

**BENNINGTON WATER / SEWER SYSTEM  
REGULATORY CODE  
Article 25**

ADOPTED 7/12/04

**SECTION 1 – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this regulation is to provide direction and guidance on operation, administration and all decisions-making pertaining to the delivery of water and sewer service to the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, Vermont and adjacent communities where applicable.

**SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 APPLICANT – A property owner or contract purchaser seeking new or additional water/sewer service through the application procedure outlined in Section 4 of these Regulations.
- 2.2 CHANGE OF USE – Transformation of a property served by the department from one use (residential, commercial, industrial) to another.
- 2.3 COMMERCIAL UNIT – Each store, shop, office, motel/hotel unit, guest room, restaurant or other commercial entity on a site; whether individually metered or not. One site may contain many commercial units.
- 2.4 CUSTOMER – the owner or owners of a premises serviced by the department.
- 2.5 DEPARTMENT – The Bennington Water Resources Department.
- 2.6 INDUSTRIAL UNIT – Every industrially used building to be served by water/sewer on an individual site. There may be more than one industrial unit on an individual site.
- 2.7 MAIN – A water/sewer pipe used for the purpose of transmission or distribution of water/sewer serving more than one customer, but not a water/sewer service pipe. The minimum main size shall be 8-inch diameter or as required by the department.
- 2.8 METER – Any device for measuring the quantity of water used as a basis or determining charges for water/sewer service to a customer.
- 2.9 RESIDENTIAL UNIT – Each single family home, duplex, apartment, mobile home or other type of domicile, whether or not individually metered, containing a kitchen and bathroom facilities for use by the occupants. One site may contain several residential units.

- 2.10 **SERVICE LINE** – The pipe that runs between the main and the customer’s place of consumption. A service line can only serve one unit.
- a. **SMALL SERVICE:** 1” or less in diameter for water; 4” diameter or less for sewer.
  - b. **LARGE SERVICE:** Greater than 1” in diameter for water; greater than 4” diameter for sewer.
- 2.11 **FIRE SERVICE** – Sprinkler service and fire hydrants used by the fire department for fighting fires.
- 2.12 **UNIT** – A unit is a single building, residential, commercial or industrial serviced by a service line.
- 2.13 **WATER RESOURCES BOARD** – The Select Board of the Town of Bennington (the Board)

### **SECTION 3 – POLICY STATEMENTS**

- 3.1 **SERVICE AREA** – The Water/Sewer service area is bounded, in general, by the geographical limits of the Town of Bennington (excluding the Village of North Bennington).
- 3.2 (a) **LINE EXTENSIONS (within the service area)** – Extension of the distribution system within the service area may be allowed if said extension can be adequately served via the existing system. If the existing distribution system is deemed inadequate, extensions shall not be allowed unless the applicant agrees to remedy the system deficiencies in question. Water system computer model simulations may be required at the discretion of the Town.
- (b) **LINE EXTENSIONS (outside the service area)** – The Board may not allow the extension of municipal water/sewer service beyond the service area unless it is in the best interest of the Town. Extensions beyond the service area may be granted provided the governing municipality guarantees the payment of all fees and billings. All extensions shall comply with the applicable sections of this ordinance.

#### **MINOR EXTENSIONS LIABILITY**

**PROPERTY OWNER LIABLE** – When the Board extends water and sewer lines to individual property owners at their request and to serve only or mainly their own convenience, the property owners will be liable for the full cost of the extensions and will be so billed if the Board constructs.

**SPLIT LIABILITY** – When an individual extension significantly serves the interest of the whole community but is not necessary to it, the cost of the extension(s) will be divided proportionately among the appropriate Town fund(s)

and the property owners affected based on determination of relative benefit as defined by the Board.

**TOWN LIABILITY** – When individual extensions are made wholly or mainly for the Town's own purposes, they will be installed at the Town's expense, allocated to the appropriate funds.

#### **BOARD AUTHORITY**

The Board, on petition of individual property owners and on recommendation of the town Manager, after consultation with the appropriate parties, shall determine whether extensions should be made and how the cost will be borne. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

**NET COST AFTER GRANTS** – When Grant-In-Aid monies are available for individual extensions, the net cost after use of the grant fund will be the sum charged to property owners, divided between/among them and the town, or it may be covered wholly by the town, depending of the situation.

