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Article A: Rates

Sec. 9-1-1 Public Fire Protection Service—F-1.

- (a) For public fire protection service to the Village of La Farge, the annual charge shall be Thirty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$33,879.00) to cover the use of mains and hydrants up to and including the terminal hydrant and connection on each main existing for the 1995 test year.
- (b) For all extensions of fire protection service, a charge of seventy cents (70¢) per lineal foot of main shall be charged per annum on the basis of the length of main put into use between hydrants placed, plus a charge of Seventy-three Dollars (\$73.00) net per hydrant added to the system after the base period.
- (c) This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purposes of extinguishing fires within the municipal boundary only. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.
- (d) The above base annual charge of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$30,596.00) includes an estimated thirty thousand five hundred ninety-six (30,596) feet of transmission and distribution main, four (4) inch and larger, and fifty-nine (59) hydrants.
- (e) The annual fire protection charge shall never be less than the base amount.

Sec. 9-1-2 Public Fire Protection Service—Suburban—F-2.

- (a) Water used for extinguishing fires outside the immediate service area of the utility may consist of three (3) types of service:
 - (1) Water supplied to tank trucks from utility hydrants;
 - (2) Water supplied directly from hydrants located within the corporate limits, or on its borders, by means of hose lines; or
 - (3) Water supplied to tank truck from any other utility water source.
- (b) A record of the measured or estimated volume of water used shall be submitted to the water utility after each use for fire protection outside the utility's immediate service area. If measuring or estimating is impossible, the water utility superintendent shall be furnished such data as size of orifice used, pressure and time water was permitted to flow, in order to determine volume used.
- (c) A charge for the volume of water used, for each fire either through a tank supply or from hydrants, will be billed to the township or fire department using water at Two and 30/100 Dollar (\$2.30) per one thousand (1,000) gallons. A service charge, in addition to the water charge, shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per hydrant used.

Sec. 9-1-3 General Service—Metered—Mg-1.**(a) Service Charge:**

	Quarterly	Monthly
5/8-inch meter -	\$ 20.25	\$ 6.75
3/4-inch meter -	\$ 20.25	\$ 6.75
1-inch meter -	\$ 27.00	\$ 9.00
1-1/4-inch meter -	\$ 36.00	\$ 12.00
1-1/2-inch meter -	\$ 48.00	\$ 16.00
2-inch meter -	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
3-inch meter -	\$ 96.00	\$ 32.00
4-inch meter -	\$ 126.00	\$ 42.00
6-inch meter -	\$ 195.00	\$ 65.00

(b) Plus Volume Charge:

First	25,500 gallons used each quarter or 8,500 gallons used each month	- \$ 2.30 per 1,000 gallons.
Next	75,000 gallons used each quarter or 25,000 gallons used each month	- \$ 1.90 per 1,000 gallons.
Next	150,000 gallons used each quarter or 50,000 gallons used each month	- \$ 1.69 per 1,000 gallons.
Over	250,500 gallons used each quarter or 83,500 gallons used each month	- \$ 1.55 per 1,000 gallons.

- (c) Billing.** Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. Monthly bills are based on actual meter readings *or* the average of the previous three (3) month's usage. Where estimated, monthly bills will be trued-up based on volume, at the end of each quarter, when meters are read. The quarterly bill for any customer who exceeds twenty-five thousand five hundred (25,500) gallons consumption in a quarter will be individually reviewed and trued-up based on dollars and not on the consumptive differences between the estimated consumption and the actual quarterly reading. Customers who continue to use over twenty-five thousand five hundred (25,500) gallons of water per quarter, will be billed based on actual monthly meter readings. A late payment charge of three percent (3%) but not less than thirty cents (30¢) will be added to bills not paid within twenty (20) days of issuance. This *one time* three percent (3%) late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. The late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than twenty (20) days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or

satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next eight (8) days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Ch. PSC 185, Wis. Adm. Code.

(d) **Combined Metering.**

- (1) Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility *for its own convenience* places more than one (1) meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are *not* considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.
- (2) Buildings used in the same business, located on the same parcel and serviced by a single lateral may have the customer's water supply piping installed to a central point so that volume can be metered in one (1) place.

