

**CHAPTER 3
WATER REGULATIONS**

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6A-3-1 **WATER SERVICE REQUIRED; DISCONNECTION, RECONNECTION FEES**
Ord. 523; amended, 13-14-891, 12-13-877

- A. The owner of any house, building or property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, situated within the Village and abutting on any street, alley or right of way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public water main of the Village, is hereby required at his expense to connect to said water main in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, within 90 days after the date of official notice to do so, provided that said public water main is within 1,000 feet of the nearest property line. Hook up is not required if a water main is more than 1,000 feet from the structure that will be using water and the lot is three-quarters of an acre or more.
- B. The water tap on fee shall be paid in accordance with Section 6A-4-4 of the Hebron Municipal Code. In the event a water service is disconnected and/or connected, either at the request of the user or due to nonpayment of water fees, a fee of \$35.00 per connection and disconnection shall be charged.

6A-3-2 **DISCONTINUING WATER SERVICE** *Amended, 2012-13-877, 2001-02-689*

- A. Any customer wishing to discontinue water service to any premises shall give notice to the Water and Sewer Department. The final bill for use of the water facilities shall be based on the actual meter reading and the full Water System Base Charge found in Section 6A-3-3-A of this Code. The meter reading submitted by the customer will be verified by the Water and Sewer Department before the final bill is issued and/or at the time the service is discontinued by the Village. All water services used until the final reading must be paid in full at the time service is discontinued. Any credit balance on the account shall be refunded to the customer within 90 days of closing the account.
- B. Any customer requesting temporary disconnection of service to facilitate repairs to the customer's service system on holidays and after hours of the Water and Sewer Department shall be charged \$25.00 per hour or portion thereof.

- C. Neither the Village or the Superintendent shall be liable to any customer of the water-works system for any injury, damage or lost revenue that may result from the termination of a customer's water supply, whether such termination was with or without notice.

6A-3-3 CHARGES Amended, 2021-22-1000, 2019-20-968, 2013-14-891, 2012-2013-877, 2005-06-749, 2004-05-746, 2000-01-673

Each owner of each respective dwelling unit, residence, business, building or other structure connected to the Village's water system shall pay to the Village on a monthly basis: (1) a water system base charge in the amount of \$17.90, which is to be paid by each owner of each dwelling unit, residence, business, building or other structure connected to the Village's water system, whether or not such dwelling unit, residence, business, building or other structure utilizes any water from such Village system or is vacant or has no tenant; and (2) a water system user charge of \$1.00 per 100 cubic feet of water used from the Village's water system.

In those instances where one water meter services a two-family or multi-family residence as defined in the Hebron Zoning Ordinance, or business there shall be a charge equal to the Water System Base Charge for each residence, dwelling unit or business serviced by a single water meter whether or not such residence, dwelling unit or business is vacant or has no tenant.

In those instances where one water meter services more than one business, there shall be a charge equal to the Water System Base Charge for each additional business serviced by a single water meter whether or not such business is vacant or has no tenant.

Notwithstanding the above, water rates for all users who are consuming water outside of the Village limits which has been obtained from connections to the Village's water system, shall pay one and one-half times the applicable water rate per 100 cubic feet.

6A-3-4 WATER DEPOSIT Amended, 2012-13-877, 1997-98-619; Ord. 526

New Commercial, Industrial Users: A cash deposit, to be determined by the Superintendent, shall be required of all new commercial and industrial water users in the Village. Said deposit shall be held and refunded to the user without interest after the account has been in good standing for two full years.

6A-3-5 WATER RECONNECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSON

No water from the Village water supply shall be connected for service into any premises by any person other than the Superintendent.

6A-3-6 WATER METERS Amended, 19-20-964, 2004-05-725

- A. Meter Required: All premises using the Village water supply shall be equipped with a water meter. Such meters shall be purchased by the Village. The meter fee shall be paid at the time the building permit is issued. Water meter cost shall be determined by the Village from time to time. At the Village's discretion, water service may be supplied at a flat rate until a meter is installed.