**NOTE:** A Minor Extension is defined as specific extensions to one or a few properties, as opposed to Major Extensions or New Developments or to Major Water/Sewer System Improvement Projects, which are funded wholly by the Board.

#### **MAJOR EXTENTIONS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS LIABILITY FOR COSTS**

For new development, water extensions shall include fire protection. Sewer extensions may require pump stations or other necessary equipment and shall be considered on an individual basis separate from any proposed water extension. In general, the developer shall be liable for all costs associated with new developments including planning, engineering, permitting and construction. If a new development is shown to negatively impact the municipal system in any way, the developer shall be liable for all costs necessary to correct the system deficiency. If the developer refuses, service may be denied.

When system improvements constructed in this manner not only correct system deficiencies but improve to a measurable degree the overall municipal system or a portion thereof, the Town may participate financially at a proportionate cost to be determined by negotiations between the developer and the Board; said proportionate share shall be related to the improvements to the system, not the correction of deficiencies.

**COST RECOVERY** – When the system extensions are authorized and provide for future development beyond the original development for which the extension was intended, future developers (including individual property owners) may be charged a prorated portion of the original cost to connect to the extension. The proportionate share collected shall be returned to the original developer and the Town in the same proportion as it was originally expended, provided that said

additional development is constructed within five years of the date of completion and certification of the original project.

The Town may recover its expenses from such extensions at anytime in the future that such new development occurs.

- 3.3 **OWNERSHIP** – All newly constructed water main and/or sewer extensions, improvements or additions to the distribution system shall become the property of the Town upon final inspection and approval unless, it is in the best interest of the Town allow it to remain private. Private systems shall be allowed to connect to the municipal system with written approval and authorization from the Town. The developer/property owner is responsible for materials and installation of materials. Once accepted by the Town, the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the service line from the building to the curb stop or the sewer main. The Water Department is responsible for maintenance of the service line from the main to and including the curb stop. When service is to an industrial or commercial site the property owner is responsible for maintenance of the sprinkler line from the building to the branch gate valve. The water Department is responsible from the main to and including the branch gate.
- 3.4 **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** – Existing users shall have fiscal responsibility for system operation and required maintenance; including general-purpose capital improvements to the system. All other main extensions, additions or proposed improvements that are required or requested by new users shall be the financial responsibility of the applicant seeking such extension, improvement or addition unless the Board had determined otherwise in conformance with Section 3.2 above.

#### **SECTION 4 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 **APPLICATION FORMAT** – Application for water/sewer service shall be made on forms approved by the board and must contain all information necessary for timely decision making.

Water/sewer service shall not be granted to any person who does not fully comply with the application procedures specified herein.

- 4.2 **APPLICATION** (small service connection) – Because the water/sewer systems have a limited capacity an allocation must be issued by the Manager or his/her designee to all applicants seeking connection to the municipal water/sewer systems. Said allocations shall be made only after the Manager or his/her designee determines that sufficient system capacity is available to service the applicant.

Information to be supplied in association with the application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- a. Conceptual plan noting buildings to be served
- b. Proposed sizes of lines and a general utility layout
- c. Estimated water demand using the State of Vermont Water Supply Rules

A connection fee set forth in section 6.4 shall be required as part of this application phase.

A water/sewer allocation fee is required to reserve water or sewer capacity from the Bennington Municipal Systems. All new residential and commercial connections, as well as developments will require an allocation fee be paid. This fee may be reviewed and changed annually at the discretion of the Board.

The fee is payable to the Town upon receipt of an allocation of capacity in either system by the Town. Requests for allocation shall be directed to the Water Resources Superintendent in writing.

The fee is based on 450gpd of proposed use. Annually, the Board shall review the proportionate split of the fee between the systems and shall establish said split based on system capacity issues. (See Appendix I for fee schedule)

Allocation requests shall be required for all new developments after January 1, 2004. For existing uses, only incremental increases in use (capacity demand) shall require an allocation. Fees charged shall be based on the incremental increase only. ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE VALID FOR TWO YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE. An allocation may be renewed, without fee, if the proposed development has not proceeded to completing within the two-year period. Where developments have received an allocation and no activity has occurred within the two years, the allocation shall be void, unless prior to the expiration of such two year-period the permittee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Town Manager or his/her designee that there exists a clear and verifiable reason for the inactivity, which is beyond the control of the developer.

