

RESOLUTION OF THE
WALKER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
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Walker Township Municipal Authority Water System Rules and Regulations

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Section 2: Definitions

2.01 Unless the context specifically indicated otherwise, the meaning of the terms used shall be as follows:

Application: Form upon which a prospective consumer signifies his desire for water service.

Authority: Walker Township Municipal Authority and its duly authorized representatives and employees.

Building: Each single family dwelling unit, multiple dwelling unit, multiple use unit, store, shop, office, business, institutional commercial or industrial unit contained within any structure.

Building Conduits: Pipes installed by the owner to convey water from the meter to a point of consumption

Commonwealth: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Connection: That part of the water system extending from the end of the service line to the meter

Connection with meter box: That part of the water system extending from the meter box to the building.

Consumer: The party, either owner, tenant, or an agent or representative of the owner or other occupant of the building, receiving water service by the Authority for one or more families or a business or institutional unit on one property owned or tenanted by such party or parties and served through a single meter.

Developer: Any person who desires to construct, at his own cost and expense, a water system extension to service any one or more buildings and to connect the water system extension to the water system.

Engineer: A registered professional engineer retained by the Authority, including any authorized member of the staff of such engineer.

Inspector: The person or persons appointed by the Authority to inspect the water system (including both public, semi-public, and private water systems), service lines, connections, meters and all other connections between building conduits and the water mains.

Large Consumer: Consumer who consumes more than 20,000 gallons of water per month during any two consecutive months during a calendar year.

May: Is permissive

Meter: That part of the water system which registers and records the consumption of water

Meter Box: A manufactured enclosure designed to be buried at grade level to house the consumer's water meter.

Meter Stop: The shut off located within the meter pit.

Multiple Dwelling Unit: Apartments, mobile home parks, multi-family or multi-unit and multi-family dwelling projects. (Does not include motels or hotels)

Owner: Any and all persons vested with title, legal or equitable, sole or partial, of a building serviced by the water system, including all joint tenants or other persons sharing common or joint ownership of such real estate.

Person: An individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, municipality, municipality authority, or other group or entity.

Service Line: That part of the water system including the corporation stop, saddle, pipe, curb stop and curb box, or meter box, extending from the water main to the property line (connection).

Service Charges: The connection fee, customer facilities fee, and the tapping fee imposed by the Authority under Act 203 of 1990, as amended, payable upon connection of a building to the water system.

Shall: Is mandatory

Tenant: Any building occupant other than the owner who utilizes the services of the water system.

Township: Township of Walker, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

Water Main: A pipe or conduit that carries potable water.

Water System: The pipe, valves, fittings and appurtenances owned and operated by the Authority including water mains, service lines, and meters, and any additions thereto or extensions thereof.

Other terms: Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of the terms not defined above shall be as defined in the "Glossary-Water and Wastewater Control Engineering", prepared by joint editorial board representing: American Public Health Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, and Water Pollution Control Federation.

Section 3: Prohibition of Private Water Supply

- 3.01 It shall be unlawful for any owner of property within the Township who is required by Township Ordinance to connect to and use the water system to construct or maintain any private or other water supply for use in or about any building ~~or for human consumption except as set forth in Section 4~~ *without an Authority approved backflow preventer installed to prevent contamination of the public water system with water from a private source. (Resolution 071210)*

Section 4: Required Connection

- 4.01 Each owner of any such building within the Township, located on property abutting upon the water system, within 150' of the main lines, except any property that shall constitute an industrial establishment or a farm and that has its own supply of water for uses other than human consumption, at his own expense shall connect such building to the water system in accordance with these Rules and Regulations within ninety (90) days after the date of official written notice to do so from the Authority, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Authority.

Section 5: Failure to Connect

- 5.01 In the event any owner refuses or neglects to connect within the ninety (90) day period, he shall be deemed to be in violation of the Authority's Rules and Regulations, and applicable Township ordinance; and the Authority, as agent for the Township, may enter upon such owner's property and construct the connection.

In such case, the Authority shall, upon connection of the work, send an itemized bill of the cost of the construction of the connection to the owner.

In case of neglect or refusal by owner to pay bill within thirty (30) days, the Authority may file appropriate municipal liens for such costs together with applicable penalties and interest.

No owner of a building shall connect such building to the water system if the Authority determines in its discretion that the water supply available to the Authority is insufficient to service such building. Any person who fails to make a proper connection to the water system within the time specified shall be subject to any and all fines and penalties imposed by the Township under appropriate ordinances.

Section 6: Conditions and Procedures for Initial Service

- 6.01 No person shall make or cause to be made any connection with the public water system until they have fulfilled all of the following conditions and procedures:
- A. Any person desiring the introduction of a service line and/or connection from the Authority water mains into his building must first make a written application in the form furnished by the Authority, at least two (2) weeks before the service is requested, stating the address location, the name of the owner and the consumer, the purpose for which service will be used, the size of the service line, connection, and meter required under these rules and regulations.
 - B. The application must be signed by the owner of the building or his duly authorized agent. The application together with these rules and regulations of the Authority shall regulate and control the service of water to the building.
 - C. The application must be accompanied by the required connection fee, customer facilities fee, tapping fee and any other fees and charges established by the Authority .
 - D. The application must contain indication of the date when the connection will be ready for inspection and making of such connection. Because of weather conditions, connections may be delayed between November 15 and March 15 of each year.
 - E. The owner will be granted a connection permit only upon satisfying all of the Authority's application procedures and conditions.
- 6.02 When an application has been made for a new service, or for reinstatement or change in an existing service, it is assumed that the piping and fixtures which the service will supply are in proper order to receive the service. The Authority shall not be liable in any case for any accident, breaks, or leakage arising in any way in connection with the supply of water or failure to supply water, or the freezing of pipes or fixtures, or for any damage to the building which may result from the usage or non-usage of water supplied to the building.
- 6.03 The owner shall notify the inspector at least twenty four (24) hours prior to the time when connection will be made, in order that the inspector can be present to inspect and approve the connection.
- 6.04 At the time of the inspection of the connection, the owner shall permit the inspector full and complete access to all pipes and appurtenances in each building, and in and about all parts of the property. No portion of the connection shall be covered over, or in any manner concealed, until after it is inspected and approved by the inspector, as evidenced by notation on the connection permit.
- 6.05 No connection shall be laid in the same trench with a sewer or gas pipe, or with any facility of a public service company, or within three feet of any excavation or vault unless approved in writing by the Authority.

