

A LOCAL LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF CORINTH REGARDING WATER USE

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Corinth as follows:

480-1 - SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO BOARD AND WATER SUPERINTENDENT;
DEFINITIONS.

A. This law shall be known and cited as the "Water Law of the Village of Corinth." Any reference made herein to the "Village" shall be deemed to refer to the Village of Corinth. Any reference made herein to the "Board" shall be deemed to refer to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Corinth. Any reference made herein to the "Water Superintendent" shall be deemed to refer to the Department of Public Works Superintendent of the Village of Corinth.

B. Unless otherwise stated in the section where the term is used in this Law, the meaning of terms used in this Law shall be as stated below. When not inconsistent with the context, the present tense shall include the future, and words used in the plural shall include the singular and vice versa. Furthermore, a masculine pronoun shall include the feminine. Shall is mandatory; may is permissive.

BOARD – the Board of Trustees of the Village of Corinth

CROSS-CONNECTIONS – Any physical connections or arrangement between two otherwise separate water supply piping systems, one of which contains potable water and the other water of unknown or questionable safety, whereby water may flow, depending on the pressure differential, between the two systems

MINIMUM VALUE CHARGE – charge set by Board of Trustees applicable to all properties within the Village connected to the Village Water System. with the exception of vacant properties as defined herein.

OUT OF DISTRICT USER – user located outside of the Village of Corinth Boundary and not located within an officially created Town Water District

OUT OF DISTRICT USER AGREEMENT – individual contract for water supply services which include property-specific easements for access to the water lines and hold harmless

OWNER – person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency that has title to the property that is served by the water system and who is ultimately responsible for payment of all rents, fees and charges

PERSON – Any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation or group

PREMISES – any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families or commercial use; also any building or structure that uses water

TOWN WATER DISTRICT – a special district duly formed under New York State Town Law

USER – any person receiving water from the Village’s water system through a pipe connection

VACANT PROPERTY – any property which is not improved by a building or structure and/or is not connected to the Village Water System

VILLAGE – the Village of Corinth

VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM – the potable water system owned and operated by the Village of Corinth; includes all sources, pipes, storage and treatment facilities that convey potable water between the source and curb stop

WATER SUPERINTENDENT – the Department of Public Works Superintendent for the Village of Corinth

480-2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- A. These rules and regulations, as established by the Board or as hereinafter amended or modified, shall be included within any and all agreements or contracts for water furnished directly or indirectly from the water mains of the Village.
- B. Each and every user of water from the Village water system shall be in all respects bound by and shall be considered to have agreed to the rules, regulations, requirements and schedules of water rates and other charges as hereinafter set forth or amended or modified by the Board as a condition precedent to the rights of service from the water system.
- C. In the event property is serviced by a private well, the property owner shall contact the Village Clerk to have the Water Superintendent inspect the connection and disconnect pursuant to section 480-31 herein.

- D. It shall be a requirement of this law that except for connections that may exist prior to June 1, 2017, Village water service shall not be provided to any user located outside the Village of Corinth Boundary unless located within a properly established Town Water District.

480-3 - DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board shall by resolution determine charges to be made for supplying and installing water meters, for tapping the main or distributing pipes, for discontinuing service temporarily, for water rents, rates and charges of water supplied to users within and outside the Village for the use of Village water, and for building construction purposes. The Board shall have the right to make special rates, variations or contracts in all proper cases or to turn off the water supply without notice in case of extensions, repairs or other necessity, without liability for damages for lack of water or for any other damage that may result from the turning off of the water supply.

480-4 - DUTIES OF THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT.

The Water Superintendent shall have responsibility for the general supervision of the operation and maintenance of the Water System within the Village, which shall include, but is not limited to, the responsibility and obligation to consider approval of all applications for the issuance of permits required hereby, read the meters at intervals as determined by the Board, and immediately make report of such readings by filing the same with the Village Clerk.

480-5 - RIGHT OF ENTRY.

The Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent shall have full power to enter the premises of any user at all reasonable hours, and with reasonable notice where possible, to examine fixtures, plumbing and manner of using the water.

480-6 - DUTIES OF VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Village Clerk-Treasurer to promptly bill and collect the water service charges and report the same to the Board upon request but no less than quarterly. It is further the

duty of the Village Clerk-Treasurer to accept and process applications for water supply connection/disconnection and provide same to the Water Superintendent for review and approval.