Sec. 9-1-4 General Service—Suburban—Mg-2.

Water customers residing outside the corporate limits of the Village of La Farge shall be billed at the regular rates for service (Schedule Mg-1) plus a twenty-five percent (25%) surcharge.

Sec. 9-1-5 General Water Service—Unmetered—Ug-1.

- (a) **Rate.** Where the utility cannot immediately install its water meter, service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis. Such service shall be billed at the rate of Thirteen and 19/100 Dollars (\$13.19) per month. This rate shall be applied only to single-family residential and small commercial customers and approximates the cost of two thousand eight hundred (2,800) gallons per billing period under Mg-1. If it is determined by the utility that usage is in excess of two thousand eight hundred (2,800) gallons per billing period, an additional charge per Schedule Mg-1 will be made for the estimated additional usage.
- (b) **Billing.** Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-6 Public Service—Mpa-1.

- (a) Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates applied.
- (b) Water used on an intermittent basis for flushing service, street sprinkling, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the Utility shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of opening and period of time water is allowed

to be drawn. the estimated quantity used shall be billed at the rate of One and 69/100 Dollar (\$1.69) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

Sec. 9-1-7 Reconnection Charges—R-1.

	During Normal Business Hours	After Normal Business Hours
Reinstallation of meter, including valving at curb stop	\$ 18.00	\$ 25.00
Valve turned on at curb stop	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00

Note: No charge for disconnection.

Sec. 9-1-8 Buidling and Construction Water Service—Mz-1.

- (a) For single-family and small commercial buildings, apply the unmetered rate, Schedule Ug-1.
- (b) For large commercial, industrial, or multiple apartment buildings, a temporary metered installation shall be made and general, metered rates (Mg-1) applied.

Sec. 9-1-9 Seasonal, Emergency or Temporary Service—Mgt-1.

- (a) Seasonal customers* shall be served at the general service rate (Schedule Mg-1), except that each customer served under this rate shall pay an annual seasonal service charge equal to twelve (12) times the applicable service charge. Water used in any billing period shall be billed at the applicable volume schedule in Mg-1 and the charge made to the annual seasonal service charge.
- (b) Further, if service has been disconnected, a charge under Schedule R-1 is applied at the time of reconnection.

*Seasonal customers are general service customers whose use of water is normally for recurring periods of less than a year.

Sec. 9-1-10 Bulk Water—B-1.

All bulk water supplied to fill tank trucks or swimming pools from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered. Utility personnel shall supervise the delivery of the water:

Service Charge: \$ 15.00
Plus Volume Charge: \$ 2.30 per 1,000 gallons.

Sec. 9-1-11 Additional Meter Rental Charge—Am-1.

If a customer requests the installation of an additional meter to receive credit for clear water not discharged into the sanitary sewer system, or if a sewerage service customer who is not a customer of the water utility requests the installation of a meter to determine the volume of sewage discharged into the sanitary sewer system, the utility shall furnish and install this additional meter. A rental fee shall be charged for the use of this meter and the following rates shall apply:

5/8-inch meter	-	\$ 2.00 per month
3/4-inch meter	-	\$ 2.00 per month
1-inch meter	-	\$ 3.00 per month
1-1/4-inch meter	-	\$ 4.00 per month
1-1/2-inch meter	-	\$ 5.00 per month
2-inch meter	-	\$ 8.00 per month
Meter installation charge	-	\$ 25.00

Sec. 9-1-12 Hydrant Charge—H-1.

- (a) In cases where no other supply is available, hydrants may be used. The following charges shall apply:
- (1) Service charge for setting or moving sprinkler valve: \$ 15.00.
 - (2) Hydrant wrench deposit: \$ 15.00.
 - (3) Reducer (if necessary) deposit: \$ 15.00.
- (b) In addition, the projected water usage shall be paid for in advance at the schedule rates. The minimum charge for water usage shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00).
- (c) Refunds of deposits will be made upon return of the utility equipment. Damaged or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at customer expense.

Sec. 9-1-13 Water and Sewer Lateral Installation Charge—Cz-1.

