

Ordinance No. 1984-31 Water Supply Rates

An Ordinance relative to the water supply and the rates therefor and to provide a penalty for violation thereof.

THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE ORDAINS:

Section 1. That all persons desiring a water supply from the Village of South Range shall make application, upon suitable blanks provided for that purpose, at the office of the Village Clerk either in person or by a duly authorized agent, said application to be signed by the owner of said premises. When such application is signed and filed a permit will be granted upon the payment of the tapping fee set forth in Section 2 hereof. Application must be made as above by all persons desiring to connect with service pipes already laid to supply premises not previously supplied with water, as well as persons desiring to connect with service pipes to be laid at any time in the future.

Section 2. The tapping fee for connecting with the water supply as set forth in Section one, hereof, shall be as follows:

Connecting to same side of street: \$100.00

Connecting to opposite side of street: \$150.00

Section 3. That every person desiring a water supply of said Village of South Range, shall install a water meter, which shall be approved by the Water Committee before same is used or connected with said water supply. All meters shall register in U.S. gallons.

Section 4. The rates to be charged and paid for water supplied within said Village shall be those rates as are set by the South Range Village Council from time to time.

Section 5. All water rates and other charges in connection with said water supply shall become due and payable to the Village Clerk at his office at the end of each quarter; that if such rate or water consumed or other charge made in connection with said water supply, is not paid for in full within the time provided in Section 9 below the water supply may be shut off as provided therein. In case the water supply is shut off for such failure, it shall not be turned on again until all arrears and charges are paid in full, together with the sum of \$25.00 as a charge for the closing and opening of the street stop-cock. The water shall be turned on again only by an employee of the Village after all arrears and charges are paid in full, together with the \$25.00 charge for the closing and opening of the street stop-cock, as aforesaid, and upon the certificate of the said Village Clerk showing such payment. Any person who shall turn on the water without such payment in full having been made and without obtaining the certificate of the Village Clerk showing such payment or without completing the application and paying the tapping fee, or without installing and utilizing the meter required above ~~shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars or imprisonment in the County Jail of Houghton County not exceeding ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.~~

Amended by 2017 Civil Infraction Ordinance:

Converted ordinance violations from misdemeanor offenses to municipal civil infractions and established civil fine schedules.

Section 6. In case of a fire or an alarm of fire or if necessary for making repairs or extensions, or for any other necessary reason the water may be shut off at once and without notice by the Village and kept shut off as long as is necessary. In such case neither the Village nor any employee or agent shall be liable for any damages and no persons or consumer of water shall have any portion of the required payment for such water refunded or deducted on account thereof.

Section 7. Service boxes must not be moved, disturbed or covered. The expense of replacing or repairing a service box will be charged against the property and collected in the same manner as for collecting water rates.

~~Section 8. The proper officers and employees of the Village are hereby authorized to enter upon any premises supplied with water from the Village water system, at any reasonable hour, for the purpose of inspecting or repairing water pipes, meters or apparatus, or to determine the use or wastage of water. If the owner or owners or occupants of any premises refuse to permit such entry, the supply of water to such premises shall be at once shut off.~~

Amended- 1993-2 Expanded Village authority for inspection, pressure testing, leaking service line replacement, and water shutoff enforcement

~~Section 9. Delinquent water and sewer service charges: If any billing for water or water services shall remain unpaid the amount thereof shall constitute a lien on the property to which such service is provided. If any delinquency extends beyond 60 days from the date of billing then the Village Clerk shall serve notice, by certified mail to the water user with return receipt requested, that if the amount owed is not paid in full within 20 days from receipt of such notice the water service will be discontinued until payment is made in full, including any charges for shutting off and reinstating water service. Any water service charges delinquent for 6 months or more shall be certified annually, on March 1, by the Village Clerk to the Assessor who shall place the same on the next tax roll of the Village. Such charges so assessed shall be collected in the same manner as general village taxes.~~

Amended- 1990-1 Reorganized delinquent water billing provisions, assigned owner responsibility, and established updated lien and shutoff procedures.

This Ordinance shall take effect on August 22, 1984.

Approved by the Village Council of the Village of South Range on August 2, 1984.

Agnes Hovinen, President

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