- 6.06 For all connections installed prior to January 1, 2009, the owner will provide, free of charge and expense to the Authority, a readily accessible location at the entrance of the water connection to the building for the installation of the water meter. The owner will provide and maintain all necessary valves as required by the Authority, and have the meter installed. The meter shall be installed horizontally on the line coming in to the home. The owner shall also provide an accessible location on the exterior of the building which is adjacent to the meter location on the interior for the mounting of the remote readout portion of the meter.
- 6.07 For all new connections installed after January 1, 2009, a meter box to house the water meter shall be provided by the Authority and installed by the owner. Meter box shall be installed at the owner's property line adjacent to the Authority's water main. Owner shall not cover meter box with landscaping, grass or anything that would prevent the Authority from reading and maintaining the water meter.
- 6.08 The inspector shall signify his approval of the connection by endorsing his name and date of approval on the permit.
- 6.09 Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, the Authority shall at all times reserve the right to withhold the issuance of any permit for connection to the water system unless the applicant provides collateral or security which the Authority in its sole and absolute discretion deems adequate to indemnify the Authority from all costs and expenses arising from the construction of any necessary connection from the existing water main to the owner's property in the event the owner or any successor fails to complete said construction.
- 6.10 *Sprinkler system service may be provided by the Authority for residential buildings, one and two family residences, town homes and manufactured homes, through a single line for both domestic and sprinkler service, provided the sprinkler systems installed therein are in compliance with the applicable standards of the International Building Code, to include the standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), set forth in NFPA 13, NFPA 13D and NFPA 13R incorporated therein, as amended or revised, which are currently or subsequently adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the consumer provides proof satisfactory to the Authority that the sprinkler systems have been inspected and approved by the code enforcement agency. A backflow preventer, approved by the Authority shall be installed on the sprinkler system.*

Sprinkler system service for apartment building and commercial/industrial buildings shall be provided through a line dedicated only for fire service. This line is to be completely separate from the domestic service line, from the property line to the building, unless an exception is granted by the Authority. It is required that where any service is rendered by the Authority for the protection against fire or for the safety of persons, there shall be installed at a location specified by the Authority:

- (a) *A 2" Turbine meter on lines 2" or less, with a backflow preventer, approved by the Authority.*
- (b) *On lines larger than 2" a device known as a "double check detector assembly" constructed as specified by the Authority for the purpose of determining water flowing through the fire sprinkler system. The device known as double check detector assembly shall be factory designed for the purpose of detecting low flows of water up to 3 gallons/minute. The double check detector check shall be maintained and tested semi-annually by the customer at low rates of flow, to verify low flow through the assembly. It is further understood and agreed by the consumer that the installation shall be subject to the approval of the Authority. (RESOLUTION 011011-1)*

SECTION 7: Right of Inspection

- 7.01 ~~The Authority and its duly authorized representatives and employees shall be permitted to enter upon all property connected to the water system for the purpose of inspection, repairs, servicing and reading of the meter.~~

- 7.01 *The Authority and its duly authorized representatives and employees shall be permitted to enter upon all property connected to the water system or where the authority has facilities for the purpose of inspections, repairs, servicing and maintaining of the Authority's facilities. This shall include entry into the building served for the purpose of repairs and inspections on a scheduled basis with the building owner. Refusal to allow access to the property or building by the OWNER will be grounds for termination of service. (Amended by Resolution 11-21-16)*

SECTION 8: Specifications and Standards

- 8.01 A separate connection will be required for each building whether constructed as a detached unit or as one of a pair or row. A single connection will be permitted to serve a school, factory, or other permanent multiple dwelling unit or multiple use unit structure whose individual units may not be subject to separate ownership. A single connection will be permitted to any permanent multiple dwelling unit or multiple use unit structure whose individual units can be owned separately if written consent from the Authority is granted.
- 8.02 No repairs, alterations or additions to any connection shall be made unless the person desiring to make them shall first make application to, and receive permission from, the Authority.
- 8.03 No consumer shall be allowed to permit any other persons or buildings to use or connect with his connection except upon written permission of the Authority.
- 8.04 ~~The minimum size connection for any building shall be three quarters (3/4) inch diameter pipe where the distance from the water main to the building is not more than one hundred (100) feet. The minimum size connection for buildings shall be one (1) inch diameter pipe where the distance from the water main to the building is greater than one hundred (100) feet but less than four hundred (400) feet. The size of the connection for large consumers and buildings more than four hundred (400) feet from the water main shall be considered on an individual basis by the Authority.~~ *The minimum size connection for any building shall be three quarters (3/4) inch diameter pipe where the distance from the water main to the building is not more than one hundred (100) feet. The minimum size connection for buildings shall be one (1) inch diameter pipe where the distance from the water main to the building is greater than one hundred (100) feet but less than four hundred (400) feet. The minimum size connection for a residential building with a sprinkler system shall be one (1) inch diameter. The size of the connection for large consumers and buildings more than four hundred (400) feet from the water main shall be considered on an individual basis by the Authority. (RESOLUTION 011011-1)*
- 8.05 Service lines and/or connections which encroach on property of any persons other than the owner of the building to be supplied shall not be constructed until the authority or the owner of the building to be supplied obtains a satisfactory right-of-way from the person through whose property the connection will pass. The right-of-way shall be duly recorded with Recorder of Deeds at the Huntingdon County Courthouse. The curb stop and box shall be placed at the limit of such right-of-way abutting the water main. The owner of the building to be supplies shall be responsible for maintenance of the connection. No other person may connect to such connection.
- 8.06 When an owner desires water service to a building which does not have an existing water main or an existing main of adequate size in the roadway abutting the building, the owner may be required by the Authority to extend the water main at his sole cost and expense as a condition of the service. Size of the water main and length of the water main which will have to be extended shall be approved by the engineer.
- 8.07 All service line and connection pipe shall be placed inside a continuous 4" PVC, schedule 40 pipe from meter box to facility serviced. All pipes shall have at least fifty-two (52) inches of cover mechanically tamped in layers not