480-7 - METERS REQUIRED.

Water supplied by the Village to all users will be supplied and sold by measurement only, and water meters shall be installed on all service lines as soon after the effective date of this law as practicable, and thereafter all water used by such users shall be metered. All meters shall be of a make and type approved by the Board and of such size as the Water Superintendent deems proper. All meters shall be supplied and installed by the Village and shall remain the property of the Village.

A. SERVICE METER SYSTEM.

- 1) Meter installation, repair, and replacement costs for water services one inch or less in diameter shall be borne by the Village. For water services with a diameter greater than one inch, all costs shall be borne by the property owner.
- 2) The Board may from time to time choose to undertake capital improvement projects whereby the Village purchases and installs meters complete with meter setting devices, isolation valves, and check valves.

B. DEDUCTIVE METERING SYSTEMS.

Sewer charges are based on metered water consumption and assume that all water used is discharged to the Village's sanitary sewer system. Water users that use substantial amounts of water, which can be definitively proven to the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent as not entering the sanitary sewer system, may purchase and install an auxiliary meter system. Users with a deductive metering system will receive an adjusted sanitary sewer charge which reflects that a portion of the water supplied was not discharged to the sanitary sewer system as measured by the deduct meter. A deductive meter system must be purchased from and installed by the Village but will become the property of the property owner upon installation. All costs associated with

future repair or replacement will be the responsibility of the property owner. All required meter setting devices, isolation valves and check valves shall be installed by the property owner prior to installation of the meter by the Village. Only Village supplied meters will be approved for usage.

480-8 - WATER RENTS.

- A. Water rates and charges shall be such sums as may be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.
- B. All properties located within the Village which are connected to the Village Water System shall be responsible for payment of a Minimum Value Charge since said properties are benefitted by convenient access to water mains for consumption and fire protection, with the exception of Vacant Properties as defined herein. The Minimum Value Charge will be used by the Village to operate and maintain the water distribution system. The Minimum Value Charge will be applicable to all properties within the Village, except Vacant Properties, or for properties that have permanently discontinued service pursuant to section 480-31 herein..
- C. Whenever the value of the water consumed as registered by the meter, and computed at the applicable meter rates, does not equal such minimum value as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees of this Village, then such Minimum Value Charge shall apply and be charged accordingly.
- D. In addition to the Minimum Value Charge, users shall pay a usage rate as calculated by multiplying the total water quantity supplied through the meter by the current water rate as established by the Board.

480-9 - WATER RENTS DEEMED LIABILITY OF OWNER.

Owners of property whereon water is used will be held responsible for the water rents of their tenants, as the water rent is a lien upon the property for the use of which the water is supplied.

480-10 - PAYMENT OF WATER RENTS; PENALTY CHARGES.

- A. All water rents shall be paid to the Village Clerk-Treasurer on a quarterly schedule as defined by the Board.
- B. A penalty of 5% for the first month and 1% per month thereafter will be added to all bills remaining unpaid after the above-stated dates.
- C. Unpaid water charges over \$20 will be relevied to the user's taxes as of April 15 in addition to a surcharge as set by the Board.
- D. Failure to receive a bill shall not act as a waiver of the penalty nor shall it relieve the user of any responsibility for the bill. In case of inability to read the meter, an estimated bill will be submitted to the user.
- E. No abatement of the charges for water rents shall be allowed due to the vacancy of any premises supplied with water.
- F. In the event the Village is unable to gain access to a premises and therefore unable to install a meter through no fault of the Village, the premises will be billed for the Minimum Value Charge as well as a flat usage fee set forth in the water rent schedule to be set by the Board and may be adjusted from time to time by resolution, and may also be charged an additional amount based on water usage as estimated by the Water Superintendent, until a meter can be installed.

480-11 - USERS LOCATED OUTSIDE VILLAGE LIMITS.

- A. In addition to the water rents and charges established by the Board, users located outside the Village of Corinth Boundary, and not located within an officially created Town Water District, hereinafter referred to as "Out of District User", shall be responsible for all costs associated with keeping individual water agreements current, collection costs, and all costs for any special equipment that may be needed for water supply including but not limited to water meter systems and pressure booster equipment that may be required.
- B. Said Out of District Users will be required to execute and maintain individual Out of District User Agreements, individual property-specific easements for access to the water lines, and hold harmless agreements.