- (a) Developers shall be responsible, where the main extension has been approved by the Utility, for the water service lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box and for the sewer lateral installation costs from the main to the property line.

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- (b) When the cost of a Utility main extension is to be collected through assessment by the municipality, the actual average water lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box and the sewer installation costs from the main to the property line shall be included in the assessment of the appropriate properties.
- (c) The initial water and sewer lateral(s), not installed as part of a subdivision development or an assessable utility extension, will be installed from the main through the curb stop and box (property line for sewer laterals) by the utility, for which there will be made a charge as follows:
 - (1) 3/4-inch or 1-inch copper water service: \$ 450.00.
 - (2) 4-inch sewer service: \$ 425.00.
 - (3) Larger sized services: Actual cost.

Sec. 9-1-14 Temporary Metered Supply, Meter and Deposits—D-1.

- (a) Service charge for setting the valve and furnishing and setting the meter: \$ 15.00.
- (b) Deposit for valve and meter: \$ 15.00.
- (c) Water usage shall be billed at present rates.
- (d) Refunds of deposits will be made upon return of the utility equipment. Damage or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at customer expense.

Sec. 9-1-15 through Sec. 9-1-19 Reserved for Future Use.

Article B: Rules and Regulations

Sec. 9-1-20 Compliance with Rules.

All persons now receiving a water supply from the Village of La Farge Water and Sewer Utility, or who may hereafter make application therefor, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by the rules and regulations as filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Sec. 9-1-21 Establishment of Service.

- (a) Application for water service shall be made in writing on a form furnished by the water utility. The application will contain the legal description of the property to be served, name of the owner, the exact use to be made of the service, and the size of the supply pipe and meter desired. (Note particularly any special refrigeration and/or air-conditioning water-consuming appliances.
- (b) Service will be furnished only if:
 - (1) Premises have a frontage on a properly platted street or public strip in which a cast iron or other long-life water main has been laid, or where property owner has agreed to and complied with the provisions of the utility's filed main extension rule.
 - (2) Property owner has installed or agrees to install a service pipe from the curb line to the point of use, and laid not less than six (6) feet below the surface of an established or proposed grade, and according to utility's specification, and
 - (3) Premises have adequate piping beyond metering point.
- (c) The owner of a multi-unit dwelling has the option of being served by individual metered water service to each unit. The owner, by selecting this option, is required to provide interior plumbing and meter settings to enable individual metered service to each unit and individual disconnection without affecting service to the other units. Each meter and meter connection will be a separate water utility customer for the purpose of the filed rules and regulations.
- (d) No division of the water service of any lot or parcel of land shall be made for the extension and independent meterage of the supply to an adjoining lot or parcel of land. No division of a water supply service shall be made at the curb for separate supplies therefrom for two (2) or more separate premises having frontage on any street or public service strip whether owned by the same or different parties.
- (e) The Utility is hereby empowered to withhold approval of any application wherein full information of the purpose of such supply is not clearly indicated and set forth by the applicant property owner.

Sec. 9-1-22 Service Contract.

- (a) The minimum service contract period shall be *one (1) year* unless otherwise specified by special contract or in the applicable rate schedule. Where the Utility service has been disconnected at the customer's request prior to expiration of his minimum contract period, a reconnection charge shall be made, payable in advance, when the customer requests reconnection of service. (See Schedule R-1 for applicable rate.) The minimum contract period is renewed with each reconnection.
- (b) A reconnection charge shall also be required from consumers whose services are disconnected (shut off at curb stop) because of non-payment of bills when due (not including disconnection for failure to comply with deposit or guarantee rules). (See Schedule R-1 for applicable rate.)
- (c) A consumer shall be considered as the same consumer provided the reconnection is requested for the same location by any member of the same family, or if a place of business, by any partner or employee of the same business.

Sec. 9-1-23 Temporary Metered Supply, Meter and Deposits.

An applicant for temporary water supply on a metered basis shall make and maintain a monetary deposit for each meter installed as security for payment for use of water and for such other charges which may arise from the use of the supply. A charge shall be made for setting the valve and furnishing and setting the meter. See Schedule D-1 for applicable rate.

Sec. 9-1-24 Water for Construction.

