

CHAPTER 1

WATER¹

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7-1-1: **CONSUMER'S CONTRACT:**

The provisions of this chapter shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who is supplied with water through the waterworks of this town. Every person taking from the system shall be considered and held to be bound thereby. Whenever any of the provisions of this chapter are violated, the water service shall be cut off from the building or place of such violation even though two (2) or more parties may receive water through the same pipe. Water service shall not be

1. See section 7-2-3 of this title for plumbing and conditions constituting a nuisance.

restored except by order of the public works director, and then only after the payment of all delinquent water charges, the removal of the cause for the original disconnection, and the payment of the fees and charges for the disconnection and reconnection as set forth in section 7-1-20 of this chapter. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-2: STREET EXCAVATIONS; PERMIT:

- A. Permit, Town Approved Installers Required: Excavations in streets or alleys of the town, in connection with its waterworks system, shall be made only by town approved installers after issuance to them of a water permit issued by the town clerk upon written application for water service.
- B. Application; Form: Every person desiring a supply of water must make such application to the town clerk upon blanks supplied by the town for that purpose. The application shall specify, in detail, all uses to which the water is to be applied and no different or additional use will be allowed except by permission of the town council.
- C. Special Permission Required To Serve Additional House: Not more than one house shall be supplied from one tap except by special permission of the town council. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-3: PERMIT TO TAP MAIN:

The water mains shall not be tapped except by a town approved installer and then only after the payment of the tap fee prescribed in section 7-1-13 of this chapter and the issuance by the town clerk of a water permit. Installers are strictly prohibited from turning water into any service pipe except after the issuance of the water permit. This rule shall not be construed to prevent any installer from admitting water to test pipes and for that purpose only. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-4: WATER SUPPLIED TO OTHER FAMILIES BY CONSUMER PROHIBITED:

No consumer shall supply water to other consumers or suffer them to take or in any manner use the same off of his premises. After water has been introduced into any building or upon any premises, no person shall employ any installer or permit any other person to make any tap or connection with the service pipes upon any premises for alteration, extension, or attachment without the permission of the town council. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or utilize water upon his premises unless a water permit has been obtained therefor. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-5: BOILERS; LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE:

- A. Construction: All house boilers shall be constructed with one or more air holes near the top of the inlet pipe sufficiently strong to bear the pressure of the atmosphere under vacuum.
- B. Design; Maintenance: The stopcocks and other appurtenances must be designed and maintained so as to bear the pressure and run off the water in the mains. All persons taking water shall keep their own service lines, stopcocks and apparatus in good repair, protect them from frost at their own expense, and shall prevent all unnecessary waste of water.
- C. Claim For Damage: No claim for damage shall be sustainable against the town or any of its officials or representatives by reason of the failure of the system of a consumer.
- D. Reservation Of Right: The town reserves the right to shut off the water supply at any time, at its discretion, for the purpose of maintenance or repair and neither it nor its officials or representatives shall be liable for damages occasioned thereby. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-6: RIGHT OF ENTRY:

Every consumer using the water system of this town shall permit the public works director or his duly authorized agent, at all hours of the day between seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M., to enter his premises or buildings to examine the pipes and fixtures, the manner in which the water is used, and must at all times, frankly and without concealment, answer all questions relative to consumption of water. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-7: SIZE OF GARDEN HOSE AND UNDERGROUND SPRINKLER LINES; LIMITATIONS:

- A. Size: Hoses larger than one inch (1") and underground sprinkler lines larger than one and one-fourth inches (1¹/₄") will not be permitted. No hose or underground sprinkler shall be used unless water is furnished through a meter.
- B. Right To Suspend Use: The right is reserved to suspend the use of fountains and hoses sprinkling yards and gardens and underground sprinklers whenever, in the opinion of the public works director, the public exigency may require. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

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7-1-8: SERVICE PIPE SPECIFICATIONS:

- A. Specifications: All service pipes from the point of union with the commercial main to the meter shall be of type K copper or a minimum class 150 PE clear core. Every copper service pipe must be sufficiently waving to allow not less than one foot (1') extra length, and laid in such manner as to prevent rupture by settling.
- B. Failure To Replace Service Pipe After Notice: Should any consumer fail, neglect or refuse to replace his service pipe with the service pipe specified in subsection A of this section after ten (10) days' notice, in writing, to do so, such service pipe may be cut off until the specified service pipe is installed. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-9: DEPTH OF TRENCH:

All service pipes must be laid at the same depth as the main in the street, unless otherwise ordered by the public works director, and in all cases shall be so protected so as to prevent rupture by freezing. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-10: STOPCOCKS AND DUAL CHECK VALVES:

Every service line must be provided with a stopcock and dual check valve in the meter pit, easily accessible, and so situated that the water can be conveniently shut off. Stopcocks and the dual check valve model shall be determined by the public works director. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-11: STOP AND WASTE OR CURB STOP:

There shall be a stop and waste cock or a curb stop attached to every service line at a point after the meter to permit the water supply to be shut off and to allow drainage of the customer's system. (Ord. 63, 5-12-2016; amd. Ord. 78, 6-8-2023)

7-1-12: EXCAVATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Inconvenience To Public: In making excavations in streets or alleys for the laying of service lines or making repairs, the planks or paving, stones and earth removed must be deposited in a manner that will occasion the least inconvenience to the public and provide for passage of water along gutters.

- B. Barricades; Lights: No person shall leave any excavation made in a street or alley open at any time without barricade and, during the night, warning lights must be maintained at such excavation. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)
- C. Backfilling: After service lines are laid, in backfilling, the earth must be laid in layers of not more than one foot (1') in depth, and each layer shall be thoroughly tamped and mechanically compacted. (Ord. 63, 5-12-2016)
- D. Restoration Of Streets And Sidewalks: The streets and sidewalks must be restored to as good condition as previous to making the excavation. All paved surfaces shall be bored beneath. All dirt, stones and rubbish must be removed immediately after completion of work.
- E. Work Incomplete Or Improper: If an excavation in any street or alley shall be left open or unfinished for the space of twenty four (24) hours, or if the work shall be improperly done, or if the rubbish shall not be removed, the public works director shall have the right to finish or correct the work. All expenses, so incurred, shall be charged to the consumer and shall be paid by the installer, drain layer or other person authorized by the consumer to do the excavating work, or by the consumer, before the water service is provided.
- F. Frozen Ground: No main shall be tapped or connections made when the ground is frozen, except by special permission of the town council. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-13: **CONNECTIONS TO MAIN:**

- A. Tap Fee: The town of LaGrange, Wyoming, shall charge the following tap fee for the use of its waterworks system for a one-inch (1") tap, but not exceeding one and one-fourth inch (1 1/4) tap
 - 1. The rate schedule for the water tap fee for any new connection and/or reconnection shall be set by the LaGrange Town Council on an annual basis prior to the annual budget. The rate schedule policy will be kept in the office of the Town Clerk
 - 2. The tap fee shall be paid in full at the time a permit for connection is granted or the fee may be paid in twelve (12) monthly installments with the first installment being paid at the time a permit for connection is granted with each additional payment being made for the next consecutive eleven (11) months.
 - 3. Connection will be made within twelve (12) months of the initial payment and approval of permit application. Permit will be voided after twelve (12)

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months without refund of initial payment. A onetime extension for an additional year may be considered by the town council at the cost of ten percent (10%) of the current tap fee.

- B. Taps: All taps will be provided with a service saddle.
- C. Responsibility of Applicant: The applicant, at his own expense, shall procure the services of a registered installer, under the general supervision of the public works director, to tap the town's main at the point where the applicants service line will be joined, and shall furnish and install at his own expense, ferrules or clamps, corporation cock and stopcock. The applicant shall furnish lines, trenching, labor and attachments to bring water service from the town's main to the customers point of use. All parts necessary for connection to the main to the meter pit must be purchased from the town of LaGrange.
- D. Property Outside Corporate Limits: Applicants for water service, whose property is situated outside the corporate limits, shall pay a connection fee in such sum as the mayor and council shall fix; provided, however, nothing herein shall be construed so as to obligate the town to furnish water service to nonresidents unless it is able to do so without curtailing the demands of resident consumers and/or without overloading its pumps, machinery, or other equipment.
- E. Meter Pits: All meter pits shall be set by the applicant or consumer, at his own expense, at a point near the property line in town rights of way and shall be of such design as sanctioned and approved by the public works director; provided, that all meters shall be set in a horizontal position so that the same may be easily read by the public works director.
- F. Reading Meter; Resetting Meter: The public works director shall, whenever it is convenient to make readings of any meter, now set or hereafter to be set in meter pits, be empowered to give consumer twenty (20) days' notice, in writing, to reset said meter in a horizontal position, and, if the consumer refuses or neglects to do so, then the public works director shall reset or cause to be reset said meter horizontally and the cost thereof shall be charged to and paid by said consumer as water rent. (Ord. 44A-3, 2-7-2013; amd. Ord. 63, 5-12-2016)