- B. Water Meter Installation: Installation of water meters shall be as follows:
1. Water meters shall be installed in a horizontal position and an area that is accessible for inspection and servicing.
 2. There shall be no more than four feet of exposed copper before the meter.
 3. Each dwelling unit shall have the appropriate facilities to install the required meter, as determined by the Superintendent.
 4. Water meters shall be installed prior to the installation of any landscaping.
- C. Outside Meters: Every single family, duplex or townhouse dwelling unit hereafter connected to the Village water system shall be equipped with a meter reading device that permits meter reading from the exterior of the dwelling unit. The device shall be purchased from the Village and installed under the direction and supervision of the Superintendent.
- D. Access to be provided to Village to Install and Maintain Water Meter: Each owner, tenant or occupant of each respective dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure connected to the Village's water system shall provide access to an authorized Village employee or contractor to enable the Village to install and maintain a water meter. In the event that such access is not provided to the Village employee or contractor, upon 10 days' notice by the Village to the relevant owner, tenant or occupant of such dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure, by certified mail, personal service or by posting such notice on the front door of such dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure, the Village may terminate water service to such dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure as the case may be.

6A-3-7 RULES AND REGULATIONS *Amended, 2019-20-968, 2014-15-896, 2012-13-879*

- A. These rules and regulations, together with such others as may hereafter be adopted, shall be a part of the contract between the Village and every consumer of water from the water system of the Village, and in making application for water, every consumer shall agree in writing to be bound thereby. Whenever any rule or regulation is violated, the water shall be shut off from the building or property of such violator, and shall not be turned on again except by order of the Superintendent, and upon payment of the fees pursuant to Section 6A-3-7-B herein by such violator.
- B. In the event utility service is disconnected or reconnected, the following fees shall be applicable, as the case may be:
1. \$35.00 water disconnection fee;
 2. \$35.00 water reconnection fee;
 3. \$100.00 sewer disconnection fee;

4. \$100.00 sewer re-connection fee; and
5. Any costs incurred by the Village for disconnecting and reconnecting utility service.

In the event that an employee of the Village arrives at a dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure to disconnect water and/or sewer service to a dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure connected to the Village's water and/or sewer system because water use, sewer use or water or sewer base charges are due and owing to the Village, and the owner or another party at such time tenders payment for all outstanding amounts owed the Village at such time, associated with such dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure, the owner of such respective dwelling unit, residence, building or other structure shall pay a \$35.00 fee, in addition to all other base charges and/or user charges at such time, even in the event that there is no disconnection to the Village's water and/or sewer system at such time by virtue of such payment.

- C. The parties desiring to have water from the Village waterworks must make application on forms furnished for such purpose at the office of the Village Clerk. If no valid objection exists, the Superintendent shall then issue to a licensed plumber selected by the applicant, a permit authorizing him to do the work. A special permit must be issued for each service connection, and each building, residence, place of business, etc.; also for each branch connection when more than one connection is made from one service pipe.
- D. The Superintendent shall tap the main and insert a stop-cock which will be known as a corporation cock and shall then connect the service pipe to the corporation cock and lay it to the inside of the street line and there set a stop-cock together with the service cock box.
- E. One service pipe may be made to supply all parties taking water within 30 feet on either side of the service pipe, in which case each branch must have a service cock. When service pipes are intended to supply two or more distinct premises or tenements, and when only one service cock is used, the person or persons controlling the same must pay the water rent of all parties thus supplied, as separate water bills will not be made.
- F. Special application must be made and permission obtained from the Superintendent for making any extension or change of the plumbing of any house, residence or business place beyond that for which permission may have already been granted. No permit shall be understood to authorize anything not explicitly and truthfully stated in the application and any misrepresentation in the application shall be reported by the plumber to the Superintendent.
- G. No claim shall be made against the Village by reason of the breaking of any main or service pipe or cock, or of any other interruption of the supply, or by reason of breakage of machinery or stoppage for necessary repairs.
- H. All water charges not otherwise provided for shall be paid monthly on the first day of the following month. The hours for sprinkling shall be from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8

