



Connection By-Law Amendment
LANESBOROUGH FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT
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Article 1-Purpose

These rules and regulations are adopted to protect the best interests of the Lanesborough Fire and Water District and to insure the best possible service to the customer of the District.

Article 2-Prior to Connection

Before any customer service line can be installed, the customer must apply at the Water District for a Water Available Certification form and obtain a material standard list.

Article 3-Material & Supplies

The customer shall supply all material necessary for the water line installation other than corps, curb cocks, boxes, and rods which will be supplied by the Water District.

Article 4--Connection Process

The customer or their representative must apply for a permit from the Town of Lanesborough, or State (if state highway), prior to excavating the road or highway for the installation of a new service line connection to the District's water main.

Article 5--Customer Responsibility

The customer shall be responsible for their water service starting from the water tap on the Water District's water main to the last free flowing outlet at the customer's premise; this includes service line freeze-ups, service line breaks, and/or any other emergencies that should arise.

Article 6-District's Responsibility

The Water district agrees to maintain water service at all times except when repairs, water main extensions and upgrades, or other emergencies (such as water main breaks) cause, and/or make interruptions necessary. Whenever possible, notice of interruptions will be given in advance.



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Article 7-Hydrants

Except in case of a fire, the hydrants will be under the control of the Lanesborough Water District. In case of a fire or other emergency, the Lanesborough Water District secedes control of the hydrants to the Lanesborough Fire Department. When the Fire Department uses a hydrant for training purposes they shall notify the District Superintendent, and, use a backflow prevention device and a water meter so that the district can monitor water usage.

When a contractor needs to use a hydrant to fill any type of water holding vehicle, or for any other purpose, they shall contact the Water District superintendent for permission to use the hydrant. The water district will supply the contractor with a backflow prevention device and a water meter so that the District can record the amount of water being used and bill the contractor. If the contractor damages the hydrant in any manner, the contractor shall be responsible for all costs associated with any necessary repairs or replacement.

Article 8-Meters

Water shall be metered for all commercial customers, such as, but not limited to apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels, convenience stores, car washes, farms, and all other business users. Meters shall be installed and properly maintained at the customer's expense. All meters shall read in 100 cubic feet; it will be the customer's responsibility to protect the meter from freezing and other damage. The Water District must have reasonable access to the meters for reading and inspection.

Article 9-Water Line Extensions

When a water line is to be extended to service a customer, the water line shall be built according to the Lanesborough Water District's material standards list and installation procedures. and upon completion shall be the property of the District. Waterline extensions shall be allowed by permit or the assessment of a betterment.

Article 10-Cross Connection

Customers shall use appropriate protective devices, such as hose bib vacuum breakers when connecting to any potential source of contamination, including but not limited to, chemical sprayers, pressure washers and the filling of swimming pools.

Inquiries should be made to the Water District.