

WARMINSTER MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

WATER SERVICE REGULATIONS

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These regulations are a part of the contract with every applicant for water service and every such person, by taking water, agrees to be legally bound hereby. The Authority reserves the right to change or amend, without notice, these regulations and rates for water service.

SECTION I - CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

100.00 - APPLICATION FOR SERVICE:

100.01 - Any property owner desiring the introduction of a service line or lines from the Authority's mains into his/her premises, must first make a written application on the form furnished by the Authority, stating the street and house number or location.

100.02 - The application must be signed by the owner of the premises, or his duly authorized agent, which application together with the regulations of the Authority, shall regulate and control the service of water to such premises, unless the applicant is a non-residential user. Non-residential users who are notified by the Authority shall be required to enter into a Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Agreement with the Authority which, together with the regulations of the Authority, shall regulate and control the service of water to such premises.

100.03 - Such application must be made at least 48 hours before service is required and must be properly approved by the Authority before water will be turned on.

100.04 - In cases where new occupants move into a residence where the former occupant's meter had not been read, the occupant will be billed for water consumed during the next meter reading period and the charge prorated backward to the date of the new occupancy.

100.05 - No agreement for service will be entered into by the authority with any applicant, whether owner or tenant, until all arrears for water service, meter repairs, or other charges due on subject property have been paid, or until satisfactory arrangements for payment of such unpaid bills shall have been made.

100.06 - Any customer making any material change in the size, character or extent of equipment or operations utilizing water service, or whose change in operation results in a substantial increase in the use of water, shall immediately give the Authority written notice of the nature of the change. The Authority shall have the right, upon ten (10) days notice, to discontinue water service until such notice has been made and the change approved.

100.07 - All contracts for water shall continue in force from quarter to quarter, but either party may cancel the contract by giving ten (10) days written notice that the contract shall be terminated at a certain future date. For service beginning during a quarterly period, the minimum charge shall be pro-rated to the regular time of reading the meter, except that no such bill shall be rendered for less than one dollar (\$1.00).

100.08 - Upon approval of the application for a new service connection, the Authority will require the applicant to pay the appropriate fees and the Authority will tap the main, insert the corporation stop, and install a meter, all of which shall remain the property of the Authority.

100.09 - Where special service charges are fixed or cost of service of any kind is estimated, payment must be made at the time application is submitted and before the service is granted.

100.10 - When the premises are vacated, the consumer must give notice at the Authority office so that the water may be turned off, and he/she will be responsible for all charges for water service until such notice is given.

100.11 - A new application must be made on any change in occupancy or property. The Authority may discontinue the water service until such new applications have been made and approved.

100.12 - Any application may be refused by the Authority for proper cause.

100.13 - Contracts may be canceled by the Authority for proper cause upon giving ten (10) days notice of such cancellation.

100.14 - For any land development or subdivision requiring water service, the owner or developer will sign a preliminary agreement with the Authority to include a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) escrow deposit to cover the costs of all legal, administrative, and engineering work concerning a preliminary plan. The Authority will initiate no action on the preliminary plans prior to receipt of the deposit.

100.15 - Prior to a change in ownership of a property, a Certification is required to be performed by the Authority. The property owner, realtor or title company must inform the Authority of the pending property sale at least ten (10) days prior to settlement to request a Certification. The Authority will prepare the Certification letter to confirm the status of the water and sewer service at the property, provide the current outstanding balance on the account, and verify the meter is in compliance with the Authority's rules and regulations. If the meter is located inside the building, the owner will need to schedule an appointment with the Authority so the meter can be observed. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) is required to be paid at the time of the Certification request. If the sale is cancelled, the completed Certification is valid for sixty (60) days from the date issued.

100.16 - In cases where a tenant is moving out of a property, a final bill is prepared by the Authority. The owner must inform the Authority at least ten (10) days prior to the move-out date in order to have the final bill prepared. There is a fee of twenty dollars (\$20) for this service.

101.00 - DEFINITION OF CONSUMER:

101.01 - Each separate family and /or business, which to a major degree is a separate unit, shall be a "Consumer."

101.02 – Consumer as used herein, shall be the owner or tenant contracting for a supply of water to a property as herein classified:

101.021 - A building under one roof and occupied as one business or resident.

101.022 - A combination of buildings in one common enclosure occupied by one family or business.

101.023 - One side of a double house having a solid, vertical, partition wall.

101.024 - One side or part of a house occupied by one family even though the water closet and/or fixtures are used in common.

101.025 - Each unit of a building of more than one apartment and using in common, one hall and one entrance.

101.026 - Each unit of a building having a number or apartment and/or offices, and/or businesses using, in common, one hall or one or more means of entrance.

102.00 - CONSUMERS TO SUPPLY OTHER CONSUMERS:

102.01 - No owner or tenant of any premises supplied with water by the Authority will be allowed to supply other persons or families or other premises, except by written permit from the Authority.

102.02 - Consumers who violate this regulation may have their water service terminated after a notice of ten (10) days and it may remain so until such permit is obtained and the Authority is satisfied that the regulations will be observed.

103.00 - TWO OR MORE CONSUMERS ON SAME SERVICE:

103.01 - When two or more consumers are supplied water from the same service line to the curb, a distinct and separate house service line, curb stop, curb box, and meter will be provided for each consumer, if practical and approved by the Authority.