- 4.3 **APPLICATION** (large service connection) – Application shall be prepared and submitted to the Manager or his/her designee for approval subsequent to a capacity allocation commitment being granted under Section 4.2. The final application and accompanying plans shall be prepared in a manner that fully conforms to the department's standards. The applicant must submit two sets of design plans and specifications at this application phase.

The submittal shall include the following:

1. Site Plan at scale 1" = 40 Feet Showing:
  - a. Location of the connection to the municipal water/sewer system.
  - b. Detailed connections to the municipal water/sewer system.
  - c. Thrust block details.
  - d. Trench detail.
  - e. Identification of materials to be installed below grade.

- f. Mean sea level elevation contours (2 ft).
  - g. Domestic water/sewer connection details.
  - h. Sprinkler service detail, i.e. valve, flow switch, backflow prevention device, etc.
  - i. Profile of water/sewer main and/or service.
2. Fire flow results and 20 psi calculations.
  3. Fire flow demand calculation.
  4. Catalogue cut sheets for materials to be installed.
  5. Indicate type of sprinkler system (wet or dry) as applicable.

The submittal shall comply with and be designed in accordance with the Vermont Environmental Protection rules – Chapter 21 – Water Supply Rule, as they may be amended. Any submittal that is not complete may be rejected.

- 4.4 **REFUND POLICY** – Applicants who withdraw an application prior to a decision being rendered by the Manager or his/her designee or whose application is denied shall be refunded 75% of the allocation fee.

If a capacity allocation expires there shall be no refund.

## **SECTION 5 – CONSTRUCTION**

- 5.1 **CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS** – All construction performed in association with the municipal systems shall conform to the department’s standards and comply with all special conditions stipulated by the Board, the town Manager or other authorized representative of the Town.
- 5.2 **CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT** – For extensions of the system, the Manager or his/her designee may require an applicant to enter into a written construction agreement with the department prior to commencement of construction.
- 5.3 **INSPECTION SERVICES** – During construction a resident inspector may be appointed by the Board or its authorized representative to observe and record all construction activities. All cost incurred as a result of such inspection services shall be paid by the applicant before commencement of utility service.

It shall be the responsibility of the resident inspector to insure that all facilities are installed in accordance with the plans, specification and special conditions as approved by the board.

- 5.4 **INITIATION OF WATER/SEWER SERVICE** – The Town shall initiate water/sewer service to an applicant only after the applicant has provided the following (where appropriate):
- a. Written certification by the resident inspector that all construction was conducted in accordance with approved plans, specifications and special conditions.

- b. All deeds and right of way instruments.
- c. "As-Built" plans prepared by a registered surveyor or engineer on reproducible Mylar showing ties to all fittings, valves, corporations, curb stops and boxes and stubs. Said plans shall be 24" by 36" in dimension. In addition digital "As-Builts" shall be submitted in arc view format.
- d. Certification of the leakage test, pressure test and chlorination procedures and results of successful bacteriological sampling. Temporary water service shall be supplied by the department only for these activities.
- e. Payment of all fees and associated costs due to the Town.

5.5 **SERVICE LINES** – The cost of installing and maintaining a service line shall be borne solely by the customer. The Water Department maintains the service line from the main to the curb stop for domestic services and to the branch gate valve for commercial, industrial or sprinkler service. The Sewer Department maintains the main and the connection; the service line is entirely the responsibility of the customer.

Installation of said lines shall not take place between November 1 and April 1, except in the case of an emergency.

5.6 **CONFORMANCE WITH OTHER REGULATIONS** – Applicants should be aware that securing permission to initiate water/sewer service does not remove the responsibility of obtaining other permits, such as public building permits, zoning permits, street opening permits, etc.

## SECTION 6 – RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE

- 6.1 **USER CHARGES** – The water/sewer use rates are to be assessed upon residential, commercial and industrial units on a quarterly basis. The water/sewer use rates are reviewed annually and are shown in Appendix II
- 6.2 **METER POLICY** – Effective June 23, 2003, all new and existing multi-family homes, including duplexes, and all new and existing commercial-residential mixed, all new and existing commercial or industrial uses connected or connecting to the municipal water system, but not metered shall, at the owner's expense, install the appropriate radio-read water meter(s). All new construction specified above shall have the appropriate meter(s) installed at the owner's expense prior to occupancy, except as specified below.