- p.m. If water charges are not paid within 10 days after same become due, the water shall be shut off.
- I. Except when meters are used, all leases shall be for a term of one year or more and shall date from January 1. All new applications shall be charged pro rata from the date of application to January 1. The Village reserves the right to attach a water meter to any service pipe whenever the Village Board shall deem it expedient.
 - J. The water will not be turned into any service pipe, except when meters are used, until the applicant has paid the rent due. Plumbers are strictly prohibited from turning the water into any service pipe except on the order of the Superintendent. This rule shall not be construed to prevent any plumber from admitting the water to test pipes, and for that purpose only.
 - K. The Superintendent shall be authorized to enter and have free access at all reasonable hours to premises, to ascertain the location or condition of all pipes and fixtures connected with the waterworks. In the event the Superintendent finds that water is wasted on account of negligence, or for want of repairs, and if such waste is not immediately remedied, the service leading to such premises shall be immediately shut off. The Superintendent shall give notice in writing, to be left at the premises. If necessary repairs are not made in 24 hours thereafter, the water shall be shut off and shall not be turned on again until the sum of \$25.00 has been paid to the Superintendent and satisfactory repairs made.
 - L. Parties taking water must keep the service pipe (Buffalo Box or B-Box at curbside to the dwelling) and all fixtures connected therewith, in good repair, and protect them from the frost at their own expense, and must prevent all unnecessary waste, or the water will be shut off.
 - M. Any consumer of Village water who permits persons who are not members of the immediate household to use water from his hydrant, faucet or other device without first obtaining a permit from the Superintendent, shall be fined the sum of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00, and the water shall be immediately shut off.
 - N. Persons intending to build or repair any building for which Village water is to be used shall make application on a form provided for that purpose by the Superintendent, who is authorized to make an equitable rate in each case. When an attachment is made to supply for building purposes, the service pipe shall be carried at the expense of the party building to the place designated by the Superintendent, where a proper service cock should be placed with pipes leading to the surface, the faucet of which shall be kept covered and locked when not in use. When the building is completed, the faucet and pipe shall be taken up and the water shut off at the service pipe cock.
 - O. Hydrants, tap hoses, water closets, urinals, baths or other fixtures shall not be permitted to run when not in actual use without special permit and the payment of additional rates; such rates shall be determined by the Superintendent.

- P. No person except the Superintendent or the chief officer of the Fire Department shall take water from any public or private hydrant or fire plug except for fire purposes or for the use of the Fire Department in case of fire.
- Q. Immediately upon an alarm of fire being sounded, all sprinkling of streets, yards or lawns shall immediately cease, and no such sprinkling shall be done for two hours after such alarm is sounded nor until said fire is out. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, after first giving notice to the occupant, to turn off the water from any premises where sprinkling is done in violation of this subsection, and such water shall not be turned on again until the penalty (if any) imposed for such violation shall have been paid. Any violation of this subsection shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$50.00.

6A-3-8 PLUMBING Amended, 2012-13-877

- A. Licenses will be granted to practical and experienced plumbers only, by resolution of the Village Board and upon the payment of the sum of \$20.00 for one year. Such plumbers, and all persons employed by them in plumbing, must be experienced upon making application for a license. Applicants must furnish the Village Board satisfactory evidence that they possess the above requirements. Application for such license shall be made in writing to the Village Board. Said application shall state the name of the applicant, his place of residence, his place or proposed place of business, and the firm name under which the business is to be carried on. The party so applying and receiving a license shall execute and deposit with the Village Clerk a bond with two or more sureties, to be approved by the Village Board, in the sum of \$10,000.00, conditioned that he will indemnify and save harmless the Village of and from all accidents and damages caused by any negligence in prosecuting and protecting his work and that he will restore all earth, pavements or streets to as good a state and condition as such were before any opening was made, and keep and maintain the same in good order and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent for the period of six months after making any excavations, and that he will pay all fines imposed upon him for any violation of any rules or regulations or ordinances of the Village relative to the waterworks.
- B. The interior plumbing of buildings may be of such kind as the applicant or owner may direct, but must be capable of withstanding a pressure of 300 pounds to the square inch, and be subject to the inspection of the Superintendent; and in cases where lead pipe is used, it must be of a weight approved by the Superintendent.
- C. Any plumber desiring to introduce water from the waterworks to any house or other place shall first procure a permit from the Village Clerk.
- D. All applications for permits shall be made in writing upon forms furnished by the Village Clerk and signed by the applicant and by the plumber doing the work. The permit shall state the name and side of the street, and the number if any of the house, and the number of the lot and block, the full name of the owner and occupant of the property, the purpose

or purposes for which the water is to be used, and all other particulars necessary to a full understanding of the subject.