103.02 - Whenever such service pipe shall, for the purpose of repairs, require the corporation to be closed, it shall be replaced by a separate service pipe with a curb stop and a curb box for each supply line at the expense of the property owner.

103.03 - When two or more consumers are supplied through a single water service, any violation of Authority regulations by either or any said consumers shall be deemed a violation as to all and the Authority may take such action as could be taken against a single consumer, except that such action shall not be taken until the innocent consumer, who is not in violation of Authority regulations, has been given reasonable opportunity to attach his pipes to a separately controlled service connection.

104.00 - BILLINGS:

104.01 - All bills will be rendered quarterly (90 days) for residential customers with the option to be billed monthly, and monthly (30 days) for commercial customers. Water consumed shall be determined by meter registration or by estimated bills, provided however, that an actual Authority meter reading is required in the billing cycle following an estimated bill.

104.02 - All bills are payable at the office of the Authority, or its authorized agent.

104.03 - All bills are due and payable upon presentation, and if not paid within the stated Net Period or thirty (30) days from the billing date, a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be added.

104.04 - The penalty amount will be due on all bill payments received after the Net Period of thirty (30) days from the billing date.

104.05 - All water consumed shall be determined by meter registration unless the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has failed to register, In such cases, a bill will be rendered based on previous average consumption for a similar period when the meter was in order, giving proper consideration to any change in facilities or practices that may have occurred, or such other fair and reasonable method as shall be based on the best information available.

104.06 – If the bill is not paid within forty-five (45) days from the billing date, and if such payment is not received, service to the premises will be discontinued. If service is discontinued, it will not be reinstated until all bills have been paid in full, plus an additional service charge for turning off and turning on the service.

104.07 - The property owner shall be liable for payment of all bills unpaid by his tenants. Bills for rental properties will be sent to the property owner or his authorized agent.

104.08 – Failure to receive a bill shall not exempt any consumer from his obligation to pay. The presentation of a bill to the consumer is only a matter of accommodation and not a waiver of this rule.

104.09 - All meters must be inspected, read, or cared for by the Authority at least once a year. Consumers, including those who have a remote reading device on the meter, must at least once a year, if requested to do so, admit the Authority's serviceman to inspect, read, care for or remove the meter.

104.10 - All duplexes will be charged as though they are two separate units with the service charges in each case for both water and sewer. In cases where it is not possible to install separate meters, an extra water and/or sewer service will be charged.

104.11 - When there are three or more equivalent dwelling units using a single service with a single meter, the quarterly bill will be calculated under the apartment billing policy. Under apartment billing, the standard water and sewer service charge (for a 5/8" residential meter) is multiplied by the number of dwelling units. Quarterly usage will represent the actual usage on the meter, which is for all dwelling units combined.

104.12 – The Authority may apply additional water capacity charges (water tapping fees) to reflect increased water usage above purchased capacity. Calculation of the capacity charge will be based on the highest quarter usage in a calendar year. Quarters are defined as January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December.

105.00 - LEAKS AND DEFECTIVE PLUMBING:

105.01 - The Authority shall not be liable for any damage resulting from leaks, broken pipes, or

from any other causes, occurring to or within any house or building, and it is expressly agreed that no claims shall be made against the Authority for damage caused by the bursting or breaking of any main or service pipe or of any attachments thereto.

105.02 - All water passing through a meter shall be charged for at the regular rate, and no allowance will be made for excessive usage or consumption due to leaks or waste.

106.00 - SUPPLY OF WATER:

106.01 - The Authority shall not be liable for a deficiency or failure in the supply when occasioned by shutting off water to make repairs or connections or failures from any causes beyond its control.

106.02 - The Authority reserves the right to restrict the supply of water in case of scarcity or whenever the public welfare may require it.

106.03 - The Authority shall not be liable for any claim or damage arising from a shortage of water or deficiency in pressure, the breaking of machinery, or facilities, or any cause beyond its control.

106.04 - No connections shall be made between pipes or containers carrying water supplied by the Authority and pipes or containers carrying water from any other source unless the proposed cross-connection has been approved by the State and County Departments of Health and the Authority.

106.05 - The Authority shall require the installation of a circulating type water cooling tower for all air conditioning units using water for cooling.

106.06 - In the case of a water shortage, water service will be discontinued for those air conditioning units that do not have a water cooling tower installed and used in the operation of the unit.

106.07 - When a condition of water shortage exists, depending upon the severity of the shortage, any one of the conditions of Drought Watch, Drought Warning or Drought Emergency may be declared by the Warminster Township Municipal Authority, or by any governmental regulatory agency, and the related water use restrictions placed in effect as outlined herein.

WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

USE	DROUGHT WATCH	DROUGHT WARNING	DROUGHT EMERGENCY
Watering Lawns	Sprinkler system may not be used. Only hand held hose with automatic shut-off between 7 PM & 7 AM	Only minimum rate necessary to maintain newly planted areas if planted prior to declaration of drought warning	Not permitted.
Watering landscaped areas, trees, & shrubs	Only hand held hose with automatic shut-off or hand held container, bucket, pail, etc.	Same as Watch but only between 7 PM & 7 AM	Only minimum rate necessary to maintain newly planted areas if planted prior to Drought Emergency declaration.
Watering golf courses	Only minimum rate necessary to maintain newly planted areas if planted prior to declaration	Trees & greens only	Not permitted
Washing paved areas	Not recommended	Not permitted	Not permitted
Water for ornamental purposes	Not recommended	Not permitted	Not permitted
Washing cars, trucks, buses, etc. **	Yes, one time per week using pail of soapy water to wash & hose with automatic shut-off or a pail to rinse	Same as Watch	No, unless water is recycled & reused, & limited to one wash per vehicle every 2 weeks
Serving water in restaurant	Allowed	Only if requested by patron	Only if requested by patron
Swimming pools	New pools may be filled. Existing ones may be topped off. Must have filtration system. Pools may not be emptied & refilled.	New pools may be filled if permit issued prior to warning. Must have filtration system. Above ground pools may be filled if purchased prior to warning. Written permission from Authority required.	May not be filled except public pools serving more than 25 families. Pools operated by health care facilities may be filled & topped off as needed.

** The washing of motor vehicles shall be permitted in accordance with the above regulations only for vehicles registered to residents in the Authority's service area. Washing of any vehicles shall be subject to complete prohibition if, at the discretion of Warminster Municipal Authority, such action is required.

107.00 - TERMINATION OF SERVICE

107.01 - The Authority reserves the right, at all times after due notice, to terminate water service for non-payment of the water and sewer bills, or for neglect or refusal to comply with the regulations of the Authority.

107.02 - If service is terminated, there will be a service charge for the termination and another service charge for the resumption of the service.

107.03 - Service under an application may be discontinued for any of the following:

107.031 - Misrepresentation in application as to property or fixtures to be supplied or the use to be made of the water supply.

107.032 - Use of water for any property or purposes other than described in the application.

107.033 - Waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures, or likewise.

107.034 - Failure to maintain in good order the connection service lines, or fixtures beyond the main and owned by the applicant.

107.035 - Molesting any service pipe, meter, curb box, corporation, or seal or any appliance of the Authority.

107.036 - Vacancy of the premises.

107.037 - Violation of any regulations of the Authority.

107.038 - Failure to make payments of any charges against the property.

107.039 - Refusal of access to property for the purpose of inspecting, reading, caring for, or removing meters, including failure to schedule requested appointment for such service.

107.040 - The Authority shall have the right to cut off the water without notice in case of breakdowns or for other unavoidable causes, or for the purpose of making necessary repairs, connections, etc. Reasonable notice will be given when practicable. In no case shall the Authority be liable for any damage or inconvenience suffered.

107.041 - The Authority may alter, refuse, or discontinue service to any residential customer who files a petition in bankruptcy, or his trustee, if such person shall fail to deposit within 20 days of the date of the order for relief with the Authority an amount equal to the service charges at said residence for the previous four quarters.

SECTION II - DOMESTIC SERVICE

200.00 - SERVICE LINES:

200.01 - The service line, from the new outside meter pit to the building, shall be installed and maintained by and at the expense of the consumer. The material for this line can be “K” copper or HDPE plastic.

200.02 – The portion of the service line installed by the consumer shall not be less in size than the service line in the street and shall not be laid less than four feet (4’) below the surface.

200.03 - The service line shall be a minimum of 3/4" copper tubing without flare fittings or sweat joints. Compression couplings, approved by the Authority, must be used in place of sweat joints or flare fittings.

200.04 - The service line shall not be covered until tested and inspected by the Authority and the tap is made. If any defects in workmanship or material are found, the service shall not be turned on until such defects are corrected.

200.05 - The applicant for service shall pay the Township for the cost of any street opening permit required and shall be responsible for the repaving of such opening or openings as may be made in any street or highway in connection with the service line installation.

200.06 - All plumbing connections should be able to withstand a pressure of at least 150 pounds per square inch without leaking.

200.07 - The service line shall be placed so that it will not interfere with driveways or sidewalks and will run at right angles to the water main.

200.08 - No service line shall be laid in the same trench with a sewer line, gas line or any other line.

200.09 - Service lines shall be placed in separate trenches spaced at least ten (10) feet apart.

200.10 - The Authority will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the corporation stop, and the service line from the corporation stop to the meter pit.

200.11 - No connections or outlets will be permitted on the service pipe or pipes, supplying any premises, between the water main in the street and the meter. All water used must pass through the meter.

200.12 - The Authority will conduct on-site inspection to determine the approval location of water service lines and meters before the work orders are issued to tap the water main.

200.13 - Service lines will not be installed when the service line passes over or through premises which at the time may be the property of persons other than the owner of the premises to be supplied, unless the owner of the premises to be supplied assumes all liability and furnishes a right-of-way agreement in form satisfactory to the Authority.

200.14 - Service lines will not be installed until the applicant has first obtained the approved location of said line from the Authority and dug his trench as far as the water main.

200.15 - No service connection will be installed during the period that street openings are prohibited by municipal regulations, nor at any time when in the judgement of the Authority, working conditions are unfavorable for installation either by reasons of weather, temperature, conditions of the soil, or otherwise.

200.16 - The service line, from the curb stop to the meter, shall be kept in good condition by the consumer and/or property owner at all times. Failure to comply could result in termination of service.