to exceed twelve (12) inches. All pipes will be laid in a straight grade avoiding summits and depressions which can collect air and sediment.

- 8.08 All service lines less than 2 inches in diameter shall utilize a corporation stop. All service lines connecting to polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water main of any size and ductile iron pipe of less than 6 inches in diameter shall also utilize a saddle. The saddle shall have a single strap and be of bronze construction with corporation stop threads, Mueller H-13400 or H-16000 series or equal. The corporation stop shall have a bronze body with AWWA C 800 thread dimensions and AWWA taper inlet threads and be equipped with compression connection for copper service tubing; Mueller H-15008 or equal for ¾" and one inch corporation stops; Mueller H-15013 or equal for 1 ½" stops. If connection is two inches or larger, a tee and gate valve shall be used.
- 8.09 All service lines less than 2" in diameter shall be equipped with a meter box. The meter box shall be of high density polyethylene, 0.55" nominal wall thickness, thermal transfer value of 4.0 ASTM C171, withstand min. vertical crush of 25,000 lbs. on free-standing box, smooth interior and exterior, white color inside and black color outside. The box shall incorporate a top lip shelf to facilitate the use of an insulating disc and bottom flange for anti-settling at its base. Box shall be dimensionally tapered at its top with an expanded body, with the maximum inside dimension starting at approximately 6" down from the top of the box.
- 8.10 All service lines and connections shall be type "K" flexible copper or polyethylene, SDR-9, ASTM D-2737, blue in color. All fittings shall be brass compression style and stainless steel insertion stiffeners shall be used with polyethylene pipe.
- 8.11 All service lines and connection pipe and appurtenances may be subject to a hydrostatic pressure test of 135 psi for fifteen (15) minutes with no appreciable water leakage (less than one (1) fluid ounce per one hundred (100) feet of pipe at the sole cost of the owner.
- 8.12 Consumers using water for steam generation are warned not to depend upon the hydraulic or hydrostatic pressure of the water system for supplying boilers and do so at their own risk. Steam and hot water heating plants and hot water generators and storage tanks shall in all cases be provided with a check valve in the water supply piping and other proper devices to prevent damage or collapse if the water supply should be shut off or fail for any reason. The Authority in no case will be responsible for accident or damage resulting from the imperfect installation or action of check valves or other devices or from the omission of such installation.
- 8.13 The owner shall install a shut off ball valve, as well as a pressure reducing valve and a pressure gauge on the line where service enters the building when water pressure provided by the Authority is greater than 75 psi.
- 8.14 Proposed service lines that exceed 150 feet in length will require the installation of a meter pit, at the property line/water main location, by the property owner at the property owner's expense.
- 8.15 *Backflow prevention devices shall be utilized as required by the Authority. Backflow prevention device shall be manufactured by Ford Meter Box Company and shall be models KHVBHC or PHVBHC for connection directly to waterline, model VBHH42 to take the place of an existing water meter or approved equal. All models shall include a double check valve and ball style inlet valve. (Resolution 071210)*
- 8.16 *The Owner shall not block or impede access to Authority owned components of the water system. Fire hydrants and blowoffs shall have a minimum of six (6) foot radius clear of any obstructions including landscape plantings. Water meters, remote meter reading devices, valves and buried valve boxes shall be kept free and clear of any obstruction to allow proper operation and maintenance. (Resolution 111411)*
- 8.17 *It shall be strictly prohibited to vandalize, damage, destroy or deface any Authority owned components of the water system. This would include painting or purposely altering the physical appearance of any water system*

component. Any individual found to be responsible for the above acts will be required to pay the cost to repair or replace the water system component(s) affected. (Resolution 111411)