- C. Out of District Users shall notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer if the property is placed on the market for sale, and shall further inform potential buyers about special water sales requirements.
- D. Out of District Users shall ensure that the purchaser submits an application to the Village Clerk/Treasurer along with the appropriate fee requesting an Out of District User Agreement a minimum of ten (10) days prior to closing. No closing shall be scheduled until a new Out of District User Agreement between the Village and purchaser has been executed.
- E. The purchaser shall be required to file the fully executed Out of District User Agreement with the Saratoga County Clerk.

480-12 - COLLECTION ON ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE VILLAGE LIMITS.

- A. Users of water on property located outside the limits of the Village of Corinth, and not located within a Town Water District (“Out of District User”), shall be responsible for all collection costs associated with delinquent payments including but not limited to attorney and court collection costs.
- B. Where Out of District user payments are overdue, the Village Clerk shall notify the user and/or property owner with written notice, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, that his/her account will be turned over for collection if not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice.
- C. Unless the user or property owner pays the arrearage, penalties or interest in full, or else satisfactorily appeals to the Village Board, within said thirty days period, a second written notice, registered, or certified mail, return receipt requested, notifying of payment in arrearage within ten (10) days if payment with penalties or interest has not been received, the account will be turned over to the Village Attorney for court collection and the water supply shall be shut off by the Village without liability and shall not be turned back on until all arrearages and collection costs have been paid in full and further payments guaranteed.

480-13 - TURN-ON AFTER OFFICIAL TURNOFF.

If the supply of water to any premises be turned off by the direction of the Water Superintendent, it shall not be turned on thereafter without the permission of the Water Superintendent. A violation of this section shall be deemed theft of Village services, and the Board shall take action against the violator in court.

480-14 - DISCONTINUANCE OF USE OF WATER.

- A. In the event that a premises becomes vacant or for any other reason an owner wishes to discontinue service temporarily, this may be done upon making proper written application to the Village Clerk/Treasurer. If the Water Superintendent approves the application, service shall be shut off at the curb and the meter drained. The fee for this service shall be in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, with a schedule of such fees to be maintained by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, and the fee for turning the water on again shall be in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.
- B. Water shall not be shut off at the curb except by a Village employee as directed by the Water Superintendent, or his/her designated agent, or a duly authorized agent of the Village.
- C. Users whose houses become vacant between October 15 and April 15 in any year must have the water service discontinued. In case a house or other building is to be closed for a time, especially during cold weather, the owner or the contractor representing the owner must notify the Water Superintendent in order that the meter may be read, drained, and the curb stop closed. In case of failure so to notify the Water Superintendent and of the bursting of pipes by freezing or otherwise, the user shall pay for all water that may be thus lost, the amount to be estimated by the Water Superintendent and added to the next bill and paid in like manner as the regular meter charges, together with an additional sum in an amount including Village labor and material costs to cover all expenses incurred by the Village resulting from the user's negligence.

480-15 - NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISCONTINUE USE OF WATER.

Persons wishing to discontinue the use of water must give ten (10) days written notice thereof to the Village-Clerk Treasurer, who shall provide it for review and approval to the Water Superintendent. Discontinuance of water service does not exempt the property owner from paying the Minimum Value Charge as described herein.

480-16 - APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

No person or corporation shall take the water of the Village for any purpose without having first obtained permission from the Water Superintendent on a written application available from the Village Clerk-Treasurer, and having first paid the charges pertaining to the introduction of the water to the premises. All applications for the introduction of water to any premises or for the extension of any pipe for the conveyance of such water shall be made upon a form furnished by the Village for said purpose, signed by the owner of the property or his or her legally authorized agent. Said application shall include a statement of all uses for which the water is desired. All applications shall be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, who shall provide them to the Water Superintendent for review.

480-17 - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

As the Village cannot reasonably be expected to monitor all changes in the ownership or use of properties served by village water, it shall be the duty of any property owner, or any other village water user, to give the Village at least thirty (30) days' written advance notice of any change in ownership and/or use to allow the Village to read the meter and prepare an invoice for payment. Subsequent to change of ownership or use, the current property owner will be liable for all current and overdue water charges.

480-18 - WATER FOR TEMPORARY PURPOSES.

