of Schroon Local Laws and Ordinances must be adhered to.

SECTION 8. Sprinkling and Vehicle Washing.

The Town of Schroon reserves the right to stop or restrict any and all lawn and/or garden sprinkling and/or the washing of vehicles at any time by notice in the newspaper duly designated as the official newspaper of the town, unless not feasible because of emergency situations.

SECTION 9. Customers to Receive Copy of Regulations.

A copy of all applicable rules and regulations shall be given to each customer when as soon as practical after the effective date of this local law and to every applicant for service at the time of filing application.

SECTION 10. Payment for Water Services

- A. All water bills are payable to the District Clerk at the Town Hall.
- B. Change in ownership. If property serviced by town water shall be conveyed, the current owner or his authorized representative shall notify the District Clerk in writing to have the meter read at least one week prior to the conveyance of the property, after which a statement of charges due, including a turn-off fee, shall be rendered. The new owner or his authorized representative shall make an application for water service which will include a turn-on fee upon taking title to the property, although water service may not have been interrupted. The new owner shall be responsible for all current charges and any unpaid balances upon accepting title to the property.
- C. Change of occupancy. Until the town is notified in writing by a property owner that premises have been vacant, and that the water is to be turned off, or that the title has been transferred, the owner as per town records shall be responsible for all unpaid bills.
- D. All water rents shall be billed to the owners of the real property, and the owners shall be ultimately liable for the same. Payments must be made in full for all tenants, and no individual tenants shall be billed unless authorized in writing by the Town Board.
- E. No refund for overpayments and/or erroneous billings shall be granted by the Town of Schroon without written application for such refund stating the justification therefor, which application must be received by the Town of Schroon with one (1) year of the applicable billing date provided for under Section 12.

SECTION 11. Penalties for Offenses.

Any person, plumber, caretaker, owner or tenant in possession of the property violating these rules and regulations is guilty of a violation and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars plus restitution. Each offense thereafter shall be the same. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 12. Schedule of Rates and Changes.**A. Charges.**

- (1) The charges for water shall be established and revised from time to time by the Town Board after a public hearing.
- (2) All municipal water users will be billed quarterly based upon the established rates for equivalent domestic units (EDU's) or units as set forth below and for actual water usage.

RESIDENCE - Single, Multiple, Apartment (each)	- 1.000 units
ROOM - Rental w/o bath (rooming house)	- 0.200 units
ROOM - Rental w/ bath (motel, cabin)	- 0.250 units
HOUSEKEEPING - 1 bedroom (efficiency, studio, cottage)	- 0.500 units
HOUSEKEEPING - 2 or more bedroom	- 1.000 units
COMMERCIAL - without Water Use (storage facility, warehouse, etc.)	- 0.500 unit
COMMERCIAL - Low Water Use (office, store, doctor, dentist, undertaker, etc.)	- 1.000 units
COMMERCIAL - High Water Use (restaurant, service station, multiple use, i.e. Stewarts, etc)	- 2.000 units
SWIMMING POOL	- 0.250 units
LAUNDROMAT	- 6.000 units
CAR WASH	- 6.000 units
CAMPGROUND (per stand pipe)	- 0.100 units
CENTRAL SCHOOL	- 20.000 units
CHURCHES	
Catholic	- 1.500 units
Community	- 2.000 units
Episcopal	- 1.000 units
SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT	- 5.000 units
ARC (Cross Street)	- 3.000 units
UNIMPROVED PARCELS (vacant lots or lots with minor improvements, non living, as sheds or garages)	- 0.500 units
UNSERVICED PARCELS (improved parcels where municipal water is not currently available)	- 0.500 units
EXEMPT PROPERTIES as classified the Town Board (including non-building lots, easements, rights of way, cemeteries and common areas without water services, etc.)	- 0.000 units
- (3) All previous resolutions by the Town Board exempting properties from water charges for any reason is hereby rescinded unless they are reclassified by the Town Board.
- (4) Turn-off and Turn-on fees.
 - (a) For delinquent accounts: one-hundred dollars (\$100) for turn-on.
 - (b) For trouble shooting and emergencies: twenty five dollars (\$25).
 - (c) For turn-off and turn-on: including reading of the meter and sealing, twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (5) Special meter readings and/billing requests (made in writing) will be charged at the turn-off and turn-on rate.
- (6) The water bills for all consumers are billed and payable on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. Thirty (30) days after the billing date a one time penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be assessed against all charges within the billing period. All water bills, penalties and other charges for service within the limits of the Town of Schroon not paid on or before November 1 shall be relieved to the Town tax roll for collection.
- (7) All legal fees and expenses incurred to collect delinquent water rents shall constitute added water rents and shall be paid by the owner of property in the same manner as usage charges.