SECTION 9: Extensions of the Water System

- 9.01 Any developer also shall comply with the provisions of this section
- 9.02 The developer will be required to sign the Authority's Developers Agreement, supplied by the Municipal Authority office, prior to submission of plans.
- 9.03 A request for service for any building with occupied floor elevations above an elevation which would require additional pumping and water storage facilities, as determined by the engineer, which would be an additional operation and maintenance cost for the Authority, may be prohibited by the Authority.
- 9.04 The developer shall submit two (2) copies of plans for the proposed extension of the water system to the Authority for review, comments, recommendations and approval on 24" x 36" sheets showing plan views to a scale of 1" = 50' or such other scale as the engineer shall deem acceptable, a north point, a suitable title block, date and the name of the developer' engineer and imprint of his registration seal.
- 9.05 Prior to final acceptance of any water system extension by the Authority, the developer shall furnish to the Authority "Record Drawings" showing the location of all water mains, valves, and curb boxes relative to permanent landmarks such as buildings, trees, utility poles, or property corners and also GPS coordinates.
- 9.06 Easements for water mains to be constructed outside of dedicated street rights-of-way shall be dedicated and conveyed by deed to the Authority.
- 9.07 All pipe used for the water main extensions where the static pressure is less than 100 psi shall be either SDR 21 pvc or Class 52, cement lined ductile iron pipe. Where static pressures greater than 100 psi are encountered, Class 52 ductile iron pipe or Class 150, SDR 18 pvc pipe will be permitted. Mains larger than 3" diameter shall be push on joint. The pvc pipe shall conform to AWWA C-900 and the ductile iron pipe shall conform to AWWA C-100. The minimum depth of cover shall be forty-eight (48) inches.
- 9.08 All water main and service line pipe shall be placed on a three (3) inch sand or 2RC aggregate base and backfilled with sand or 2RC aggregate to at least six (6) inches above top of pipe. Where rock is encountered on the trench bottom, over excavate six (6) inches and backfill with 2RC aggregate. All pipe shall have at least forty-eight (48) inches of cover mechanically tamped in layers not to exceed twelve (12) inches. Where water mains or service lines are installed in traveled portions of roadways, including shoulders, berms, median strips, etc., the pipe shall be backfilled with 2RC aggregate to the surface.
- 9.09 All fittings shall be cast iron, cement lines, mechanical joint, and conform to AWWA C-110.
- 9.10 Main line valves shall be non-rising stem gate valves with mechanical joint ends and conform to AWWA C-500.
- 9.11 All proposed developments shall include adequate provisions for fire protection. For a minor subdivision that will not have a water extension, as a minimum, one (1) hydrant shall be placed at the entrance to the development, at a location specified by the Authority. For all developments that include an extension of the water main, the maximum distance of any portion of a building, in the development to a fire hydrant shall be 500 feet or less. The entire cost of the hydrant(s), piping, fittings, and valves shall be incurred by the developer. The hydrants shall have (1) large outlet with 5" Stortz, and (2) 2 1/2" outlets threaded NYC with 3.000 x 8 t.p.i.

- 9.12 No water mains smaller than six (6) inches in diameter shall provide flow to a fire hydrant. A gridiron of mains in a residential district may consist of six (6) inch diameter mains. Where intersection of mains is inadequate to provide the proper gridiron, or dead ends are necessary, a minimum eight (8) inch main shall provide an extension of the existing transmission system through the development. Water mains shall be looped as directed by the Authority to provide a source of water from two points. Dead ends, when absolutely necessary, shall be equipped with a blow off.
- 9.13 Depending on layout of existing water distribution system and/or potential for future development beyond the area in question, the size of a water main extension shall be based upon engineer review and approval.
- 9.14 All fire hydrants shall be traffic type, with 5 ¼" main valve openings. All hydrants shall conform to AWWA C-502 and be equipped with one 5 pumper nozzle with Stortz fitting, and two 2 ½" hose nozzles. Developer shall verify nozzle thread dimensions with the local fire department chief prior to purchasing hydrant. Fire hydrants shall be Mueller Centurion fire hydrants, catalog number A-423 or equal. Hydrants shall have six (6) inch mechanical joint inlet connection with positive automatic drain, National Standard 1 ½" pentagon operating nut and open left (counterclockwise). A fire hydrant shall be placed by the developer at the entrance to a minor subdivision at a location approved by the Authority. The entire cost of the hydrant, piping, fittings and valve shall be incurred by the developer.
- 9.15 All water mains shall be subjected to a 150 psi hydrostatic pressure test and the allowable leakage shall not exceed 10 gallons per inch pipe diameter per mile of pipe per 24 hours. Developer shall provide pump, pipe connection and all necessary apparatus for testing. The duration of such test shall be two hours.
- 9.16 All water mains shall be disinfected in accordance with AWWA C-601 prior to Authority acceptance.
- 9.17 Service lines shall be installed while the water main extension is being constructed.
- 9.18 The Authority will make the connection of the water main extension to the water system at the direction of the Authority. The developer shall furnish the necessary fitting and/or valve to make the connection.
- 9.19 All water main extensions and all appurtenances shall be subject to full time inspection by the Authority's representative at the sole cost of the developer. If the work is not satisfactory, the inspector shall advise the developer what must be done to meet the Authority requirements.
- 9.20 No water main extension constructed by a developer will be approved for use and acceptance by the Authority until the water main is formally approved by the Authority, all costs, tapping fees, (if applicable), and inspection fees have been paid, the Authority has been reimbursed in full for all inspection costs incurred by the inspector during construction, testing and approval, the water main extension and appurtenances have been properly dedicated and conveyed to the Authority, and a two year maintenance bond has been provided to the Authority. The developer shall provide the Authority with an estimate of the system cost that will be used as a basis of the maintenance bond. The Authority must approve this figure prior to the completion of the bonding.

Section 10: Maintenance and Repair

- 10.01 The Authority shall retain ownership of and have the ultimate responsibility for the use, operation, maintenance, and repair of the water system from the source of supply up to and including the individual curb stop or meter stop. The maintenance and repair of meters shall also be the responsibility of the Authority.
- 10.02 All connections to the water system as well as all building conduits are the responsibility of the owner and shall be maintained and repaired by the owner at his own cost. The repairs to the connection shall be subject to the direction, approval, and inspection of the Authority.