Persons desiring to use Village water for temporary purposes will be required to make application to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, stating the name and address of the owner of the property and its

location, estimated cost of building and estimated length of time of construction period, and on receiving permit will be required to pay a charge in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, with a schedule of such fees to be maintained by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. If approved by the Water Superintendent, such permit will be valid for the period of time only as stated thereon, but may be renewed for thirty-day periods thereafter if upon investigation it be found that conditions warrant renewal. No person shall be permitted to use Village water for this purpose through a house service either on the same or from neighboring premises. The willful waste of water or any violation of this article will be cause for the discontinuance of the service. If the water is willfully wasted, the Water Superintendent may cancel such permit and stop the supply of water. The Water Superintendent reserves the right either to make a flat rate for the service or to require a meter to be installed. If a meter is installed, it must be placed in an approved box to be provided by the Village and so placed that it will not be disturbed during use. In the winter the box must be properly made frostproof and must be uncovered at any time, upon the request of the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent, for inspection or reading. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Board will be cause for the removal of the meter and the discontinuance of the service.

480-19 - OWNER'S AGENT.

The contractor or any other person designated and employed by the owner of the premises, will be considered the agent of such owner while employed in the prosecution of the work of introducing water into such premises and in no sense as the agent of the Water Department or the Village. The Village will not be responsible for the acts of such person.

480-20 - WORK RESTRICTIONS.

- A. No person shall make any attachment to or connection with the pipes of the Village or make any repairs, additions or alterations to the service pipes unless they are an employee of the Village and have been directed to do so by the Water Superintendent.
- B. No contractor shall do any work in connection with the installation, operation or repair of service pipes unless they are duly permitted by the Water Superintendent. The issuance of

permits to contractors shall at the discretion of the Water Superintendent, and any such permit may be revoked at any time.

- C. The contractor working as permitted by the Water Superintendent, at the time of receiving a permit, shall file with the Village a bond, in such sum as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, with one or more sureties acceptable to the Board, conditioned that the contractor will pay to the Village the amounts of all fines or other expenses imposed by the Board in consequence of his work, as soon as such amounts shall be determined; and said contractor shall exhibit to the Board public liability insurance policies in such amounts as the Board shall determine from time to time, that said contractor will indemnify and save harmless the Village, the Board, its employees and agents from all accidents by reason of any opening in any street, road, lane, sidewalk or other place in said Village made by said contractor or those in contractor's employ for the purpose of putting down or inserting or removing any service pipe or pipes, hydrant or other means for the introduction or discontinuance of water, or for any object or purpose whatsoever.
- D. The contractor working as permitted by the Water Superintendent, will replace and restore the street and pavement over any such opening in such a condition that it will be approved by the proper highway authorities, and that the contractor will warranty workmanship for a period of one year thereafter.

480-21 - SERVICE CONNECTIONS.

- A. The fee for tapping shall be such sum as may be determined from time to time by resolution by the Board, and must be paid before a permit will be issued. All tapping shall be performed by an employee of the Village or by such other person or entity as the Board may designate.
- B. No contractor shall be permitted to tap the main or distributing pipes or make or interfere with any connection with the water system without specific permission from Water Superintendent in each case; and except on the pipes on the user's side of the meter, no additions or alterations whatsoever in or about public or private water pipes shall be made by any person until application therefor has been made to the Water Superintendent and a

written permit issued. Before receiving such permit, the permitted contractor must in each case deposit with the Village Clerk-Treasurer a fee in such amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, with a schedule of such fees to be maintained by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

480-22 - SERVICE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES.

- A. Service pipes from the main to the curb stops shall be no less than 3/4 inches inside diameter, and fittings, corporation stops, curb stops, curb boxes and meter settings shall conform to American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards and shall be of such size and specification (make, model, and material) as the Water Superintendent deems proper. The corporation stop, curb stop and curb box will be furnished by the Village as part of the service of installation.
- B. No connection of any kind shall be made to the service pipe between the main and the meter.