- B. Hydrant use.
 - (1) Construction: one hundred dollars (\$100) minimum to be paid in advance. Water to be metered and billed at a rate set forth in Section 12.
 - (2) Pool filling: one hundred dollars (\$100) flat fee, per pool.
- C. Capital Projects.

Current prices of materials are available upon request from the Water Superintendent or his agent.

SECTION 13. Water Conservation.

- A. Purpose and legislative determination. The Town Board of the Town of Schroon finds that the protection of the public health, safety and welfare requires the establishment of a Town Water Conservation Program. Such program is designed to accomplish the following goals:
 - (1) Conservation of existing water resources.
 - (2) Provide sound fiscal management of the Town of Schroon water supply by controlling pumping, treatment and delivery costs.
 - (3) Control growth in the amount of sewage requiring treatment and disposal, given existing treatment and disposal capabilities.
 - (4) Control growth in sewage treatment and disposal costs and provide for reasonable limitations on increased environmental impacts resulting from such sewage flow increases.
- B. Water-saving Fixtures.
 - (1) New installations. All water fixtures installed on or after the effective date of this local law within the Schroon Lake Water District or on any property served by the Town of Schroon water system or from which sewage is treated and disposed of by the Town of Schroon sewage disposal facility shall be in conformance with the standards set forth in New York Environmental Conservation Law Section 15-0314, Subdivision 2, as the same may from time to time be amended.
 - (2) Retrofitting water fixtures. All customers or establishments including but not limited to residences, motels, hotels, stores, restaurants, schools and other public or governmental customers within the scope of Subsection B (1) shall conform to the standards of Environmental Conservation Law Sections 15-0314, Subdivision 2, or permanently modify such water fixtures to the extent that they are in compliance with such standards. The purpose of such regulations is to achieve, wherever possible, a no-growth condition in water consumption.
 - (3) Inspections; certifications of compliance. With respect to new installations of water fixtures, no certificate of occupancy and/or business license may be issued for any structure, business or other use until the Town Board has received a certificate of compliance with the provisions of Subsection B (1) from the Water Conservation Inspector to be designated by the Town Board.
 - (4) Modification of existing fixtures. The modification of existing fixtures to meet the standards of Environmental Conservation Law Section 15-0314, Subdivision 2, must be of a permanent nature, and no such modification, by means readily removed or bypassed shall result in compliance with this local law.
 - (5) Car wash installations, fountains (scenic or drinking), water for cooling.
 - (a) Where a water service connection to air-conditioning, refrigeration or other water cooling equipment is used without a water-conserving device, said shall be discontinued within sixty (60) days.
 - (b) All car wash installations shall be equipped with an approved water-recycling system.

SECTION 14. Meters

- A. All water used on any premises or for any purpose whatsoever shall be metered. No bypass or connection including, but not limited to bleeders, shall be made or maintained unless covered by a meter. Only meters which have been furnished or approved by the town shall be installed. The Schroon Lake Water District shall determine the type and size in each instance.
- B. The meter(s) shall be installed within the building to be served as close as practical to the point where the service pipe enters the building by an outside wall and shall be set with the inlet and outlet in a horizontal line, with the register on top, and shall be located so as to be readily accessible at all times for reading, inspection and repair. Stop valves shall be provided on both inlet and outlet sides of the meter.
- C. In the event of a discrepancy between the water consumption as indicated by the remote reading device and the water consumption as measured by the water meter, the water consumption as measured by the water meter shall be controlling.
- D. Outside meter pits may be installed in special cases, on written approval of the Town Board. Such meter pits must be installed in accordance with town specifications and at the expense of the property owner.
- E. Provision shall be made to prevent hot water from entering the meter. No tee or other fitting through which water may be drawn shall be used or placed between the main and the meter. The Superintendent or agent may, at any reasonable time, enter upon the premises for the purpose of inspecting pipes or reading or checking the water meter and shall discontinue the supply of water when the customer has failed to comply with Water District rules and regulations or for non-payment of water bills.
- F. All meters will be tested before being set. Meters furnished by other parties will not be recognized unless they have been first tested by the Water District and a special permit has been given.
- G. If the meter is not placed in an accessible place the water supply will be turned off by the Water District and will be turned on at the owner's expense when the meter is reset in an accessible position. There shall be no tampering with water meters or breaking meter seals with the intent to slow, stop or alter the reading of a water meter.
- H. At the written request of the consumer, the Water District will test the meter supplying the property of said consumer. If the meter, on test, is found to be registering over three percent (3%) more water than actually passes through it, no charge will be made for the test; otherwise, a charge, which may be revised from time to time by the Town Board, of twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be imposed.
- I. When a meter is not working, the customer will be billed by estimate. The charge will be made on the basis of the average of the customer's bill for the past two (2) years for the first quarter that the meter is not working; and for each additional quarter that the meter is not working, the average of the consumers bill for two (2) years for the corresponding quarter will be made.
- J. The Schroon Lake Water District will provide normal maintenance for meters up to one (1½) inch.
- K. Repairs to meters above one (1½) inch shall be at the owner's expense. The Schroon Lake Water District may terminate water service if defective meters are not repaired within a reasonable time after notice of the defect has been given by the Water Superintendent or his agent.
- L. All new construction begun or applications made for water service after the effective date of this Article shall provide for each parcel or individual lot to be separately metered.
- M. Meters suspected to be inaccurate or leaking should be reported to the Water Superintendent or his agent.
- N. The Water Superintendent or his agent may inspect, replace or repair any meter at any time it is felt it should be replaced or repaired.