- 10.03 The Authority reserves the sole right to turn the curb stop on or off. Should repairs to the connection be required, a plumber may obtain approval from the Authority to operate the curb stop to facilitate repairs.
- 10.04 The Authority reserves the sole right to remove a meter from its setting. No meter shall be removed from its setting without prior written approval from the Authority.
- 10.05 The Authority shall in no event be responsible for maintenance, or damage done by water escaping from the connection nor any other pipe or fixture on the outlet side of the curb stop. By connecting to the water system, the consumer agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Authority from and against any liability, costs or damages arising from faulty connections.
- 10.06 The owner shall keep the connection from the curb stop to the meter in good condition at all times under penalty of the discontinuance of service by the Authority. The Authority shall endeavor to provide advance notice of such discontinuance of service. However, should a leak on the owner's property compromise the Authority's supply, the Authority reserves the right to immediately discontinue service without notice until such time as the condition is corrected.
- 10.07 In the case of leaks, the locations of which are not readily apparent, the Authority will, upon request of the owner, excavate in and about the curb stop for the purpose of determining the responsibility for leak. The Authority shall assume the costs of work if it is found that the leak is located between the curb stop/meter stop and the water main. If the leak is determined to be between the curb stop/meter stop and the building, the owner shall reimburse the Authority for the actual costs of the work required to determine responsibility and repairs if necessary.
- 10.08 The authority may at any time require a consumer to install with his service pipes, such valves, pressure regulators, tanks, or other apparatus as may be in the sole opinion of the Authority, required for the safeguarding and protection of the water system.
- 10.09 All meters are the property of the Authority and will be maintained and repaired by the Authority subject to ordinary wear and tear. However, should damage to the meter occur due to freezing, hot water, carelessness, or negligence, or other action or inaction on the part of the owner, the repairs shall be at the expense of the owner.
- 10.10 The consumer shall immediately notify the Authority of and damage to or any cessation or irregularities in registration of the meter.
- 10.11 No seal placed by the Authority on a meter shall be tampered with or defaced. It shall not be broken except upon express written authorization from the Authority. Where the seal is broken, the Authority reserves the right to remove the meter for test at the expense of the owner and exercise such rights and remedies available at law to prosecute wrongful tampering with a meter. It is a violation of Clause 6, Section 34, Act of 1974 of the Laws of Pennsylvania to break or deface the seal of, or otherwise damage, a meter.
- 10.12 When it is necessary to replace or move an existing service line, the Authority will replace such service line of the same size in substantially the same location as the old one. If the owner, for his own convenience, desires the new service line at some other location, and agrees to pay all expenses of shutting off the old service line at the main and the cost of corporation stop and saddle, and additional pipe, excavation, and resurfacing, if any, and any other costs associated therewith, the Authority may place the new service line at the location desired. The cost of such change shall be borne by the owner, and shall be subject to the prior written consent of the Authority. These changes shall meet all requirements for the new meter box service connection.

Section 11: Unlawful Use of Water System

- 11.01 No person shall open any fire hydrant or use any water from the hydrant for sprinkling streets, construction or any other purpose without a permit from the Authority, under penalties prescribed by law, except in case of fire or by authorized fire departments to test the hydrants. Such test shall be made only under supervision and upon approval of an authorized agent of the Authority.
- 11.02 No person shall, without a permit from the Authority, interfere with, damage, or deface any fire hydrant, and no person shall place any material of any description within eight (8) feet of any fire hydrant or over a valve box.
- 11.03 No outlet shall be permitted on the connection or service supplying a building, between the water main and meter. All water consumed in or about a building must pass through the meter.

Section 12: Cross Connections

- 12.01 No connection shall be made between pipes or containers carrying water supplied by the Authority and pipes or containers carrying water from any other source unless the proposed cross connection has written approval from the Authority.

Section 13: Water Supply

- 13.01 The Authority shall not be liable for any deficiency or failure in the quality or quantity of the water supplied by the Authority. House boilers must, in all cases, and any other potentially hazardous condition shall be provided with proper valves to prevent damage when the water is shut off.
- 13.02 The Authority reserves the right to reserve a sufficient supply of water at all times to provide for public health and safety, including fire protection and other emergencies. In the event of any accident or damage to any part of the water system, including by reason of the bursting of any water main or any other occurrence affecting the water system or operation, the Authority shall not be liable to any person, inadequate supply or pressure, quality of water or any other cause.
- 13.03 The Authority may prohibit the use of hoses for street, lawn or garden sprinkling or for any other purpose when, in its judgment, such action is necessary for the preservation of the water supply. In such event, due notice shall be given by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation. Should any consumer fail to comply with the requirements of notice, water service to consumer may be terminated and service shall not be restored until all the costs of terminating and initiating the water have been paid.
- 13.04 If at any time the total water supply shall be insufficient to meet all of the needs of all the consumers for domestic, commercial, and/or industrial purposes, the Authority may elect, in its discretion, to first satisfy all consumers for domestic purposes before supplying any water for any other purposes or uses.

Section 14: General Provisions

- 14.01 If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of these Rules and Regulations is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of these Rules and Regulations as a whole or any other part hereof.
- 14.02 No agent or employee of the Authority of the Township shall have the right or authority to bind the Authority by any promise, agreement or representation contrary to the letter or intent of these rules and regulations.