Meters may be purchased through the Town or they may be purchased elsewhere, but they shall meet Town specifications in all instances.

All such customers shall be metered and ready for reading by July 1, 2004. Owners of public buildings connected to the sewer system, but not the water

system, may, at the Town's discretion, be required to install a meter for the sewer discharge.

Single-family homes constructed after the date above may install the appropriate meter at the owner's expense but shall also install the appropriate plumbing and appurtenances for a meter. Meters installed will be read, but for data purposes only. If the homeowner chooses to postpone the meter installation, he/she will be responsible for its installation should the Board mandate meters in the future. The Board will determine when to convert from a flat rate fee schedule to a metered rate schedule for all single-family residential customers.

- 6.3 **BROKEN OR NO METERS** – Customers without meters or who have a broken meter shall be assessed a quarterly usage charge based on a minimum flat rate fee or an estimated usage from the previous year's readings, whichever is greater.
- 6.4 **CONNECTION FEES** – A connection fee shall be required of applicants for the following:
- a. The connection of newly constructed structures to the municipal water/sewer system, which necessitate a new service.
  - b. The connection to the municipal water/sewer system of any structure not previously served by said system.
  - c. The extension of use on a site served by the municipal water/sewer system, whereby additional water/sewer demand is created by a new or expanded use.

Connection fees shall be assessed as set forth below: Said fees are to be set annually.

**RESIDENTIAL USERS** – Fees will be based on time, labor and materials estimated for the connection. An estimate cost will be given at the time of permit issuance. Actual costs may vary from the estimate cost and the appropriate billing or refund will be given after all appropriate work has been completed.

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, ALL OTHER NONRESIDENTIAL USES** – Fees will be based on time, labor and materials estimated for the connection. An estimate cost will be given at the time of permit issuance. Actual costs may vary from the estimate cost and the appropriate billing or refund will be given after all appropriate work has been completed.

- 6.5 **SPRINKLER SERVICE** – There are no assessed fees for sprinkler services at the time. This rate and schedule may be reviewed and changed annually at the discretion of the Board.
- 6.6 **SHUT OFF AND TURN ON FEE** – The maximum fee allowed by state law shall be assessed upon customers whose water is either turned on or shut off by department personnel. (See Appendix I).



- 6.7 **FIRE HYDRANT FEES** – (when properly authorized, see Section 9) A fee shall be assessed upon any person who utilizes a fire hydrant for purposes such as the filling of swimming pools, fire flow tests, etc. (See Appendix I).
- 6.8 **IMPROVEMENTS THAT BENEFIT PARTICULAR PROPERTIES**- For capital improvements to the water and/or sewer systems that will provide special benefits to one or more properties, as well as benefit the Town water and/or sewer systems as a whole, the Board may charge the specially benefited property(ies) an equitable portion of the cost of the improvements as a supplemental capital charge. The amount of such charge shall be proportional to the cost of the project and to the special benefit provided to such property(ies), and shall be prorated in proportion to the term of any financing for the project. Capital costs shall only be assessed under this section on properties where the owner has agreed to an assessment of costs under this section prior to completion of construction of the improvements.
- 6.9 **OTHER CHARGES** – The Board, from time to time, may establish fees for departmental services not addressed within these regulations. (See Appendix I)

#### **SECTION 7 – WATER BILLING AND COLLECTION**

- 7.1 **BILLING PROCEDURE** – Water/sewer bills shall be issued to the owner of the property receiving water service from the department. The property owner shall be responsible for the payment of all bills and interest charges incurred in association with all past and present water service to the property in question. A change in ownership of a property does not relieve the new property owner of any delinquent charges or fees incurred by previous owners.
- 7.2 **BILLING PENALTIES AND INTEREST CHARGES** – Water/sewer bills, which are not paid by the due date, shall be subject to a 3% interest charge per quarter. This rate and schedule may be reviewed and changed annually at the discretion of the Board. Customers who are delinquent in the payment of their bills are also subject to:
- a. Water disconnect and other remedies as specified under the provisions of Title 24 Chapter 129 of Vermont Statutes; and/or
  - b. A lien being placed upon the property in question.