200.17 - The authority reserves the right to inspect the internal and external plumbing on any premises and, if it is not in conformity with the Authority regulations, service will not be turned on until the objectionable or improper work is corrected.

200.18 - Section deleted.

200.19 - The aforementioned specifications for water main construction are listed for the convenience of the consumer. A more comprehensive listing on the specifications is available at the Authority's office.

200.20 - All duplexes are required to have a separate water service with individual meter pits on each service line.

201.00 - OPENING & CLOSING OF VALVES:

201.01 - No person shall open or close any curb stop or valves in any public or private lines unless specifically authorized in writing by the Authority, under penalty prescribed by law.

202.00 - MAIN EXTENSIONS:

202.01 - Upon written application from a prospective customer for a main extension, the Authority will require the application to enter into a written contract with the Authority and pay the estimated cost of the main extension, at the time of executing the contract with the Authority. This cost shall include legal fees, administrative expenses, meter costs, connection and/or tapping fees, the estimated costs of construction, and the engineering fees for inspection of the lines and appurtenances. The excess of the deposit collected over the actual costs shall be returned to the depositor and any deficiency in the deposit below the actual costs shall be made up by the depositor. All extensions will be performed in accordance with the regulations and specifications of the Authority.

202.02 - Main extensions for service to domestic consumers shall be estimated on a pipe diameter not greater than ten (10) inches and the Authority Board shall determine the size of the pipe to be installed.

202.03 - The main extensions, services from the mains to the curbs, meters, and meter connections will be the property of the Authority.

202.04 - The construction deposits will not bear interest for the depositor.

202.05 - No refund will be made to the depositor except the excess of the deposit over the cost of the entire construction plus administrative, legal, and engineering expense.

202.06 - The mains shall be extended across the entire property involved and shall terminate at the line of the abutting property. It is the Authority's policy to extend water facilities so that the system is unified and integrated as far as possible. The Authority reserves the right, therefore, to require any applicant to extend such facilities along or across any portion of his property deemed appropriate by the Authority in order for him to benefit from the Authority's service.

202.07 - No new water main, water service lines, and/or fire lines may be used until officially approved, in writing, for use by the Authority.

203.00 - IRRIGATION SYSTEMS:

203.01 - This section shall apply to any system of piping, valves, spray heads, or other head types located on or below the ground surface intended and employed for the watering of lawns, grass, flowers, trees, shrubbery or any other plantings with the potable water from the Authority's water system.

203.02 - Any customer desiring to install an irrigation system must obtain a permit by filing a written application on the form furnished by the Authority along with submitting a drawing of the proposed system, which shows all details of the system. Irrigation system users shall pay an application fee of \$1.00 per 100 square feet of surface area that will be sprinklered to cover the costs of review, approval, and inspection of the system.

203.03 - The irrigation system piping shall be connected to the domestic water service line after the water meter. This connection must be located within the building and shall have a ball valve installed at the said point of connection. Said ball valve shall be furnished by the Authority, with the installation to be done by the customer's plumbing contractor, and same shall be inspected and approved by the Authority.

203.04 - A backflow preventer, specified by the Authority, shall be installed on the irrigation pipe line right after the ball valve and before any other parts of the irrigation system. This backflow preventer shall be installed in a location that is approved by the Authority and which is easily accessible at all times. Said backflow preventer shall be serviced at least once per year by a qualified technician at the sole expense of the property owner. Evidence of proper service shall be provided to the Authority or the permit may be revoked. If the Authority furnishes and/or installs the backflow preventer, the owner shall pay the Authority the costs of all labor, material, and overhead related thereto.

203.05 - Irrigation systems that are connected to the Authority's potable water system may not be used for the application of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or any other chemical solutions or products, but may be used only for the application of potable water to the area delineated in the application.

203.06 - All irrigation systems shall be equipped with an automatic timer which shall control the operation of the system. Said timer shall be set so that the system operates only between hours approved by the Authority, normally from 9 PM to 6 AM as a maximum schedule; however, this is subject to change from time to time based on adequacy of supply and other conditions.

203.07 - Irrigation system permits shall be canceled, use prohibited, and systems turned off by the Authority for any of the following reasons:

1. Improper maintenance of the system
2. Improper operation of the system
3. Operating system when water use restrictions are in effect or outside the hours approved by the Authority
4. Operating system when supply is in adequate
5. Any form of misuse of the system

SECTION III - METERS

300.00 - OWNERSHIP OF METERS:

300.01 - The Authority will furnish and set all water meters charging the customer for this cost in advance. The meter shall remain the property of the Authority, and access for reading, inspecting, testing, and repairs of the meter must be permitted at all reasonable times by the consumer.

301.00 - LOCATION OF METERS:

301.01 - The Authority will determine the outside location for all water meters.

301.02 - All new residential meters shall be installed in an outside meter pit. The meter pit shall be approved by the Authority and conform to the standard detail drawings which are part of the Water and Sanitary Sewage Facilities Construction Specifications, latest edition. The meter pit must have a suitable lockable ball valve as approved by the Authority. The location of the meter pit will be determined by the Authority and will be located at the front of the property.