7-1-14: **WATER EXTENSION:**

The mayor and town council, from time to time, may authorize the construction of extensions of water mains into areas not supplied with water, upon such terms and conditions as appear appropriate or by means of special improvement districts. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

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7-1-15: HYDRANTS:

No hydrants, except for public drinking fountains, shall be placed within the limits of any street, and no drinking fountain shall be erected for general use which has openings by which it can be used as a source of domestic supply; provided, the town may place fire hydrants at such points in streets and other public areas as the mayor and council deem necessary. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-16: INDIVIDUAL FIRE MAINS:

If proprietors of lumberyards, factories, halls, stores, elevators, warehouses, hotels or public buildings, regular consumers of water from the water system, wish to lay large pipes with hydrants and hose couplings to be used only in case of fire, they will be permitted to connect with street mains at their own expense upon application to the town council, and under their directions, and will be allowed the use of water for fire purposes only, free of charge. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-17: METERS; DEPOSITS; TESTING:

- A. **Meters Required:** All water service connected with the water plant and system of the town shall be set up for metering. The town will furnish, at no cost to the consumer, a dual check valve and a one inch (1") water meter with a remote reading device. Said meter, at all times, shall remain the property of the town, and will not be removed from the premises except by employees of the town.
- B. **Non-Refundable Service Deposit:** The public works director or the town clerk, as the case may be, when application for water service is made, shall require applicant to pay fifty dollars (\$50.00) by way of a service deposit to protect the town from loss arising out of the water service furnished; the town clerk is hereby empowered to demand and collect said service deposit from any consumer at any time.
- C. **Installation And Maintenance:** All meters and dual check valves set and installed will be kept in repair at the expense of the town unless the damage done was caused by the negligence, the wilful conduct, or the act of the user. When the meters and check valves shall be entirely worn out, they will be replaced by the town.
- D. **Testing:** All meters may be tested at the expense of the town at any reasonable time.
- E. **Remote Reading Device:** To the extent feasible, all water meters shall hereafter be located in a meter pit unless town council determines upon special

circumstance the meter must be placed in a building. All water meters shall be equipped with remote reading device. The remote reading device shall be supplied at the expense of the town. All remote reading devices so set and installed may be kept in repaired at the expense of the town, unless the damage done was caused by negligence, the willful conduct, or the act of the consumer. When remote reading devices shall be entirely worn out, they shall be replaced by the town. The remote reading device shall be the property of the town and shall not be removed from the premises by the owner of the premises.

- F. Meter Pits: Meter pits are required for all outside meter installations and the expense of said meter pits shall be borne by the consumer and constructed in a manner approved by the public works director with a double lid, frost free cover. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003; amd. Ord. 78, 6-8-2023)

7-1-18: **ACCOUNTS:**

When the town shall enter upon any contract as provided in section 7-1-1 of this chapter, and water is supplied to such applicant thereunder, it shall be the duty of the public works director, or the town clerk under the direction of the public works director, to keep a separate, detailed and accurate account of all water rents and charges due from each consumer with all debits and credits as the case may be. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-19: **WATER RATES:**

- A. Tariff Of Water Rates: The following is established as a tariff of water rates to consumers from the water system of the town of LaGrange based on capital costs and operation and maintenance of the system. The monthly minimum charge for water service shall be as follows:
1. Single-Family Dwellings: Twenty dollars (\$20.00).
 2. Multi-Family Dwelling Per Unit: Twenty dollars (\$20.00).
 3. Commercial Property: Twenty dollars (\$20.00). All over ten thousand (10,000) gallons will be subject to review by the town of LaGrange.
 4. Mobile Home Park: Mobile home park with two (2) or more hookups on one meter will be charged for each filled space (connected or not): Twenty dollars (\$20.00).