Section 15: Billing

- 15.01 Failure to receive a bill shall not exempt the consumer from his responsibility to make prompt payment of the rates and charges established hereunder for water service. The presentation of a bill to the consumer is only a matter of accommodation.
- 15.02 All meters shall be read monthly insofar as possible, and the quantities recorded by the meter shall be considered conclusive on both the consumer and the Authority, except when the meter has been found to be inaccurate or inoperative under the provisions of these rules and regulations. In this event, the Authority will estimate the bill by taking into consideration average past registrations, or by any method deemed fair or reasonable by the Authority, and the finding thus determined shall be final and binding upon the consumer. If the Authority is unable to obtain a meter reading for any particular billing period, it may estimate the bill and make appropriate adjustments in a subsequent bill.
- 15.03 Whenever ownership of a building is transferred, the new owner must file with the Authority an application for the continuation of the service as provided for in Section 20.01. Failure to do so may result in the discontinuance of the water service.
- 15.04 In any instance where a building has not, for any reason, had a meter installed, the Authority will estimate the bill taking into consideration usage by other buildings having similar characteristics, or by any method deemed fair or reasonable by the Authority, and the finding of the Authority in this regard shall be conclusive. However, if the absence of a meter is a result of refusal or failure of the owner of the building to have a meter installed, the bill shall be established by the Authority at an amount equal to the maximum bill for any building of similar characteristics for service during billing period, and the determination of the Authority in this regard shall be conclusive upon both parties.
- 15.05 The bills for repairs or replacement of damaged meter installations or parts due to any improper action or inaction on the part of any person will be rendered to the owner of the particular building, and shall be due within thirty (30) days after presentation of bill. If the bill remains unpaid after 30 days, the amount will be added to the monthly water bill, and will show with the regular water and sewer billing. It will also be subject to service charges, and non-payment after 90 days will constitute disconnection of water service the same as the regular monthly bill.
- 15.06 The owner of each building is responsible for the payment of all water bills.
- 15.07 The consumer is responsible for payment of all water that passes through their water meter, whether the water is accounted for or not. Water leaks or losses that occur on the consumer's side of the meter are the consumer's responsibility.
- 15.08 If a consumer disagrees as to the amount of water the water meter has registered, they can request that the Authority remove the meter and send it away for testing. If the water meter is found to be accurate, the consumer shall pay the cost of the water meter testing and shall also pay for all water usage registered on the meter. If the meter is found to be inaccurate, the Authority shall incur the cost of water meter testing and shall bill the consumer, for the period in question, based on the average consumption of this consumer for the previous twelve (12) months. The Authority will bill for the minimum water usage until meter test results are received.

Section 16: Late Payments

- 16.01 The water rates and charges imposed hereunder shall be paid not later than the due date appearing on the bill. If not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, an additional sum of five percent (5%) shall be added. If

not paid within sixty (60) days after due date, the bills shall bear interest at 1 ½%. After 90 days, the bill shall be deemed delinquent, and shut off notice will be posted on the structure and mailed by certified mail to the building owner. There is a \$25 fee plus postage and handling charged at the time of notice posting. If no payment or payment arrangements have been made within 10 days, service may be discontinued until all delinquent bills, penalties, interest and charges have been paid. There is a \$50 reconnection fee after the water has been shut off.

All delinquent water rentals and all penalties and charges shall be subject to a lien against the property of the owner in the office of the Prothonotary of Huntingdon County and may be collected in the manner provided by law.

16.02 Payments should be received inside the office prior to 12:00 noon on the 25th of each month. Postmarks will not be honored.

Section 17: Discontinuance of Service

17.01 Application for water service may be refused or discontinued for any of the following reasons:

- A. Failure of consumer to pay any water bill, tapping fee or other charges when due,
- B. Tampering with any meter or with any service pipe or curb stop or box, or permitting tampering by others,
- C. Use of water by a consumer for any purpose other than described in the application,
- D. Waste of or excessive consumption of water by a consumer,
- E. Vacancy of the building,
- F. Failure of consumer to maintain in good order the connection between the curb box and the meter,
- G. Refusal of access to property for purpose of inspecting, reading, maintaining, or removing meters or other portion of the water system,
- H. Failure to comply with water use restrictions which may be imposed from time to time,
- I. Failure of the consumer to pay any sewer bill or charge applicable to the same building,
- J. Violation by a consumer of any of these Rules and Regulations,
- K. Pursuant to any other laws or regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the United States.

17.02 Any damage to service line and/or water mains caused by careless undermining or by negligent excavating or backfilling or excavation for private drains, sewers or other purposes shall be chargeable to the person causing the damage, and if the charge to repair the service line and/or water main is not paid within thirty (30) days, the Authority reserves the right to discontinue water service.

17.03 The Authority shall have the right to interrupt water supply without notice in case of breakdowns or for other unavoidable causes, or for the purpose of making necessary repairs or connections. Reasonable notice will be given when practical. In no case shall the Authority be liable for any damage or inconvenience suffered as a result of said causes.

- 17.04 When two or more buildings are supplied through a single water service, any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Authority by any one owner shall be deemed a violation by all, and the Authority may enforce compliance with this rule by shutting off the entire service, except that action shall not be taken until the non-violating owner(s) has been given a reasonable notice and opportunity to install separate connection.
- 17.05 In the event any sewage service charge or total of such charges and sub-charges imposed by the Authority against the owner of the same building shall remain unpaid for a period of longer than sixty (60) days from the billing date, the Authority may terminate and discontinue water service to the premises to which water service has been rendered. Upon such termination of service, the Authority may impose a discontinuances charge. A reconnection fee may be charged when service is restored.
- 17.06 Any consumer desiring a temporary discontinuance of water service billing because a building will be unoccupied but wants the water service left on due to the water needs of a hot water heating system shall notify the Authority in writing of this desire, along with a payment of fifty dollars (\$50). The Authority shall continue to read the water meter and any water used shall be billed at the Authority's standard rate. The Authority shall assume no responsibility for water use or water damage to unoccupied buildings. A disconnection agreement must be signed prior to disconnection of service.

Section 18: Changing Rules and Rates

- 18.01 The Authority reserves the right to change or amend from time to time these Rules, Regulations, and Rates for the use of water, in a manner provided by law.