301.03 - The Authority reserves the right to determine the appropriate location and type of meter to be installed in any water line connected to a commercial facility of any type including the necessity and location of meter pits. This determination shall be made by the Authority in order to provide speedy discovery of water line ruptures and to allow accurate metering of same to protect and ensure the integrity of the water system.

302.00 - SIZE OF METER:

302.01 - The Authority shall determine the size of meter to be installed, but in no case shall the meter be more than one commercial size below the size of the service line.

302.02 - A 5/8" by 3/4" meter shall be the smallest meter to be installed on a service line for domestic use.

303.00 - PROTECTION OF METERS:

303.01 - The consumer must, at all times, properly protect the meter from injury by frost or hot water or any other causes and will be responsible for repairs to the meter.

303.02 - Any damage due to freezing, hot water, or external causes shall be paid for by the consumer.

303.03 - In no case, or under no circumstances, shall any consumer or other person interfere with the meter or parts thereof, under penalty prescribed by the law.

304.00 - TESTING OF METERS:

304.01 - At the written request of an owner or a consumer, the Authority will make an accuracy test of the meter on his supply line, and if desired, in his presence or that of his authorized representative.

304.02 - A deposit will be required of an owner before the meter is tested, which sum will be returned if the meter is found to be registering more than 3% against the consumer; otherwise, the deposit will be retained by the Authority to cover the cost of the test.

304.03 - The Authority reserves the right to test and/or change any meter deemed necessary. The consumer shall be responsible for all costs of meter testing, repairing, or replacing.

305.00 - SEPARATE METERS:

305.01 - The installation of separate meters for the purpose of measuring water for outside use is prohibited after June 1, 1977. Readings of the separate meters presently in use are to be made at least once each year and are to be subtracted from the regular meter reading for sewer billing. A service charge of \$30.00 per quarter shall be levied for each such reading.

305.02 - Open access to any separate meter and its piping shall be provided by the customer so that periodic examinations may be made by the Authority. Any repairs necessary to the separate meter connection are to be borne by the customer.

SECTION IV - FIRE PROTECTION

400.00 - PUBLIC SERVICE:

400.01 - Public fire protection service facilities will be installed at the request of the proper municipal body in form satisfactory to the Authority, including an agreement to pay for the desired service at the scheduled rates.

400.02 - In the event that no water mains are available from which the desired service can be rendered, the necessary extensions will be made under the provisions of Rule 202.00, "Main Extensions."

400.03 - The obligation of the Authority to deliver water to the Owner is limited by the understanding that while the Authority will undertake to use reasonable care and diligence in order to prevent and avoid interruptions and fluctuations in its supply of water to the Owner, the Authority does not warrant nor guarantee that such interruptions or fluctuations will not occur, or that because of emergencies due to breaks, leaks, defects or necessary repairs to its facilities, or because of strikes, acts of God or other causes beyond its control, there may not be periods during which it may be unable to deliver such quantity of water as the Owner shall request. It is further understood that the Authority does not assume any liability as insurer of property or persons; the Authority does not guarantee any special service, pressure, capacity, volume, quality or facility other than is permitted by the ordinary and changing operating conditions of the same may exist from time to time; and the Authority shall be free and exempt from, and shall not be liable for, any claim or injury to any persons or property resulting from fire, failure to supply sufficient water pressure, capacity, volume or facility or the quality of water provided. The Authority does not warrant nor guarantee the availability of water quantity, flow rate, or pressure sufficient for fire protection purposes.

401.00 - PRIVATE SERVICE:

401.01 - Private fire protection service facilities will be installed at the request of a consumer or prospective consumer in form satisfactory to the Authority, including an agreement to pay in advance the entire cost of installing the necessary facilities, and to pay for the desired service at the scheduled rates.

401.02 - In the event that no water mains are available from which the desired service can be rendered, the necessary extensions will be made under the provisions of Rule 202.00, "Main Extensions."

401.03 - Sprinkler systems, when permitted by the Authority, will include the installation of a fire check meter in a meter pit located on the consumer's property as close to the public right-of-way as possible. Said pit shall be located in a grass area where possible. If the distance between the public water main and the building wall is such that there is insufficient space for a meter pit installation, the Authority may make a determination that the detector check valve assembly and meter may be installed in a meter room situated in the building. The design and installation of the sprinkler system will be subject to the approval of the Authority and all costs related thereto will be paid by the property owner.

401.04 - When a private sprinkler system does not have adequate pressure and flow for proper fire protection, a fire pump may be installed to increase the pressure and flow, providing a storage tank is installed on the suction side of the pump. The storage tank shall be located between the Authority's water supply line and the intake of the pump. The design and installation of the pump and related system will be subject to the approval of the Authority and all costs related thereto shall be borne by the customer.

402.00 - FIRE HYDRANTS:

402.01 - All persons are forbidden to open any fire hydrant or to use any water there from for sprinkling streets, for building, or any purpose whatsoever without written permission from the Authority, under penalty prescribed by law, except in case of fire.

402.02 - Any testing of hydrants or flow tests of the mains shall be made only under the supervision of an authorized agent of the Authority.

402.03 - The consumer understands that fire protection charges are mainly a compensation for "Standing Ready to Serve," and that for said charge the use of water is not contemplated except for the actual extinguishing of fires or for testing private fire hydrants, systems, and apparatus which shall not be done without first notifying the Authority. If used otherwise, a connection charge, in accordance with the current rates, will be imposed.

