

Town of Readsboro Water By-Laws and Regulations

The following water by-laws, rules, and regulations have been established by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Readsboro on the first day of January, 1996.

Article 1 Application for water hookup shall be made at the Town Office with the Utility Clerk by the Owner of the premises to be supplied, or by a duly authorized agent, and must state the use for which service is desired and plans showing requirements must be submitted to The Board for approval.

Article 2 The rates for the use of water shall be fixed and regulated by The Board from year to year and no connection shall be made with a street main that shall not earn a rate equal to or greater than a single family dwelling.

Article 3 A water user shall not permit any plumber or other person to make any alterations or additions to any water pipe or fixture, except as with a written permit given by The Board or their agent.

Article 4 It being frequently necessary to shut off water in the street mains in case of accident, fire, or to make repairs and extensions without giving notice, which The Board reserves the right to do, all persons having boilers within their premises, depending on pressure from the street mains to keep them supplied are cautioned against danger of collapse.

Article 5 The proper officials, may at any reasonable time, enter the premises of a consumer for the purpose of examining the pipes or fixtures.

Article 6 All water users must keep the service pipes within their premises in good order and well **protected from frost**. Cost to thaw frozen service lines from the main to the building to be borne 1/2 by The Town, 1/2 by the Owner.

Article 7 All plumbing must be done in a manner to withstand the pressure liable to be put upon the pipes, and all pipes and fittings from the main to the building shall be of approved material and size as deemed fit by the Board.

Article 8 All water bills are due monthly upon presentation, and a penalty of 8% will be to 30 day delinquent bills. Interest of 1% per month will be added to all delinquent accounts. If after 30 days, the bill is not paid, a shut-off notice will be sent to the Owner.

Article 9 The Town will tap the main, furnish the corporation stop, the curbstop, and the curb box. The **Hook-Up Fee** to be \$250.00. The expense from the curbstop to the building to be borne by the Owner to be supplied. The Town will not be liable for any damage that may occur between the curbstop and the building.

Article 10 All injuries to service pipes or street mains caused by any excavation by which any pipe, hydrant, or other fixture is exposed, shall be chargeable to the person authorizing such work, and the expense of repairing the same shall be charged to such person, and may be recovered in an action on the case in favor of said Town against such person.

Article 11 All hydrants, gates, cut offs, stops, and regulators shall, at the time of fires, be under the control of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Dept, but at all other times the same shall be under the exclusive control of the Board, and no person except a fireman under the control of the Chief Engineer in the legitimate discharge of his duties as a fireman of Readsboro, at a fire, shall manipulate any of said devices without the consent of the Board and shall notify the Water Dept.

Article 12 New service lines must be laid a minimum depth of six feet under plowed areas and a minimum depth of five feet where there will be snow cover.

Article 13 In all cases, the Owner of the property, shall be held responsible for water rents.

Article 14 All bills due to the Town on account of water use shall be payable to the Utility Clerk at the Town Office.

Article 15 When the water has been turned off for non payment of water rents or for any reason deemed necessary by the Board, no person is permitted to turn it on again unless authorized by the Board or the Water Dept. in the case of Dept. duties.

Rates and Rules

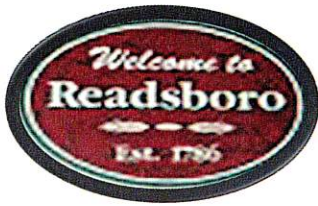
1. The following rules have been established by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Readsboro in the year 1996, A.D.
2. The charge for water is \$9.00/4000 gals. minimum, and \$9.00/4000 gals. thereafter.
3. When the water has been shut off for violation of these by-laws or for nonpayment of rents, the sum of \$25.00 at regular hourly rate and \$37.50 for overtime shall be charged for turning on same.
4. Any damage to water meters shall be charge to the Owner where said meter is located, and a minimum of \$25.00 will be charged.
5. Any tampering with water meters shall incur a charge, to the Owner where said meter is located, of \$25.00.

Submitted for review and approval by B. Howes , Sewer and Water Superintendent

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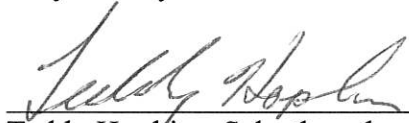
Damaged Town Water Meter and Other Apparatus Policy

The Town of Readsboro will adhere to the following policy regarding the freezing and destruction of water meters and other Town apparatus due to Customer and/or Homeowner neglect:

Customers and/or Homeowners are responsible for keeping their service pipes, house pipes, Town water meter, Town valves and other Town apparatus in good order and protect them from freezing and damage. The Town maintains the exclusive rights to repair, replace or otherwise maintain the Town meter, Town valves and other Town apparatus.

The Customer and/or the Homeowner shall be liable for the cost of repair or replacements in case of freezing, negligence or tampering. There will also be an additional \$50 charge (subject to increase via Selectboard vote) for the re-connection of service.

Dated this 26st day in the month of February in the year of 2014


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