480-23 - INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Service pipes shall be run at right angles to the main and in a direct line through the foundations of the building to be served, and wherever possible must be located to avoid driveways so that curb boxes may be properly and conveniently set. Service pipes shall be laid at least five feet below the surface of the ground at all points, and in no case will any water pipe be allowed to be laid closer than ten feet to any sewer or drain line, nor will any gas line or utility cable be permitted in a water pipe trench. The curb stop shall be installed in the sidewalk space and/or close to the property line, except as otherwise directed by the Water Superintendent.
- B. The meter shall be installed within the building to be served, as close as practicable to the point where the service pipe enters, unless otherwise directed or permitted by the Water Superintendent, and shall be set with the inlet and outlet in a horizontal line with the register on top and shall be so located as to be readily accessible at all times for reading, inspection or repair. Stop valves shall be provided within the building on the inlet side of the meter

and on the outlet side. Backflow prevention valves and drains shall be installed on the outlet side of the meter.

- C. Meters may be set outside of buildings in underground pits, by direction or permission of the Water Superintendent, and in such cases the location and construction of the pit and the method of setting the meter shall conform to directions which will be furnished by the Water Superintendent for each specific instance. Outside meters shall only be placed in approved underground pits. All meters shall be set in an accessible manner and place to be approved by the Water Superintendent, and at all times shall be open to inspection and reading by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent.
- D. Where high water pressures exist, the Water Superintendent may require that the owner provide protection from higher pressure for the plumbing components within their home or business with the installation of a pressure reducing valve, with the costs thereof the responsibility of the user.
- E. Where low water pressures exist, the Water Superintendent may require that the owner provide pressure boosting equipment within the user's home or business, with the costs thereof the responsibility of the user.

480-24 - INSTALLATION INSPECTION AND APPROVAL.

- A. Pipes and connections between the main and the meter shall not be covered until they have been inspected and approved by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent. The curb stop shall not be left open or water allowed to run on the premises after making any new connection with the street mains or after making any new extension or attachments until plumbing is suitable for installation of a water meter. In cases of new connection, the Water Superintendent, on notification that building plumbing can accommodate meter installation, will cause the same to be inspected, and if found satisfactory will have the meter installed and water turned on.
- B. All connections from the curb stop to the meter location shall be done by the user at his or her own cost and expense. The pipe installation procedure and trench backfill is to be inspected by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent. All backfill used to

cover the pipe is to be free from logs, rocks and debris. Backfill should be placed in 12” lifts and tamped for compaction. All installations shall be subject to approval by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent before water shall be turned on.

480-25 - PERMANENT CONNECTION MATERIALS

- A. Material Standards. All materials used shall be proper and adequate for the type of service intended, shall meet the respective quality standard of the AWWA and as specified by the Water Superintendent, and shall receive approval of the Water Superintendent prior to installation.
- B. Service Pipe Material. Service pipes less than two inches in diameter shall be of pure seamless Type K copper tubing with bronze fittings. Service pipes two inches in diameter or larger shall be of ductile iron, except as otherwise approved by the Water Superintendent in writing. The method and manner of placing materials and the general arrangement and progress of the work shall conform to the specifications hereinafter set forth in these regulations and to be arranged in such manner as the Water Superintendent may direct or approve.

480-26 - STREET OPENING PERMITS.

No street or public grounds shall be opened by the applicant or agent for purpose of making a connection with the mains or for laying any water pipes or fixtures unless he shall have secured from the proper public authority a permit to make such openings. All openings shall be made, protected and restored to the satisfaction of the Water Superintendent.

480-27 - PROTECTION OF SERVICE COMPONENTS.

- A. The Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of the service line and fixtures from the water main up to the user's side of the curb stop.
- B. Users must keep their own water pipes, including service pipes, and fixtures connected therewith in good repair and protected from the effects of temperature and pressure at their own expense. They must provide a stop and waste ball valve properly located inside the

wall of the building on the user's side of the meter, and have the pipes so arranged that the water may be drawn from them to drain whenever necessary.

- C. Upon discovery of any leaks in the water service pipes at any point between the user's side of the curb stop up to the building, the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent shall notify the user of such leak, and require such user, at the user's expense, to make necessary repairs thereto within a period of three days from the date of service of such notice. Where the user is not the owner of said premises as the same appears from the Assessment Map of the Village of Corinth, then notice shall also be served upon the owner, directed to such owner's address as it appears on the assessment roll of the Village. Such notice may be either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon the failure of the user to make such repairs pursuant to such notice, and after the expiration of said three-day period, the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent shall be authorized to make such repairs, and the cost therefor, including labor and material costs, shall be added to the water charges due from such user, and payment thereof shall be enforced in the same manner as payment for water supplied to such user.