#### **SECTION 8 – SPRINKLER SYSTEM**

- 8.1 **APPLICATION** – Application for new sprinkler systems must be made by the owner of the property or his authorized agent and shall be subject to all provisions and specifications of the department.

Sprinkler System Allocation – A sprinkler system water allocation is required for all new or upgraded fire sprinkler systems. This water allocation request will be separate from the standard water use allocation. Any flow testing in the field or

computer simulation testing required by the Bennington Water Department will be done at the owner's expense. No fees are required for this final allocation approval.

- 8.2 **ILLEGAL USE** – Sprinkler system connections shall be used for fire protection only. Using water from fire supply for other than fire protection purposes may result in prosecution for unauthorized use.
- 8.3 **INSPECTION** – All fire services shall be subject to periodic inspections by the department. The owners of such systems will give the department inspectors all reasonable facilities for making the inspection and any information concerning such system that they may require. Inspections will be made with as little inconvenience to the owner as possible.
- 8.4 **ANNUAL TESTING** – All fire services having annual testing shall notify the department no less than 48 hours prior to the testing activities. Violation of this notification may subject the property owner to a penalty.

#### **SECTION 9 – FIRE HYDRANTS**

- 9.1 **OWNERSHIP** – Hydrants that are the property of the department are installed and maintained by the department. Hydrants that have been installed by a developer or private entity and have not been officially taken over by the department shall be maintained by that entity.
- 9.2 **HYDRANT ACCESS** – No person or persons shall obstruct the access to any fire hydrant by replacing or permitting snow, debris or building material or other obstruction to remain on or about the hydrant which will in any manner interfere with its immediate use.
- 9.3 **HYDRANT USE** – Public fire hydrants are for the sole purpose of fire protection. No other use shall be made without prior written consent of the Water Department.
- 9.4 **UNAUTHORIZED USE** – Unauthorized use of public fire hydrants shall result in a fine for each occurrence. (See Section 11.9) (See also Appendix I).

#### **SECTION 10 – TERMINATION OF SERVICE**

- 10.0 **REASON FOR TERMINATION OF SERVICE** – Subject to the provisions of 24 VSA Section 5143, termination proceedings may be initiated by the department for any of the following reasons:
  - a. A condition determined by the department to be hazardous.
  - b. Failure by a customer to comply with the terms of any payment agreement.

- c. When the department has discovered that by fraudulent means a customer has obtained unauthorized water/sewer service or has diverted the water service prior to the customer's meter.
- d. When the department has discovered that the furnishing of water/sewer service would be in contravention of any orders, ordinances, or law of the federal government or of the State of Vermont or any political subdivision thereof.
- e. Non-Payment of a delinquent account provided that the department has notified the customer of the delinquency and has made a diligent effort to have him pay the delinquent account.
- f. Failure of the customer to permit the department reasonable access to its equipment during normal working hours.
- g. Failure or refusal of the customer to reimburse the utility for repairs to or loss of utility property on his property when such repairs are necessitated or loss is occasioned by the intentional or negligent acts of the customer or his agents.
- h. Tampering with or damage to the equipment furnished and owned by the department.
- i. Violation of or non-compliance with the Board's regulations.
- j. Fraud or material misrepresentation by a customer in obtaining utility service.

## **SECTION 11 -- MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 11.1 **METERS** – Water meters shall be installed by the applicant in conformance with department specifications. Backflow prevention devices consisting of dual check valves shall be used on all water service connections. Pressure regulating devices may be required due to high service pressure areas in the distribution system. Plumber shall consult department prior to construction.

Subsequent to proper installation of meters, the department shall assume ownership and responsibility for the maintenance and replacement of malfunctioning water meters unless due to negligence.

It shall be the responsibility of the customer to notify the department of a broken or malfunctioning meter.

There will be a charge for moving meters in the following cases:

- A) Where a meter is moved at the request of a customer from one permanent location to another on the same premise.
- B) Where a meter is taken out temporarily at the request of or for the convenience of the customer.

- 11.2 **ACCESS TO PROPERTY** – For purposes related to inspection, maintenance, operation or service termination the department shall have the right of access to a customer's property.

Department employees shall carry on their person identification indicating that they work for the water department and shall produce same upon request.

11.3 **SERVICE LINE LEAKS** – When there is a leak in any service line and the owner cannot be readily found or refuses to make immediate repairs, the department shall have the right to make necessary repairs and charge the customer for same or shut off that service line.

