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Part 1**Water Rates****§26-101. Rates.**

1. Water rates for the consumption of water and the privilege of connection shall be as follows:

A. There will be a service charge of \$4 per quarter annum added to the water bill for each meter. [*Ord. 79-15*]

B. The first 10,000 gallons used per quarter will be charged at the rate of \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons of water used. [*Ord. 79-15*]

C. Over 10,000 gallons and up to 50,000 used per quarter an additional charge of \$1 per 1,000 gallons.

D. Over 50,000 gallons and up to 100,000 gallons used per quarter an additional .60 per 1,000 gallons.

2. Dwelling units of two or more on one meter will receive only one bill addressed to the landowner.

3. A service charge, in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council, will be made turn-on/turn-off of water service. [A.O.]

4. Remote meters will be installed at all new connections and upon periodic replacement of old meters.

5. A penalty of 10 percent will be added to the bill on the fifteenth day after date of bill, payable whether or not bill is actually received by the property owner although bills will be mailed in the usual manner.

(*Ord. 5-1974, 7/10/1974; as amended by Ord. 79-15, 9/17/1979; and by A.O.*)

Part 2**Water Connections****§26-201. Connection Charge.**

Each person or party desiring to connect to a property to the Troy Borough water system shall pay a connection charge. In the case of a single-family residence of a single occupant commercial property, the connection charge shall be \$500. In the case of a multifamily dwelling or a multioccupant commercial property, the connection fee shall be \$500 plus \$250 per apartment or commercial occupant. In addition thereto, the person or party requesting connection to the Borough water system shall pay to the Borough Manager, or his designee, the cost of all materials used or consumed by the Borough or which the Borough Manager or his designee reasonably anticipates will be used or consumed by the Borough in association with the connection of the property to the community sewer system.

(*Ord. -/- /1994; as amended by Ord. 96-2, 5/20/1996, §2*)

Part 3**Private Wells****§26-301. Private Wells Prohibited Within Borough; Exceptions.**

Effective June 21, 1982, no private wells shall be dug or drilled in the Borough of Troy. The entire Borough is served by the public water system and exceptions to this prohibition may be granted by the Borough Council only on fully documented data which the appellant shall be required to provide.

(Ord. 82-2, 6/21/1982, §11-2009)

Part 4**Stand-by Water for Fire Protection****§26-401. Annual Charge.**

There is hereby imposed an annual charge of \$200 for stand-by water for fire protection wherever sprinkler or other special systems are utilized.

(Ord. 77-9, 5/12/1977, §1)

§26-402. Due Date.

Said annual charge shall become due on June 1 for the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of that year.

(Ord. 77-9, 5/12/1977, §2).

§26-403. Penalty.

A penalty of 1 percent per month shall be added if said bill is not paid within 10 days after receipt of payment notice from the Borough.

(Ord. 77-9, 5/12/1977, §3)

Part 5**Water Needs****§26-501. Assessment and Evaluation.**

The Borough Manager shall, from time to time, and as often as necessary, assess and evaluate the water needs and water sources of the Borough to determine whether the Borough's water sources are sufficient to meet the Borough's water needs, considering all projected ordinary, necessary and emergency uses of the same.

(*Ord. 91-6, 7/21/1991, §1*)

§26-502. Insufficient Water Sources.

If the Borough Manager shall at any time find that the Borough's water sources are or may be insufficient to meet the projected water needs of the Borough or that it is or may be necessary to restrict uses of water supplies of the Borough in order to assure that sufficient water supplies exist to meet the Borough's ordinary, necessary or emergency uses, the Borough Manager shall:

A. Report his findings to the Borough Council at any regular meeting of the Council or at any special meeting of the Council called for that purpose, and shall propose any emergency measures deemed by him to be necessary to preserve as much of the Borough's water supply as possible to assure that the water needs of the Borough may be served as long as possible.

B. If such proposed emergency restrictions are approved by a majority vote of Council, the Borough Manager shall publish such restrictions twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Borough.

(*Ord. 91-6, 7/21/1991, §2*)

§26-503. Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any such restriction or provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

(*Ord. 91-6, 7/21/1991, §3; as amended by A.O.*)

Part 6**Duty of Property Owner****§26-601. Duty of Property Owner.**

1. It shall be the duty of the property owner to:

A. Locate and protect all faucets, pipes and other appliances used to supply water to the property owner so that they will freeze in cold weather, and not allow water to run to prevent the freezing of pipes and appliances.

B. Close all faucets, pipes and appliances used to supply water when not in use and have them so packed so that the water will not be wasted.

2. The Borough shall have the authority to shut off the water supply from any property where water is wasted on account of defective appliances, frozen pipes or any other cause.

(Ord. 80-2, 7/21/1980)