Section 19: Service Charges

19.01—Connection Fee

- ~~(A) The Authority shall install the connection from the water main to the property line which shall include, but is not limited to, tap, saddle, service line, corporations top, curb stop, curb box, excavation, bedding, backfilling, compaction, trench restoration, inspection fees, PennDOT fees, bonds and insurance, and all other applicable facilities required to implement the connection. The customer and/or property owner shall pay the connection fee as provided in the schedule of charges and fees provided herein under.~~
- ~~(B) A connection fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) is hereby imposed against the owner of any building which connects to the water system, and requiring a ¾" service line, payable at the time the application is submitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the authority's average cost of installation of a corporation, saddle, service line, curb stop and box, and surface restoration.~~
- ~~(C) For service lines larger than ¾", upon making application for the issuance of a permit to connect a new building or to connect an additional use, the Authority will prepare a written estimate of the cost of installation. A connection fee in an amount equal to the greater of \$375 or the actual cost of installation will be charged for each building connected directly or indirectly to the water system. The connection fee will be due for each building including multiple dwelling units and multiple use unit structures whose individual units are not subject to separate ownership.~~

19.01 Connection Fee

- (A) *The Authority shall install the connection from the water main to the property line which shall include, but is not limited to tap, saddle, service line, corporation stop, curb stop, curb box, excavation, bedding, backfilling, compaction, trench restoration, inspection fees, and all other applicable facilities required to*

implement the connection. The customer and/or property owner shall pay the connection fee as provided in the schedule of charges and fees provided herein under.

- (B) A connection fee of four hundred thirty-five dollars (\$515.00) is hereby imposed against the owner of any building which connects to the water system, and requiring a ¾" service line, payable at the time the application is submitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's average cost of installation of a corporation, saddle, service line, curb stop and box, and surface restoration. If the service line crosses a public improved road, the property owner shall incur the additional cost of crossing such area.*
- (C) A connection fee of four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$540.00) is hereby imposed against the owner of any building which connects to the water system, and requiring a 1" service line for residential sprinkler and domestic service, payable at the time the application is submitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's average cost of installation of a corporation, saddle, service line, curb stop and box, and surface restoration. If the service line crosses a public improved road, the property owner shall incur the additional cost of crossing such area.*
- (D) For service lines larger than ¾" in non-residential applications or larger than 1" in residential applications, upon making application for the issuance of a permit to connect a new building or to connect an additional use, the Authority will prepare a written estimate of the cost of installation. A connection fee in an amount equal to the actual cost of installation will be charged for each building connected directly or indirectly to the water system. The connection fee will be due for each building including multiple dwelling units and multiple use unit structures whose individual units are not subject to separate ownership. (RESOLUTION 092120-1)*

19.02 — Customer Facilities Fee

- ~~*(A) This fee includes the cost of Authority inspection of facilities installed from the property line to the proposed dwelling or building and water meter which monitors water consumption for billing purposes. The customer and/or property owner shall be responsible to furnish, install and pay for the entire installation cost of the facilities from the property line to the proposed dwelling unit. The customer and/or property owner shall pay the customer facilities fee as provided in the schedule of charges and fees provided herein under.*~~
- ~~*(B) A customer facilities fee of five hundred fifty (\$550) is hereby imposed against the owner of any building which connects to the water system and requires a ¾" service line, payable at the time the application is submitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's average cost of installation of a water meter and inspection of the connections.*~~
- ~~*(C) For service lines requiring a 1" or larger water meter, the Authority will prepare a written estimate of the cost of installation and inspection. A customer facilities fee in an amount equal to the greater of \$550 or the actual cost of installation will be charged for each connection.*~~

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- (A) This fee includes the cost of Authority inspection of facilities installed from the property line to the proposed dwelling or building and water meter which monitors water consumption for billing purposes. The customer and/or property owner shall be responsible to furnish, install and pay for the entire installation cost of the facilities from the property line to the proposed dwelling unit. The customer and/or property owner shall pay the customer facilities fee as provided in the schedule of charges and fees provided herein under.*

- (B) A customer facilities fee of one thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,225.00) is hereby imposed against the owner of any building which connects to the water system and requires a ¾" service line, payable at the time the application is submitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's average cost of installation of a water meter, meter pit and inspection of the connections.
- (C) A customer facilities fee of one thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,525.00) is hereby imposed against the owner of any building which connects to the water system and requires a 1" service line for residential sprinkler and domestic service, payable at the time the application is submitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's average cost of installation of a water meter, meter pit and inspection of the connections.
- (D) For service lines larger than ¾" in non-residential applications or larger than 1" in residential applications, the Authority will prepare a written estimate of the cost of installation and inspection. A customer facilities fee in an amount equal to the actual cost of installation will be charged for each connection. (RESOLUTION 092120-1)

19.03 Tapping Fee – Capacity Part

- ~~(A) This component of the tapping fee is for capacity related facilities incurred by the Authority, including water treatment plant and water storage/pumping/distribution system. After one calendar year of approval of the water application by the Authority, the Authority reserves the right to review the actual metered consumption of the customer facilities to determine if an adjustment in the tapping fee capacity part charge is warranted. The Authority shall reserve the right to issue a credit or additional charge for said consumption, based on the quantity of flow measured during the first year of operation of the customer's facilities. This adjustment shall be firm and binding upon the customer.~~
- ~~(B) A tapping fee in accordance with the following table is hereby imposed against the owner of any building, payable to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's cost in providing excess system capacity to service future customers.~~

TAPPING FEE PER CONNECTION SIZE

<u>5/8" & ¾"</u>	<u>1"</u>	<u>1 ½"</u>	<u>2"</u>	<u>3"</u>	<u>4"</u>	<u>6"</u>
\$1,475.00	\$1,635.00	\$3,070.00	\$6,175.00	\$12,150.00	\$24,100.00	\$48,000.00

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- (B) A tapping fee in accordance with the following table is hereby imposed against the owner of any building, payable to the Authority pursuant to Section 6. This fee is to cover the Authority's cost in providing excess system capacity to service future customers.