- O. A meter damaged by or as a result of faulty plumbing in the building, such as faulty heating or hot-water system allowing hot water to back through the meter, or damage by a blow, or tampering, or freezing, shall be repaired and the cost billed to and paid by the property owner.
- P. Existing multifamily dwellings (rentals) with individual meters for each unit may continue, but the property owner will ultimately be responsible for the payment of any billing.
- Q. New multifamily (apartment/condo/townhouse) or multiuse (commercial/residential) facilities shall be master metered [one (1) meter], which will be the responsibility of the property owner. The meter size will be determined by the Water Superintendent or his agent.

SECTION 15. Meter Violations.

In the event that any customer violates any provisions of this chapter in respect to making or maintaining the connection of the meter with the water system and fails to correct such violation within five (5) days after notice has been given by the Water Superintendent or his agent to do so, or in the event that the customer has failed to install a meter in connection with premises being served through the water system by the date fixed as the final date for making connections, unless said date is extended by public action and notice, the Water Superintendent or his agent shall have the right to remedy the violation at the expense of the customer, and the charge therefor, plus a service charge in an amount defined in Section 12 shall be a lien prior to and superior to every other lien or claim except the lien of an existing tax or local assessment upon real property of said owners so served with water from the date said work is done until it is paid. The bill shall be submitted for the same immediately after the work is completed, and, if it is not paid with ten (10) days, such amount shall be added to the bill submitted at the next billing period and if not paid when due, service may be discontinued.

SECTION 16. Vacant Premises

In case a house or other building is to be closed or become vacant, notice thereof shall be given to the Schroon Lake Water District in order that the curb stop may be closed and the meter read. The meter shall be removed and drained. The Water District will store all meters for permanently (not "seasonal use") vacant premises. Where such notice is not given and pipes burst from freezing or other cause, the value of the water lost by reason thereof as estimated by the Water Superintendent or his agent, together with the additional sum defined in Section 12 to cover labor and expenses to the Water District, shall be added to the next bill and be paid in like manner as regular water charges.

SECTION 17. Definitions

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall for the purpose of this Article have the meanings herein indicated:

Community Water Supply System - All water systems where a common source of water supply serves two (2) or more separately owned properties.

Cross-Connections - Any physical connection or arrangement between two (2) otherwise separate water supply piping systems, one (1) of which contains potable water and the other water of unknown or questionable safety, whereby water may flow, depending on the pressure differential, between the two (2) systems.

House Service - Includes street service and private house service.

House Service - Private Property - That portion of the house service between the curb box and the building being served.

House Service Street - That portion of the service line which connects to the water main in the street and ends with the curb box located between the pavement and the property line.

Person - Any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation or group.

SECTION 18. Prohibited Acts

Any person who shall, except as permitted by this Article, break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, apparatus or equipment which is part of any public water supply system shall be deemed to have violated this Article. Any person who commits or permits any acts in violation of any of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to have committed an offense against such Article and shall be liable for the penalties provided. A separate offense against this Article shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. A separate penalty may be imposed for each separate offense.

SECTION 19. Additional Remedies.

In addition to the above provided penalties, the Town Board may cause water service to be cut off to any property where a violation exists. The Town Board may also maintain an action or proceedings in the name of the Town in a court of competent jurisdiction to comply with or to restrain by injunction the violation of this article.

This local law supersedes any and all previously adopted local law and/or rules and regulations pertaining water services and/or water meters and shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.