- E. There shall be a stop and waste cock attached to every supply pipe at the point where it enters the building, so as to allow the water to be shut off and the pipes emptied.
- F. All plumbing work shall be done in the manner required by the Superintendent, and shall be subject to his inspection and approval, and the patterns and quality of all appurtenances shall in like manner be subject to his approval, and no work underground shall be covered until examined and approved.
- G. It shall be the duty of all plumbers to make returns in writing to the Superintendent before the water shall be turned on, of all connections made to the main, giving a description of the corporation cock, cock box, hydrant, tap hose, water closets, urinals, baths, apparatus for garden hose and all other apparatus applied thereon, together with the names of the occupant and the owner of such premises. For any misrepresentation in these returns, the plumber shall be liable to suspension or revocation of his license by the Village Board.
- H. A four inch main shall receive no larger than a one-half inch tap; a six inch main, no larger than a three-quarter inch tap; and no larger than a one inch tap shall be inserted in any main without permission of the Superintendent. All taps on mains shall be at least 24 inches apart.
- I. No connection with the main shall be made during freezing weather unless approved by the Superintendent.
- J. Any person not duly licensed who shall do any plumbing for the purpose of connecting with the Village waterworks shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00.

6A-3-9 SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent shall be the general executive officer of the waterworks. He shall give bond in the sum of \$1,000.00, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, to be approved by the Village Board. He shall have supervision of all buildings, machinery, grounds and everything connected therewith, and shall see that no depredations or misdemeanors are committed.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to see that the rules, regulations and all resolutions of the Village Board are executed; that the conditions of all contracts by or with said waterworks are complied with; that the assessments of the water rates are duly made, collected and paid into the Village Treasury; to examine all accounts and submit the same to the Village Board with such explanation as to enable it to act advisedly thereon; and to have a general supervision over all the operation and interests of said waterworks and the direction of employees.

The Superintendent shall make an annual report of the condition and operation of the waterworks and shall embody such recommendations and such suggestions as he may deem necessary, and perform any other duties as the Village Board may prescribe.

6A-3-10 EMERGENCY LIMITATIONS OF USE OF WATER *Amended, 555*

- A. Whenever in the judgement of the President, with the advice and consent of the Public Works Director, and public emergency requires it, the President shall have the right and authority to limit, suspend or prohibit, for as long as the emergency exists, the use of water for any nonessential purpose. The President shall be required to notify the Board of Trustees within 48 hours. Emergency limitations of the public water supply shall be by proclamation. Emergency limitations of the public water supply shall include, but not be limited to: prohibition of any nonessential purpose, limited use of any nonessential purpose and scheduled use for any nonessential purpose.
- B. Every violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00, plus court costs. For the purposes of this section, each 24 hour period shall be considered a separate violation.

6A-3-11 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL

- A. All plumbing installed within the Village shall be installed in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code, 77 Ill. Adm Code 890. That, if in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code or in the judgment of the Superintendent, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water supply system, the Superintendent shall give notice to the water customer to install such an approved device immediately. The water customer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and all applicable local regulations, and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices upon installation and as required by the Illinois Plumbing Code, IEPA and local regulations.
- B. That no person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection where a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village may enter the supply or distribution of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Superintendent and the IEPA.
- C. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply to determine whether actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated at least every two years, or as often as the Superintendent shall deem necessary. Records of such surveys shall be maintained and available for review for a period of at least five years.

- D. The approved cross-connection control device inspector shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Village for the purpose of verifying the presence or absence of cross-connections, and that the Superintendent shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Village for the purpose of verifying information submitted by the customer regarding the required cross-connection control inspection. On demand the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Superintendent any information which he may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Superintendent, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided by this Ordinance.
- E. The Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after five days notice by regular mail and hand delivery to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and until a reconnection fee of \$25.00 is paid to the Village. Immediate disconnection with verbal notice can be effected when the Superintendent is assured that imminent danger of harmful contamination of the public water supply system exists. Such action shall be followed by written notification of the cause of disconnection. Immediate disconnection without notice to any party can be effected to prevent actual or anticipated contamination or pollution of the public water supply, provided that, in the reasonable opinion of the Superintendent or the IEPA, such action is required to prevent actual or potential contamination or pollution of the public water supply. Neither the public water supply or the Superintendent shall be liable to any customer for any injury, damages or lost revenues which may result from termination of said customer's water supply in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, whether or not said termination was with or without notice.
- F. The consumer responsible for backsiphoned or back pressured material or contamination through backflow, if contamination of the potable water supply system occurs through an illegal cross-connection or an improperly installed, maintained or repaired device, or a device which has been bypassed, must bear the cost of clean-up of the potable water supply system.
- G. The rules, regulations and standards of the Village are found in Chapter 5 of Title 6A of the Hebron Municipal Code. These regulations detail the procedures and requirements of the Village.
- H. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of the Section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.