SECTION V - WATER RATES AND CHARGES

500.00 – Quarterly Usage Rates:

Meter Size	Service Charge Residential
5/8"	\$32.00
3/4"	\$37.00
1"	\$42.00
	Service Charge Non-Residential
5/8"	\$32.00
3/4"	\$53.34
1"	\$85.34
1-1/2"	\$160.01
2"	\$256.01
3"	\$512.02
4"	\$800.03
6"	\$2,240.07
8"	\$5,493.51
10"	\$8,746.94

501.00 - Usage will be charged at \$5.41 per 1,000 gallons.

502.00 - Fire Line Connection Service:

2" Connection	\$13.33
4" Connection	\$44.00
6" Connection	\$98.40
8" Connection	\$176.01
10" Connection	\$280.01
12" Connection	\$384.01

503.00 - Tank Service:

0 to 25,000 gallons	\$26.67
25,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$53.34
50,001 to 100,000 gallons	\$106.67
100,001 to 150,000 gallons	\$160.01
150,001 to 200,000 gallons	\$213.34
200,001 to 250,000 gallons	\$266.68
250,001 to 300,000 gallons	\$320.01

504.00 - Fire Hydrant Service: \$19.20 per fire hydrant

505.00 - Fire Flow Test: \$1,500.00 each

506.00 – Meter Charges:

New Meters:	All meters or sizes Cost Plus
Meter Installation:	5/8" to 2" \$100.00
	Over 2" Time & Material

507.00 - Meter Testing: If meter is certified accurate, the customer is responsible for the following costs:

5/8", 3/4", & 1" meters	\$25.00 + \$100 meter installation
1-1/2" & 2" meters	\$50.00 + \$100 meter installation
Over 2"	Time and Material

508.00 - Water Taps:

3/4" tap	\$150.00
1" tap	\$175.00
Over 1"	Cost Plus

509.00 - Water Service Line Inspection: \$150.00

510.00 - Builders Water: \$20.00 per unit

511.00 - Service Charges:

Normal Working Hours:	\$40.00
After Normal Working Hours:	\$175.00
Turn Off:	\$40.00
Turn On:	\$40.00
Posting for Termination	\$25.00

512.00 - Water Tapping Fee:

Capacity component	\$ 8.62 per gallon
Distribution component	<u>\$16.21</u> per gallon
Total tapping fee	\$24.83 per gallon

513.00 - Certification of Account: \$100.00 per account

513.01 – Expediting service rate: \$20

514.00 - Returned Checks: \$30.00 per payment that is returned from the bank for non-sufficient funds.

515.00 - Lien Fees: \$100.00 plus court cost

516.00 - Unauthorized Use of Water: \$250.00 per occurrence

517.00 - Violation of Regulations: \$30.00 per day

520.00 – Capacity Reconciliation Usage Rate: Current water usage rate plus 30% for usage above purchased capacity.

521.00 – Minimum capacity charge is equivalent to one (1) EDU.

WARMINSTER MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

SEWER SERVICE REGULATIONS

Revised October 11, 2021

These regulations are a part of the contract with every applicant for sewer service and every such person, by taking said service, agrees to be legally bound hereby. The Authority reserves the right to change or amend, without notice, these regulations and rates for sewer service.

SECTION VI - CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

600.00 - APPLICATION FOR SERVICE:

600.01 - Any property owner desiring the introduction of a lateral from the Authority's main into their premises, must first make a written application on the form furnished by the Authority, stating the street and house number of the location.

600.02 - The application must be signed by the owner of the premises, or his duly authorized agent, which application together with the regulations of the Authority, shall regulate and control sewer service to such premises, unless the applicant is a non-residential user. Non-residential users who are notified by the Authority are required to execute a Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Agreement with the Authority which, together with the regulations of the Authority, shall regulate and control sewer service to such premises.

600.03 – For any land development or subdivision requiring public sewers, the owner or developer will sign a preliminary agreement with the Authority to include a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) escrow deposit to cover the costs of all legal, administrative, and engineering work concerning said preliminary plans. The Authority will initiate no action on the preliminary plans prior to receipt of the deposit.

600.04 – If the use of the property changes to a different use, the owner of the property must obtain approval and must conform with the Rules & Regulations of the Authority.

601.00 - USE OF SEWERS:

601.01 - The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purpose, situated in the Township 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 sanitary sewer, is hereby required, at his expense, to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer, provided that said public sewer is within one hundred fifty feet (150') of the structure as measured from the termination of the sewer lateral.

601.02 - Persons, who have been ordered to connect into the public sewer lines and have refused, shall be notified that they have sixty (60) days to comply. Anyone not connecting will be turned over to the District Justice on the sixty-first day for prosecution under existing Township Ordinances. The quarterly minimum charge will be instituted on said persons after sixty (60) days.

601.03 – It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within Warminster Township or in any area under the jurisdiction of said Township, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of these regulations.

601.04 - Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

601.05 - No unauthorized person shall tap, uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, disturb, or discharge into any public sewer main, lateral, manhole or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining written permission or permit from the Authority.

601.06 - No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, floor drain water, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters by any means, including sump pumps, to any sanitary sewer.

