

WATER RENT ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing for the establishment of water rates as authorized by Section 198(3)(d) of the Town Law of the State of New York.

Section 1. The Town Board shall establish, from time to time, water rates to be paid by the consumers in any water district within the Town of Piercefield. The town board may provide for different rates for family units, business, multiple dwellings and any other category of users it may deem appropriate.

Section 2. Such water rates shall be due and payable annually on the first day of January for use and service rendered during the following year.

Section 3. Such water charges and penalties shall be a lien on the property upon which, or in connection with which, water service was supplied.

Section 4. Unpaid water charges in arrears for thirty (30) days or longer shall be subject to a penalty at the same rate provided for delinquent real estate taxes. The supply of water may be cut off to any consumer of water if water charges are not paid within sixty days from the date due.

Section 5. Water rates shall be charged and shall be due and payable from the date the water tap is made to the water main until such time as the premises served are destroyed or water service is permanently terminated. Consumers shall pay a pro rata charge for the year in which service is started or terminated, but not less than a full quarterly charge, plus the balance of the year involved.

Section 6. Such water rates when collected shall be applied toward the maintenance, operation, enlargements and improvements, if any, of the water system of the water district within which water service is supplied and for the payment of the principal and interest of any bonds issued for the purposes of such district.

Section 7. The Town may at any time shut off the supply of water passing through all or any part of the water system of any water district when in its discretion such action is necessary, convenient or desirable in the proper construction, maintenance, or repair of said system or any part thereof.

Section 8. The Town assumes no responsibility for the construction, maintenance or repair of service lines upon the premises to which water is furnished; said service lines being wholly and solely the responsibility of the owner of said premises. All said service lines however, must be constructed of copper tubing.

Section 9. Water service may be turned on or off only by authorized Town employees, upon the payment to the Town of a service charge to be established by the Ton Board from time to time by appointment.

Section 10. Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance in its entirety or of any part thereof other than that so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 11. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication and posting of same as required by law; provided however, that the water rates chargeable hereunder shall not be effective until January 1, 1975.