480-28 - CHANGES IN GROUND ELEVATIONS.

In the event that a change in ground elevation leaves a service pipe insufficiently buried or results in the curb box projecting above the ground or being covered with earth, the user must promptly lower or raise his/her service pipe and curb box to conform to the new ground elevation. In the event the user fails or neglects to make such alterations within five (5) days of notice of the issue by the Village, the Village reserves the right to terminate the supply of water until such time as the alterations are completed and inspected by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent. Water service shall not be restored until after alterations are complete and after a penalty payment is received in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, with a schedule of such fees to be maintained by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, with said penalty to be used to cover the Village labor and expense resulting from the user's negligence.

480-29 - UNAPPROVED INSTALLATIONS; ABANDONMENT OF SERVICE.

- A. Whenever it shall be found that a service installation has been made in any other manner than that approved by the Water Superintendent, the water meter shall be removed and water supply service terminated. Water shall not again be supplied until the service installation is properly made and all expenses and damages paid by the owner of the property.
- B. In no instance will the Water Superintendent permit a service to be abandoned unless it is cut off at the main, in which event all expense in connection therewith shall be paid by the owner of the premises.

480-30 - INTERCONNECTIONS.

- A. Interconnections between any pipe, main, outlet or hose bib supplied by or drawing water from the water supply system of the Village and any pipe, pressure tank, sprinkler system or other structure which contains liquids, or any other matter, are hereby prohibited except when such interconnection is so installed and protected by a vacuum breaker and check valve or other suitable device so as to prevent the backflow or siphonage of such liquids or any other matter into the water supply system of the Village. No person shall make such interconnection without securing a permit in writing from the Water Superintendent.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, or fifteen (15) days imprisonment, or both, for each offense, and in addition thereto shall be deemed a disorderly person when such offense is committed within the Village, and a user shall have his/her water supply stopped until such fine is paid. Any person violating the provisions of this section in any area outside the Village, but to whom water is being supplied by the Village, shall have his/her water supply stopped and be subject to a penalty, and shall not thereafter have his/her water supply turned on until he shall have complied with the provisions of this article and paid the cost of all applicable penalties are paid.

480-31 - CROSS CONNECTIONS; ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY.

No cross connections with any other water supply shall be permitted.

- A. Cross connection of alternative water supplies and the Village water system is prohibited.
- B. Where a premises has an alternative water supply, water service piping shall be severed after the curb stop to the satisfaction of the Water Superintendent to prevent cross contamination.
- C. Where an alternative water supply exists, the owner at his/her own expense shall install and maintain a remote read flow meter on the sanitary sewer waste line to the satisfaction of the Water Superintendent to allow accurate measurement and billing of sanitary sewer usage. The Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent reserves the right to gain access to inspect the sanitary sewer flow meter and require repair or replacement at the owner's cost as needed at the Water Superintendent's sole discretion.
- D. All costs associated with disconnections and piping modifications shall be borne by the property owner.

480-32 - METERS; TAMPERING, REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS.

- A. All meters to be used within the limits of the Village will be furnished and installed by the Village and shall remain the property of the Village. The foregoing shall also apply to all meters outside the Village where the service has been extended by the Village and not located within an established Town Water District.
- B. Meters shall not be tampered with or disturbed by any unauthorized person.
- C. Where a meter fails to register the correct quantity of water delivered through it or where it otherwise becomes out-of-order or in need of repair, notice thereof shall be given by the owner to the Water Superintendent. Upon payment of a fee as set by the Board from time to time, another meter will be loaned by the Village to the Owner, for the time required for testing and repair. If upon testing, the meter is not within three percent (3%) of being accurate, the fee will be refunded to the user. Where repairs are found necessary, repairs will be made and the cost thereof borne as set forth in section 480-7-A.
- D. When in the opinion of the Water Superintendent a meter becomes unsuitable for further use, it shall be replaced and the cost thereof borne as set forth in section 480-7-A.