601.07 - Floor drains may not be connected to the sanitary sewerage system, unless specifically approved by the Authority.

601.08 - Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided in all industrial and commercial establishments. If required by the Authority, all interceptors shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Authority and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. Where installed, all grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner, at his expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times. No chemical solutions may be used to dissolve or disperse substances into the sanitary sewer, unless approved by the Authority.

601.09 - Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged, any of the following described waters to any public sewer, and must comply with current industrial local limits, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

601.0901 - Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 122 degrees Fahrenheit.

601.0902 - Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million by weight of fat, oil, or grease.

601.0903 - Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or any flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.

601.0904 - Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.

601.0905 - Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, or other solid or viscous substances capable of causing obstruction to the flow in the sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage treatment facilities.

601.0906 - Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0, or any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to the structures, equipment, or operating personnel of the sewerage system.

601.0907 - Any water or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant, or create a hazard to humans or animals.

601.0908 - Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character and

quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant.

601.10 - There is a Wastewater Control Ordinance that pertains to non-residential users of the sewerage system. This ordinance, No. 763, is a part of these regulations and a copy of same is attached hereto.

601.11 - Customers that are classified as non-residential must apply to the Authority for a wastewater discharge permit upon receipt of notice from the Authority. The application is available at the Authority. Water service to such non-residential site will not be turned on until the customer has applied to the Authority and received approval from the Authority for a wastewater discharge permit.

601.12 - Where preliminary treatment facilities are provided for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the owner at his expense.

601.13 - Sewer customers, who have a private water supply, shall have the Authority install a meter on said source, a line strainer must be installed in the line before the meter. All expenses are to be borne by the customer.

601.14 - The owner of a non-residential property served by the public sewer, which has been notified to apply for a wastewater discharge permit, shall install a suitable control manhole in the building sewer, to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the waste. Such manhole shall be accessible and safely located and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Authority. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

601.15 - All measurements, tests, and analyses of the wastes shall be determined in accordance with the "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Sewage" and shall be determined from suitable samples taken at the said manhole. The owner or tenant shall be liable for and agree to pay for any and all such lab tests as referred to by these regulations. In the event that no suitable control manhole is available, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected.

601.16 - In the event of the demolition of any building, the Authority shall require that the existing sewer lateral be plugged at the property line. The plugging of the lateral must be inspected by the Authority prior to the backfilling of the trench.

601.17 - In the event that a consumer informs the Authority of a sewage blockage which they believe is in the piping outside of their house, the Authority will check the section of sewer main that services the property. If the main is clear of any blockage and working properly, the consumer shall contact a plumbing contractor to excavate where the consumer's private building sewer meets the Authority's sewer lateral. The Authority's sewer lateral is that section of pipe from the sewer main to the point of connection to the consumer's sewer pipe. If the house is on a paved street, the point of connection is the curb line or to the edge of paving if no curb exists. If the main is within an easement, the point of connection is at the edge of the easement. Once the

plumber has excavated and exposed the sewer line, the Authority must be contacted to have the plumber's work inspected and to assist in the evaluation of the cause of the blockage. The consumer shall be liable for all costs of said work if the blockage is not due to defects in the Authority's lateral or mains. If tree roots are found in the building sewer or the building lateral, then the costs of removal are the homeowner's responsibility.

601.18 - In the event that a consumer installs plumbing fixtures in his/her basement after the sewer mains have been installed and has not received approval, in writing, from the Authority, the Authority will not be responsible, in any manner, for sewage backups through said fixtures.

602.00 - BILLINGS:

602.01 – All bills will be rendered quarterly (90 days) for residential customers with the option to be billed monthly, and monthly (30 days) for commercial and industrial customers. Sewer usage is based on water consumed as determined by water meter registration or by estimated bills, provided however, that an actual Authority meter reading is required in the billing cycle following an estimated bill.

602.02 – All bills are due and payable upon presentation, and if not paid within the stated Net Period or thirty (30) days from the billing date, a penalty of 10% will be added.

602.03 - All bills must be paid within forty-five days from the billing date, and if such payment is not received, service to the premises will be discontinued. In cases where the consumer has a private well, the Authority will place a lien against the property for the amount of the bill plus the lien costs.

602.04 - The property owner shall be liable for payment of all bills.

602.05 - Any consumer, upon receipt of a bill, having reason to doubt its accuracy, shall bring or mail the bill, within five days, to the Authority for investigation.

602.06 - Failure to receive a bill shall not exempt any consumer from his obligation to pay. The presentation of a bill to the customer is only a matter of accommodation and not a waiver of this regulation.

602.07 – The Authority may apply additional sewer capacity charges (sewer tapping fees) to reflect increased sewer usage (based upon the customer's water usage) above purchased capacity. Calculation of the capacity charge will be based on the highest quarter usage in a calendar year. Quarters are defined as January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December.

SECTION VII - BUILDING SEWERS

700.00 - SPECIFICATIONS:

700.01 - The building sewer shall be heavy-duty cast-iron pipe, SDR 35 plastic pipe, unless SDR 26 is required by the Authority, or suitable material approved by the Authority. All joints shall be tight and waterproof by using rubber gaskets to join the pipe sections. A strip of copper flashing will be required around joints that are exposed to damage by tree roots.