TAPPING FEE PER CONNECTION SIZE

<u>5/8", 3/4" & 1"</u>	<u>1-1/2"</u>	<u>2"</u>	<u>3"</u>	<u>4"</u>	<u>6"</u>
\$1,580.00	\$3,860.00	\$8,060.00	\$15,990.00	\$32,300.00	\$64,150.00

*The fee was approved at the August 17, 2020 Authority meeting and will become effective September 21, 2020.
(RESOLUTION 092120-1)*

*Connections dedicated to the sole use for emergency fire fighting are exempt.

Section 20: Miscellaneous Charges

- 20.01 Any consumer desiring a supply of water from a previously discontinued service, and each new owner of a building then connected, must submit with his application for service a payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for initiating service. No service shall be furnished by the Authority to a consumer until all arrears for water rents, water repairs, sewer rates and charges or other charges then incurred or previously owed with respect to the building shall have been paid or satisfactory arrangement for payment has been made.
- 20.02 Any consumer desiring a temporary or permanent discontinuance of service shall notify the authority in writing of this desire, along with a payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50), for terminating service. The Authority, upon terminating service, shall make a final meter reading and the final bill shall be due and payable within ten (10) days of termination of service.
- 20.03 Any owner desiring to transfer ownership of property and water service shall notify the authority in writing of this desire and a final meter reading and bill will be prepared at no special charge to the owner. The bill shall be due and payable within ten (10) days of transfer.
- 20.04 A temporary supply of water for building homes or other construction proposed, except on premises already receiving water service, shall be specially applied for. Water so supplied shall be by meter only. The Authority, in addition to the assessments set forth in section 21, may require a deposit to cover the current discontinuance of service. The contractor, or other owner, shall be held responsible for the theft or physical damage to meter, reasonable wear and tear excepted. When application is made for temporary use of water, requiring a temporary connection, the cost of installation and removal of temporary facilities shall be borne by the applicant and the estimated cost thereof shall be paid to the Authority before service is provided. Adjustments to this prepayment will be made upon removal of the temporary service.
- 20.05 When anyone desires to secure a supply of water through a fire hydrant for any purpose other than fire department use, the applicant shall obtain a permit from the Authority and shall pay to the Authority a fee determined by the Authority for the water furnished. The Authority may provide the services of an attendant for operating the fire hydrant, and a current hourly charge for the work necessary on behalf of the applicant shall be charged to applicant for the services provided. When a supply of water through a fire hydrant is desired for any purpose, which in the determination of the Authority is a charitable purpose, the supply of water may be granted free of charge. Water obtained from the fire hydrants for filling fire trucks shall be from fire hydrants at locations approved by the Authority.
- 20.06 Water obtained from the fire hydrants for filling fire trucks for emergency or training use shall be at no charge. This includes neighboring fire companies. Water used shall be reported to the Authority for accountability and water loss calculations.

Water used to fill swimming pools and other non-emergency uses shall be billed at the current rate per 1,000 gallons. Payment, along with use log, shall be made at the Township office. Water used for non-emergency situations in excess of 10,000 gallons shall have prior approval from Authority personnel.

Section 21: Water Rates

21.01 Subject to the minimum charges established by subsection 21.02 hereof, the charges for water service shall be as follows:

METERED CONSUMPTION (GALLONS)

	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS</u>
FIRST	2,000	\$9.50
OVER	2,000	\$9.50
<i>FIRST</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>\$11.00</i>
<i>OVER</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>\$11.00</i>

21.02 The rates set forth in 21.01 above are subject to the following minimum charge for water service of specified quantities or less during the preceding month:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE MONTHLY</u>	<u>MINIMUM RATE MONTHLY</u>
5/8" & 3/4"	2,000	\$ 19.00
1"	6,000	\$ 57.00
1 1/2"	12,000	\$ 114.00
2"	25,000	\$ 237.50
3"	50,000	\$ 475.00
4"	100,000	\$ 950.00
6"	200,000	\$ 1,900.00
<i>5/8" & 3/4"</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>\$ 22.00</i>
<i>1"</i>	<i>6,000</i>	<i>\$ 66.00</i>
<i>1 1/2"</i>	<i>12,000</i>	<i>\$ 132.00</i>
<i>2"</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>\$ 275.00</i>
<i>3"</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>\$ 550.00</i>
<i>4"</i>	<i>100,000</i>	<i>\$ 1,100.00</i>
<i>6"</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>\$ 2,200.00</i>

These fees were updated with resolution 01-15-24, and will go into effect on April 1, 2024 for March water use.

21.03 The Authority reserves the right to establish separate water rates for services being applied for in any neighboring municipality.

Section 22: Repealer

22.01 All prior laws and rules and regulations shall not be applicable after the effective date of these Rules and Regulations.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, this **9th** day of **November, 2009**, by the Board of the Walker Township Municipal Authority in lawful session duly assembled.

WALKER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of Walker Township Municipal Authority (the Authority), certify: that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which duly was enacted by affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Board of the Authority at a meeting of said Board, duly convened and held according to law on **Monday, November 9, 2009**, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that said Resolution is in full force and effect, without amendment, alteration or repeal, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Board of the Authority met the advance notice requirements of the Sunshine Act No. 1986-84 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 3, 1986, by advertising said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Authority at the public building in which said meeting was held, all in accordance with such Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Authority, this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Secretary