480-33 - REQUIRED METER SIZE

- A. Meters shall be of the size determined by the requirements of each particular installation and shall be adequate for delivering and measuring accurately the peak loads which they may be required to handle.
- B. In case of installations having three-fourths inch service pipes, the requirements of subsection A of this section will be deemed to have been met where the meter is of five-eighths inch size with three-fourths inch connections.
- C. In the case of installations having service pipes larger than three-fourths inch, the requirements of subsection A of this section will be deemed to have been met when the meter is of the same size as the service pipe.
- D. Where the service pipe is larger than three-fourths inch, a meter of smaller size than service pipe may be used.
- E. In all other cases which are not specifically covered by this section, the judgment and discretion of the Water Superintendent of the Village is final and binding.

480-34 - JOINT METERS

A separate tap and service shall be installed for each premises located on a street in which there is a Village water main, and no connection will be allowed to supply water to another premises. Upon application to the Village Clerk-Treasurer and approval of the Water Superintendent, more than one premise or dwelling may be serviced by a joint meter. Approval for a joint meter shall rest solely in the discretion of the Water Superintendent. The application must show the following:

- A. The existence of physical conditions on the property which would render the installation of separate meters a hardship.
- B. There will be no loss in revenue or water conservation to the Village as a result of the use of a joint meter.
- C. An agreement among the parties, who own the premises or dwellings to be serviced by a joint meter, exists. Said agreement must:
 - 1) Be in recordable form.

- 2) Show the single parcel on the Assessment Map of the Village of Corinth that will receive water bills and be responsible for payment in the first instance.
- 3) Acknowledge that the Village will not be responsible for dividing usage and billing for the multiple users connected to the joint meter.
- 4) Provide for cancellation only upon four months' written notice to the Village of Corinth Water Department and all parties
- 5) Provide that upon termination of the joint agreement all parties agree to pay the Village's expense of installation of individual water meters, including the cost of water meters. Any grant of said application must provide that a Minimum Value Charge will be paid for each dwelling or premises which is serviced by the joint meter and acknowledge the acceptability of the agreement referred to above.

480-35 - CONSERVATION OF WATER DURING EMERGENCIES.

- A. Whenever the Board shall determine that an emergency exists affecting the public health or safety because of any inadequacy or failure in the supply or distribution of water within the Village or within an area outside the Village to which water is supplied by the Village, the Board may by resolution prohibit the watering or sprinkling of lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or gardens within the Village or within the area outside the Village to which water is being supplied by the Village, or restrict such watering or sprinkling to specified hours during any day as may be determined by the Board. Such resolution shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper of the Village, or immediately against any person served personally with a copy thereof certified by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this section or the resolution of the Board pursuant hereto shall be liable to a penalty in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board or fifteen (15) days imprisonment, or both, for each offense, and in addition thereto shall be deemed a disorderly person when such offense is committed

within the Village of Corinth, and a user shall also have his/her water supply stopped until such fine is paid. Any person violating the resolution of the Board adopted pursuant to this section, in an area outside the Village but to which water is being supplied by the Village, shall have his/her water stopped and subject to a penalty in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board and shall not have his/her water supply turned on thereafter until he shall pay the cost of the penalty and the cost to of turning such water on, which shall be such sum as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, with a schedule of such fees to be maintained by the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

480-36 - OPENING OF FIRE HYDRANTS.

No person shall open or interfere with the fire hydrants or draw water therefrom without permission from the Water Superintendent, except the Chief of the Fire Department or his/her authorized assistants, and except that in case of fire, hydrants may be opened on the order of any member of the Fire Department who may be in charge at the time of need. Whenever a hydrant has been used by any member of the Fire Department, notification thereof shall promptly be given the Water Superintendent.

480-37 - UNAUTHORIZED OPENING OF FIRE HYDRANTS.

Any person who, without authority of the Water Superintendent or Chief of the Fire Department, opens any fire hydrant except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, or who willfully injures or impairs any fire hydrant, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

480-38 - PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES.

Any person violating this article or any section hereof shall be liable to a penalty in an amount as shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board, or fifteen (15) days imprisonment, or both, on suit by the Board to recover the same, and the user shall also have his/her supply of water terminated until such penalty is paid.

480-39 - CHANGE OF PRESSURE

The Village shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any kind to property or persons which may arise from or be caused by any change either in increase or decrease, in pressure of water supplies from any cause whatever, including negligence on the part of the Water Department, its agents, servants or employees.

480-40 - PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any section of this Local Law shall be held invalid, unconstitutional, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof.

480-41 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing article shall take effect shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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