700.02 - The size and slope of the building sewer shall be subject to the approval of the Authority but in no event shall the diameter be less than four inches. The slope of such four-inch pipe shall not be less than one-quarter inch per foot, unless approved by the Authority.

700.03 - Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. No building sewer shall be laid parallel to or within three feet of any bearing wall, which might thereby be weakened. The depth shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost. The building sewer shall be laid at uniform grade and in straight alignment insofar as possible. Changes in direction shall be made only with properly curved pipe and fittings.

700.04 - In any building in which the drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, then the sewage shall be lifted by artificial means approved by the Authority.

700.05 - All excavations required for the installation of a building sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved the Authority. Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with ASTM specification (C12-19), except that no backfill shall be placed until the work has been inspected.

700.06 - All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner and shall be paid in advance. The owner shall indemnify the Authority from loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

700.07 - The building sewer shall be a minimum of ten feet (10') away from any other underground utility service.

700.08 - The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the Authority when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Authority.

700.09 – If a duplex is of the ‘townhouse’ type, where the apartments are side by side, usually having a first floor and a second floor, then two (2) sewer laterals are required, one for each apartment. The other type of duplex, having one apartment above the other, requires only one sewer lateral for the building. All multi-family residential units, including townhouses, are required to have separate laterals.

700.10 – Existing sewer facilities, including laterals, cleanouts, and manholes, may be used in conjunction with the construction of new buildings or structures on the property, provided that the sewer facilities are inspected and found to be in acceptable condition. The inspection shall include both visual and internal televisual inspection to be performed by the applicant, or the authority. If the authority performs the work, the cost shall be reimbursed to the authority by the applicant. The authority will view the inspection results and determine if the existing facilities are acceptable for reuse. The authority's decision is final. If not acceptable, new facilities are to be provided as part of the property improvements. All work is to be in conformance with the Authority Standard Construction Specification and Rules and Regulations.

700.11 - All sewer laterals, portion of the line running from the main to the curb line, will be installed by the Authority in accordance with its specifications. Exceptions may be granted in writing by the Authority if deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

701.00 - MAIN EXTENSIONS:

701.01 - Upon written application from a prospective customer for a main extension, the Authority will require the applicant to enter into a written agreement. All construction expenses for the extension will be borne by the applicant, to include the furnishing of a deposit to cover all administrative, engineering, and legal expenses incurred by the Authority regarding said extension. All extensions will be performed in accordance with the regulations and specifications of the Authority.

701.02 - The main extension and laterals from the main to the curb, upon execution of a deed of dedication, will be the property of the Authority.

701.03 - The construction deposits will not bear interest.

701.04 - No refund will be made to the depositor until the work has been satisfactorily completed and approved by the Authority. Once completed, the excess of the deposit over the entire costs of said extension will be refunded.

701.05 - Mains shall be extended across the entire property involved and terminate at the line of the next abutting property. It is the Authority's policy to extend sewer facilities so that the system is unified and integrated as far as possible. The Authority reserves the right, therefore, to require any applicant to extend such facilities along or across any portion of his property deemed appropriate by the Authority in order for him to benefit from the Authority's service.

701.06 - In the event of a failure of a sewer system installed by a developer within one year from the date of acceptance, the contractor shall be called back to make the necessary repairs. In the event that the contractor refuses to cooperate within a reasonable period of time, the work will be done by the authority and the contractor will be billed for same.

SECTION VIII - SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

800.00 – Quarterly Usage Rates:

Meter Size	Service Charge Residential
5/8"	\$32.00
3/4"	\$37.00
1"	\$42.00
	Service Charge Non-Residential
5/8"	\$32.00
3/4"	\$53.34
1"	\$85.34
1-1/2"	\$160.01
2"	\$2256.01
3"	\$512.02
4"	\$800.03
6"	\$2,240.07
8"	\$5,493.51
10"	\$8,746.94

801.00 - Usage will be charged at \$5.49 per 1,000 gallons.

802.00 - The above service charge will be prorated for periods less than a full quarter as follows:

Less than 30 days:	1/3 of service charge
30 days to 59 days:	2/3 of service charge
60 days and over:	full service charge

803.00 - Sewer Tapping Fee:

Capacity component	\$ 6.57 per gallon
Distribution (collection) component	<u>\$13.21</u> per gallon
Total tapping fee	\$19.78 per gallon

804.00 - Sewer Lateral Installation: \$4,000.00 deposit

805.00 - Certification of Accounts: \$100.00 per account

806.00 - Unmetered service per quarter per equivalent dwelling unit: \$175.00

807.00 - Residential building sewer inspection fee: \$150.00

808.00 - Disconnection of Sewer Lateral - \$1,000 + material

809.00 - Violation of Regulations: \$30.00 per day

810.00 – Expediting service rate: \$20

811.00 – Capacity Reconciliation Usage Rate: Current sewer usage rate plus 30% for usage above purchased capacity.

812.00 – Minimum capacity charge is equivalent to one (1) EDU

813.00 – Jet Truck per hour rate: \$200

814.00 – Industrial Waste Pretreatment Application Fee: \$250

815.00 – Significant and Categorical Users Pretreatment Application Fee: \$500

816.00 – Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permit Renewal Fee: \$150

817.00 - Grease Trap Inspection: \$50