11.4 **WATER SHORTAGE** – The department reserves the right to require water conservation when scarcity of water or excessive use may, in its opinion, justify such action.

Non-compliance, when water conservation is in effect, shall subject the violator to the following fines, which shall become a part of the customer's water bill and subject to collection as noted herein. (See Appendix I).

11.5 **REPAIRS** – The department reserves the right to shut off the water supply for necessary repairs. Whenever possible, notice of said shut off shall be given.

11.6 **RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY** – The department makes no guarantee of continuity of water/sewer service or water pressure, and will not assume responsibility or liability for damages resulting from failure of service or pressure.

11.7 **FROZEN SERVICE LINES** – The department will assist the customer in thawing the service by sharing the cost for the first time frozen service. The customer will bear one half (1/2) of the expense for thawing water service lines, which shall include all equipment and labor. The customer shall make the necessary corrections to the service line to prevent future freeze ups. The customer is responsible for any additional service line freezing either during the same winter months or future years. Electrical thawing is not an authorized method of thawing lines. Anyone notified by the superintendent to follow specific instructions during a heavy frost penetration to prevent service from freezing and does not comply will be liable for all expenses.

11.8 No owner or tenant is allowed to furnish water by hose or other connection to other persons or families without the consent of the water superintendent or designated representative. Any person violating this rule will be charged the current minimum rate for each offense. In addition to the foregoing, no single service shall be connected to more than one house, residence, dwelling or inhabitable premises. No service shall be installed to supply water to a dwelling or any other building situated on land owned by other than the owner of said dwelling.

11.9 No curbstop or hydrant shall be opened or closed by anyone other than an employee of the Water Department or a person authorized to do so by the Water Superintendent or designated representative.

**SECTION 12 – Severability**

This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, sections and clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, section, or clause is adjudged invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 13 – Statutory Authority and Effective Date**

The regulations included herein have been duly adopted under Sections 2291(6) and Chapters 89 & 101 of, Title 24, of Vermont Statutes by the Bennington Select Board.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ADOPTED by the Select Board of the Town of Bennington, and shall unless a petition is filed as provided by law, become effective upon the expiration of sixty (60) days after said date of adoption.

Dated at Bennington, Vermont this 12 day of July, 2004:

Select Board  
Town of Bennington, Vermont

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Sharyn L. Brush, Chair

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Joseph L. Krawczyk, Jr., Vice Chair

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Town of Bennington  
Water/Sewer System Regulation Ordinance

**APPENDIX I**

*FEES July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016*

**Allocation Fee**

\$1,030.00 for each 450 gallons per day of water and (up to 490 gpd) sewer capacity  
Water Use: \$650.00 for each 450gpd  
Sewer Use: \$380.00 for up to 490gpd

**Permit Fees**

*Water*

Residential Water Connection Permit Fee: \$10.00  
Commercial Water Connection Permit Fee: \$25.00

*Sewer*

Residential Sewer Connection Permit Fee: \$10.00  
Commercial Sewer Connection Permit Fee: \$25.00

Connection fees are as established in Article 6.4

**Service Termination / Initiation Fees**

Water Service Termination or Initiation Fee: \$25.00

**Hydrant Fee**

Hydrant Use Fee: \$100.00

**Penalties**

Annual Testing: Failure to notify penalty \$500.00

Hydrant Use: Unauthorized use of fire hydrant: \$500.00

Water Conservation Order of Non-Compliance

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Written Violation Notice (1 time only)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$500.00

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**APPENDIX II**

*FEES July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016*

*Water and Sewer Rates are set annually by the Bennington Select Board.  
All Billing and Collection of Fees are done on a Quarterly Basis.*

*Fiscal Year 2016 Rates are follows:*

Water System

<i>Flat Rate</i> <i>(Per Unit)</i> \$114.87/Quarter	<i>Metered Rate</i> <i>(Per 1,000 gal)</i> \$4.25	<i>Metered Surcharge</i> \$69.05/Quarter
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Sewer System

<i>Flat Rate</i> <i>(Per Unit)</i> \$86.00/Quarter	<i>Metered Rate</i> <i>(Per 1,000 gal)</i> \$2.99	<i>Metered Surcharge</i> \$53.44/Quarter
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