5. Public School: The public school shall pay a monthly fee of two hundred five dollars and forty-four cents (\$205.44).
6. Frontier School Of The Bible: The average daily occupancy of its dormitories shall be ascertained for the preceding school year. This daily average enrollment figure shall be divided by seven (7), and multiplied by twenty dollars (\$20.00). The resultant number shall be the monthly minimum payable by the bible school for each dormitory. As to buildings other than dormitories, the monthly service charge shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month for each building or apartment.
- B. Annual Review: At the date of passage hereof, the town does not anticipate the necessity of charging for actual water use by the consumers of the town; however, the town council, on an annual basis, shall review the income from its water systems, its bond debt service requirements, its operation and maintenance costs, and if necessary, it may expand the foregoing tariff to require a periodic reading of meters and a charge for water usage by the consumers. The rate schedule policy for water service shall be set by the LaGrange Town Council on an annual basis prior to the annual budget. The rate schedule policy will be kept in the office of the Town Clerk.
- C. Payment Due Date: The same shall be due and payable whether the premises are vacant or occupied on or before the twentieth day of each month for the water service for the preceding calendar month. All payments made toward the monthly utility billing of water, sewer and garbage will be applied to the balance incurred for all utilities. Any unpaid balance is a delinquency in payment of all utilities.
- D. Annual Payment: If any customer chooses to pay the entire utility service including water, sewer and garbage on an annual basis, a discount of two percent (2%) will be given to the customer at time of payment.
- E. Delinquency: If any customer fails to pay the monthly minimum charge, when the same is due, under the terms of this section, the town shall have the right to charge a recurring ten percent (10%) service charge on the unpaid balance of the entire bill after the first month of delinquency. After the third month of delinquency, the customer's water service will be disconnected in accordance with section 7-1-1 of this chapter and, in addition thereto, the town shall have the right to take civil action to compel payment of the same, and all delinquent charges, as permitted by law. (Ord. 44A-2, 6-25-2012; amd. Ord. 63, 5-12-2016; Ord. 66, 5-9-2019)

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7-1-20: DISCONNECTION, RECONNECTION AND RESUMPTION OF SERVICE:

In the event any tap or hookup charge levied under section 7-1-14 of this chapter is not paid by the payment date fixed under section 7-1 -19 of this chapter, the water service to the premises shall immediately be disconnected and no further service to the premises shall be provided to such customer until all delinquencies shall have been fully paid. Prior to the resumption of service, the customer shall pay unto the town a fee which will include all associated disconnection and reconnection costs as stated in the Disconnection: Reconnection Rate Policy. In addition, thereto, the town shall have the right to take civil action as permitted by law. Reconnection fees will be waived if delinquent accounts are paid in full within two (2) business days of disconnection. (Ord. 63, 5-12-2016; amd. Ord. 78, 6-8-2023)

7-1-21: USE OF PRIVATE WELLS BY CONSUMERS:

No consumer taking water service from the town system shall connect his system to a private well. (Ord. 44, 11-6-2003)

7-1-22: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

- A. Office Created: There is hereby created the office of the public works director.
- B. Appointment: The public works director shall be appointed by the mayor by and with the consent of the town council.
- C. Qualifications: The public works director shall have such required certifications as shall be necessary for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall not engage in or be in any manner interested in the business of a plumber.
- D. Duties:
 - 1. Compliance with Rules and Regulations: The public works director shall see that the construction, maintenance and control of the plumbing, drainage and ventilation of all buildings in the town shall conform to any comply with the rules and regulation of this chapter.
 - 2. Approval of Plans: all plans filed with the town clerk, as hereinafter provided, shall be submitted to the public works director for his approval.

3. Management of System: As such public works director, he shall have charge and management of the town water system and all property belonging or pertaining thereto, and shall see that the system is kept properly cleaned and in good working order and repair. He shall perform all such duties in connection with such system as shall be required of him by the town council.?
4. Inspections: The public works director shall have the authority to inspect plumbing in houses in the course of erection, undergoing alteration or repair as often as may be necessary, and shall see that all work for plumbing, drainage and ventilation is done in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances of the town.
5. Notations; The public works director shall note on all plans and specifications submitted to him, whether approved or rejected, whether for new or old buildings, notations of the plumbing or want of plumbing and water connections in each such building as will enable successors to trace sources of filth in cases of sickness and to enforce the best sanitary conditions. Plans shall be approved or rejected within three (3) days of receipt thereof.
- E. Authority: The public works director shall have the right and power, where a building is under construction or being remodeled, to enter and examine all work pertaining to plumbing at any time and shall have the power to stop any and all work not complying with the regulations of this chapter and other ordinances of the town.
- F. Interference or Obstruction: Any person refusing to allow such right of entry or who hinders or obstructs the public works director in carrying out the power conferred by this section shall be brought before the town council. (Ord. 78, 6-8-2023)

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