- (a) When water is requested for construction purposes, or for filling tanks or other such uses, an application therefor shall be made to the Utility, in writing, upon application provided for that purpose in the Utility's office, giving a statement of the amount of construction work to be done, or the size of the tank to be filled, etc. Payment for the water for construction shall be made in advance at the scheduled rates. The service pipe must be installed inside the building from where the water must be drawn. No connection with the service pipe at the curb shall be made without special permission from the Utility.
- (b) In no case will any employee of the utility turn on water for construction work unless the contractor first presents a permit. Upon completion of the construction work, the contractor must return the original permit to the Utility, together with a statement of the actual amount of construction work performed.
- (c) Consumers shall not allow contractors, masons or other persons to take water from their premises without first showing a permit from the Department. Any consumer failing to comply with this provision will have water service discontinued.

Sec. 9-1-25 Use of Hydrants.

- (a) In cases where no other supply is available, permission may be granted by the Utility to use a hydrant. No hydrant shall be used until it is equipped with a sprinkling valve. In no case shall any valve be moved except by a member of the Utility.
- (b) Before a valve is set, payment must be made for its setting and for the water to be used at the scheduled rates. Where applicable, see Schedule H-1 for deposits and charges. Upon completing use of the hydrant, the customer must notify the Utility to that effect.
- (c) In the use of a hydrant supply, the hydrant valve will be set at the proper opening by the Utility when the sprinkling valve is set, and the flow of water must be regulated by means of the sprinkling valve. If the water is to be used through iron pipe connections, all such pipe installations shall have the swing joint to facilitate quick disconnection from the fire hydrant.

Sec. 9-1-26 Operation of Valves and Hydrants; Unauthorized Use of Water; Penalty.

Any person who shall, without authority of the Utility, allow contractors, masons, or other unauthorized persons to take water from their premises, operate any valve connected with the street or supply mains, or open any fire hydrant connected with the distribution system, except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, or who shall wantonly damage or impair the same shall be subject to a fine as provided by municipal ordinances. Permits for the use of hydrants apply only to such hydrants as are designated for the specific use.

Sec. 9-1-27 Refunds of Monetary Deposits.

All moneys deposited as security for payment of charges arising from the use of temporary water supply on a metered basis, or for the return of a sprinkling valve wheel or reducer, if the water is used on an unmetered basis, will be refunded to the depositor on the termination of the use of water, the payment of all charges levied against the depositor, and the return of the wheel and reducer.

Sec. 9-1-28 Service Connections (or Water Laterals).

- (a) No water service shall be laid through any trench having cinders, rubbish, rock or gravel fill, or any other material which may cause injury to or disintegration of the service pipe, unless adequate means of protection are provided by sand filling or such other insulation as may be approved by the Utility. Service pipes passing through curb or retaining walls

shall be adequately safeguarded by provision of a channel space or pipe casing, not less than twice the diameter of the service connection. The space between the service pipe and channel or pipe casing shall be filled and lightly caulked with an oakum, mastic cement, or other resilient material, and made impervious to moisture.

- (b) In backfilling the pipe trench, the service pipe must be protected against injury by carefully hand tamping the ground filling, free from hard lumps, rocks, stones, or other injurious material, around and at least six (6) inches over the pipe.
- (c) All water supplies shall be of undiminished size from the street main in to the point of meter placement. Beyond the meter outlet valve the piping shall be sized and proportioned to provide, on all floors, at all times, an equitable distribution of water supply for the greatest probable number of fixtures or appliances operating simultaneously.

Sec. 9-1-29 Service Piping for Meter Settings.

- (a) Where the original service piping is installed for a new metered customer, where existing service piping is changed for the customer's convenience, or where a new meter is installed for an existing unmetered customer, the owner of the premises at his expense shall provide a suitable location and the proper connections for the meter. The water utility should be consulted as to the type and size of meter setting. Where it is possible to set meters in the basement, or other suitable place within the building, a short nipple shall be inserted after the stop and waste cock, then a union, and then another nipple and coupling of the proper length. The nipple attached to the union and coupling shall be cut to a standard length provided by the plans of the Utility (it may require a horizontal run of eighteen (18) inches in such pipe line) which may later be removed for the insertion of the meter into the supply line.
- (b) No permit will be given to change from metered to flat rate service.

Sec. 9-1-30 Turning on Water.

The water cannot be turned on for a consumer except by a duly authorized employee of the utility. When a plumber has completed a job, he must leave the water turned off. This does not prevent the plumber from testing the work.

Sec. 9-1-31 Failure to Read Meters.

- (a) Where the utility is unable to read a meter after two (2) successive attempts, the fact will be plainly indicated on the bill, and either an estimated bill will be computed, or the minimum charge applied. The difference shall be adjusted when the meter is again read, that is, the bill for the succeeding quarter will be computed with the gallons or cubic feet

in each block of the rate schedule doubled and credit will be given on that bill for the amount of the minimum bill paid the preceding month. Only in unusual cases, or when approval is obtained from the customer shall more than three (3) consecutive estimated bills be rendered where billed are rendered monthly and there shall be not more than two (2) consecutive estimated bills where the billing period is two (2) months or more.

- (b) If the meter is damaged (see Surreptitious Use of Water) or fails to operate, the bill will be based on the average use during the past year unless there is some reason why the use is not normal. If the average use cannot be properly employed, the bill will be estimated by some equitable method.

Sec. 9-1-32 Complaint Meter Tests.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.

Sec. 9-1-33 Thawing Frozen Services.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.

Sec. 9-1-34 Curb Stop Boxes.

The consumer shall protect the curb stop box in the terrace and shall keep the same free from dirt and other obstructions. The utility shall not be liable for failure to locate the stop box and shut off the water in case of a leak on the consumer's premises.

Sec. 9-1-35 Installation of Meters.

Meters will be furnished and placed by the utility and are not to be disconnected or tampered with by the consumer. All meters shall be so located that they shall be protected from obstructions and permit ready access thereto for reading, inspection, and servicing, such location to be designated or approved by the Utility. All piping within the building must be supplied by the consumer. Where additional meters are desired by the consumer, he shall pay for all piping and an additional amount sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance and depreciation. Where applicable, see Schedule Am-1 for rate.

Sec. 9-1-36 Repairs to Meters.

- (a) Meters will be repaired by the water department and the cost of such repairs caused by ordinary wear and tear will be borne by the utility.

- (b) Repair of any damage to a meter resulting from the carelessness of the owner of the premises, his agent, or tenant, or from the negligence of any one of them to properly secure and protect same, including any damage that may result from allowing a water meter to become frozen or to be injured from the presence of hot water or steam in the meter, shall be paid for by the consumer or the owner of the premises.

Sec. 9-1-37 Replacement and Repair of Service Pipe.

- (a) Where the property owner requests that a larger service lateral be installed to replace an existing smaller diameter pipe, an allowance of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) will be made as a deduction in the cost, providing the new service is to be installed in the same ditch as the existing service pipe.
- (b) The service pipe from the main to and through the curb stop will be maintained and kept in repair and when worn out, replaced at the expense of the utility. The property owner shall maintain the service pipe from the curb stop to the point of use.
- (c) If a consumer fails to repair a leaking or broken service pipe from curb to point of metering or use within such time as may appear reasonable to the Utility after notification has been served on the consumer by the Utility, the water will be shut off and will not be turned on again until the repairs have been completed.

Sec. 9-1-38 Charges for Water Wasted Due to Leaks.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.

Sec. 9-1-39 Inspection of Premises.

During reasonable hours any officer or authorized employee of the utility shall have the right of access to the premises supplied with service, for the purpose of inspection or for the enforcement of the utility's rules and regulations. Whenever appropriate, the utility will make a systematic inspection of all unmetered water taps for the purpose of checking waste and unnecessary use of water.

Sec. 9-1-40 Customer's Deposit.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.

Sec. 9-1-41 Conditions of Deposit.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.

Sec. 9-1-42 Guarantee Contracts.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter 185.

Sec. 9-1-43 Deferred Payment Agreement.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter 185.

Sec. 9-1-44 Disconnection and Refusal of Service.

- (a) **Disconnection.** See Wis. Adm. Code Chapter PSC 185.
- (b) **Disconnection Notice.** The form of disconnection notice to be used is as follows:

DISCONNECTION NOTICE

Dear Customer:

The bill enclosed with this notice includes your current charge for utility service and your previous unpaid balance.

You have 8 days to pay the utility service arrears or your service is subject to disconnection.

If you fail to pay the service arrears, or fail to contact us within the 8 days allowed to make reasonable time payment arrangements, we will proceed with disconnection action.

To avoid the inconvenience of service interruption and an additional charge of (amount) reconnection, **we urge you to pay the full arrears IMMEDIATELY AT ONE OF OUR OFFICES.**

If you have entered into a Deferred Payment Agreement with us and have failed to make the time payment you agreed to, your service will be subject to disconnection unless you pay the amount due within 8 days.

If you have a reason for delaying the payment, call us and explain the situation.

PLEASE CALL THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER, (appropriate telephone number), IMMEDIATELY IF:

1. You dispute the notice of delinquent account.
2. You have a question about your utility service arrears.
3. You are unable to pay the full amount of the bill and are willing to enter into a time payment agreement with us.
4. There are any circumstances you think should be taken into consideration before service is discontinued.
5. Any resident is seriously ill.

Illness Provision

If there is an existing medical emergency in your home and you furnish the Utility with a statement signed by either a licensed Wisconsin physician, or a public health official, we will delay disconnection of service up to 21 days. The statement must identify the medical emergency and specify the period of time during which disconnection will aggravate the existing emergency.

Deferred Payment Agreements

If you are a residential customer, and for some reason, you are unable to pay the full amount of the utility service arrears on your bill, you may contact the Utility to discuss arrangements to pay the arrears over an extended period of time. This time payment agreement will require:

1. Payment of a reasonable amount at the time the agreement is made.
2. Payment of the remainder of the outstanding balance in monthly installments over a reasonable length of time.
3. Payment of all future utility service bills in full by the due date.

In any situation where you are unable to resolve billing disputes or disputes about the grounds for proposed disconnection through contacts with our utility, you may make an appeal to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Madison, Wisconsin.

(UTILITY NAME)

Sec. 9-1-45 Collection of Overdue Bills.

An amount owed by the customer may be levied as a tax as provided in Sec. 66.069, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 9-1-46 Surreptitious Use of Water.

- (a) When the utility has reasonable evidence that a consumer is obtaining his supply of water, in whole or in part, by means of devices or methods used to stop or interfere with the proper metering of the utility service being delivered to his equipment, the utility reserves

the right to estimate and present immediately a bill for service unmetered as a result of such interference and such bill shall be payable subject to a twenty-four (24) hours disconnection of service. When the utility shall have disconnected the consumer for any such reason, the utility will reconnect the consumer upon the following conditions:

- (1) The consumer will be required to deposit with the utility an amount sufficient to guarantee the payment of the consumer's bills for utility service to the utility.
 - (2) The consumer will be required to pay the utility for any and all damages to its equipment on the consumer's premises due to such stoppage or interference with its metering.
 - (3) The consumer must further agree to comply with reasonable requirements to protect the utility against further losses.
- (b) Sections 98.26 and 943.20, Wisconsin Statutes, as relating to water service, are hereby adopted and made a part of these rules.

Sec. 9-1-47 Vacation of Premises.

When premises are to be vacated, the utility shall be notified in writing at once, so that it may remove the meter and shut off the supply at the curb cock. The owner of the premises shall be liable to prosecution for any damage to the property of the water department by reason of failure to notify the utility of vacancy.

Sec. 9-1-48 Repairs to Mains.

The utility reserves the right to shut off the water in the mains temporarily, to make repairs, alterations or additions to the plant or system. When the circumstances will permit of sufficient delay, the company will give notification, by newspaper publication or otherwise, of the discontinuance of the supply. No rebate will be allowed to consumers for such temporary suspension of supply.

Sec. 9-1-49 Duty of Utility with Respect to Safety of the Public.

It shall be the duty of the Utility to see that all open ditches for water mains, hydrants, and service pipes are properly guarded to prevent accident to any person or vehicle and at night there shall be displayed amber signal light in such manner as will, so far as possible, insure the safety of the public.

- (d) If the developer, or a contractor employed by the developer, is to install the water mains (with approval of the utility), the developer shall be responsible for the total cost of construction.

Sec. 9-1-54 Cross Connection Control.

- (a) **Definition.** A cross connection shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the Village water system, and the other, water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.
- (b) **Cross Connections Prohibited.** No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross connection. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village may enter the supply or distribution system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Water Utility and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR 111.25(3), Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (c) **Inspections.** It shall be the duty of the Water Utility to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross connections with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Water Utility and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- (d) **Right to Inspect.** Upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Water Utility shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by a connection to the public water system of the Village for cross connections. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Sec. 66.122, Wis. Stats. On request the owner, lessee or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property.
- (e) **Discontinuation of Service.** The Water Utility is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this Section exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., except as provided in Subsection (f). Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this Section.

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- (a) **Definition of Cross Connection.** A cross connection is defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the Village of La Farge's public water system, and the other of which contains water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.
- (b) **Unprotected Cross Connections Prohibited.** No person, firm, or corporation may establish or maintain, or permit to be established or maintained, any unprotected cross connection. Cross connections shall be protected as required in ch. COMM 82, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (c) **Inspection.** The water utility may inspect, or arrange for an inspection of, property served by the public water system for cross connections. The frequency of inspections shall be established by the water utility in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code. Any unprotected cross connections identified by the inspection shall be promptly corrected. Failure to promptly correct an unprotected cross connection shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph (f) of this ordinance.
- (d) **Right of Entry.** Upon presentation of credentials, a representative of the water utility shall have the right to request entry, at any reasonable time, to a property served by a connection to the public water system for the purpose of inspecting the property for cross connections. Refusing entry to such utility representative shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph (f) of this ordinance. If entry is refused, a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119 of the Wisconsin Statutes may be obtained.
- (e) **Provision of Requested Information.** The water utility may request an owner, lessee, or occupant of property served by a connection to the public water system to furnish the water utility with pertinent information regarding the piping systems on the property. Refusing to provide requested information shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph (f) of this ordinance.
- (f) **Discontinuation of Water for Violation.** The water utility may discontinue water service to any property wherein any unprotected connection in violation of this ordinance exists, and take other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued, however, only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in paragraph (g) of this ordinance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.
- (g) **Emergency Discontinuance.** If it is determined by the water utility that an unprotected cross connection or emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare, and requires immediate action, and if a written finding to that effect is filed with the

Village Clerk and delivered to the customer's premises, water service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

Sec. 9-1-55 Well Abandonment and Well Operation Permit

- (a) **Purpose.** To protect public health, safety and welfare and to prevent contamination of groundwater by assuring that unused, unsafe or noncomplying wells or wells which may act as conduits for contamination of groundwater or wells which may be illegally cross-connected to the municipal water system, are properly maintained or abandoned.
- (b) **Applicability.** This ordinance applies to all wells located on premises served by the Village of La Farge municipal water system. Utility customers outside the jurisdiction of the municipal system may be required under contract agreement or utility rule to adopt and enforce equivalent ordinances within their jurisdictions for purpose stated in paragraph (a) above.
- (c) **Definitions.**
- (1) "Municipal water system" means a community water system owned by a city, village, county, town, town sanitary district, utility district, public inland lake and rehabilitation district, municipal water district or a federal, state, county, or municipal owned institution for congregate care or correction, or a privately owned water utility serving the foregoing.
 - (2) "Noncomplying" means a well or pump installation which does not comply with s. NR 812.42, Wisconsin Administrative Code, Standards for Existing Installations, and which has not been granted a variance pursuant to s. NR 812.43, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
 - (3) "Pump installation" means the pump and related equipment used for withdrawing water from a well, including the discharge piping, the underground connections, pitless adapters, and pressure tanks, pits, sampling faucets and well seals or caps.
 - (4) "Unsafe" well or pump installation means one which produces water which is bacteriologically contaminated or contaminated with substances which exceed the drinking water standards of chs. NR 140 or 809, Wisconsin Administrative Code, or for which a Health Advisory has been issued by the Department of Natural Resources.
 - (5) "Unused" well or pump installation means one which is not used or does not have a functional pumping system.
 - (6) "Well" means a drillhole or other excavation or opening deeper than it is wide that extends more than 10 feet below the ground surface constructed for the purpose of obtaining groundwater.
 - (7) "Well abandonment" means the proper filling and sealing of a well according to the provisions of s. NR 812.26, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (d) **Abandonment Required.** All wells on premises served by the municipal water system shall be properly abandoned in accordance with paragraph (f) of this ordinance by the effective date of this ordinance or not later than 90 days from the date of connection to the municipal water system, unless a valid well operation permit has been issued to the well owner by Village of La

Farge under the terms of paragraph (e) of this ordinance.

- (e) **Well Operation Permit.** Owners of wells on premises served by the municipal water system wishing to retain their wells for any use shall make application for a well operation permit for each well no later than 90 days after connection to the municipal water system. The Village of La Farge shall grant a permit to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed 5 years providing all conditions of this section are met. A well operation permit may be renewed by submitting an application verifying that the conditions of this section are met. The Village of La Farge or its agent may conduct inspections and water quality tests or require inspections and water quality tests to be conducted at the applicant's expense to obtain or verify information necessary for consideration of a permit application or renewal. Permit applications and renewals shall be made on forms provided by the Clerk. All initial and renewal applications must be accompanied by a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The following conditions must be met for issuance or renewal of a well operation permit:

- (1) The well and pump installation shall meet the Standards for Existing Installations described in s. NR 812.42, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (2) The well and pump shall have a history of producing safe water evidenced by at least 1 coliform bacteria sample. In areas where the Department of Natural Resources has determined that groundwater aquifers are contaminated with substances other than bacteria, additional chemical tests may be required to document the safety of the water.
- (3) There shall be no cross-connections between the well's pump installation or distribution piping and the municipal water system.
- (4) The water from the private well shall not discharge into a drain leading directly to a public sewer utility unless properly metered and authorized by the sewer utility. The private well shall have a functional pumping system.
- (5) The proposed use of the private well shall be justified as reasonable in addition to water provided by the municipal water system.

(f) **Abandonment Procedures.**

- (1) All wells abandoned under the jurisdiction of this ordinance shall be done according to the procedures and methods of s. NR 812.26, Wisconsin Administrative Code. All debris, pumps, piping, unsealed liners and any other obstructions which may interfere with sealing operations shall be removed prior to abandonment.
- (2) The owner of the well, or the owner's agent, shall notify the clerk at least 48 hours in advance of any well abandonment activities. The abandonment of the well may be observed or verified by personnel of the municipal system.
- (3) An abandonment report form, supplied by the Department of Natural Resources, shall be submitted by the well owner to the Clerk and the Department of Natural Resources within 30 days of the completion of the well abandonment.

- (g) **Penalties.** Any well owner violating any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction be punished by forfeiture of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and the cost of prosecution. Each day of violation is a separate offense. If any person fails to comply with this ordinance for more than 30 days after receiving written notice of the violation, the municipality may impose a penalty and cause the well abandonment to be performed and the expense to be assessed as a special tax against the property.

Ordinance No. 9-1-56

An ordinance regarding collection of unpaid utility charges

The Village Board of the Village of La Farge ordains as follows:

Section 1: The Code of ordinances of the Village of La Farge shall include the following provisions for collection of delinquent sewer, water, and electric service charges:

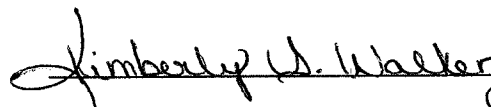
Pursuant to authorization of section 66.0809(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, an arrearage for either sewer, water, or electric service furnished and metered by the utility directly to a mobile home unit in a licensed mobile home park becomes a lien on the mobile home unit after notice is given to the mobile home owner in accordance with said section.

Said lien may be enforced using the procedures under section 779.48(2), Wisconsin Statutes, which provides for seizure and sale of said mobile home.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take force and be in effect upon passage and posting or publication.



President



Clerk