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Article A: Rates

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

- (a) Under Section 196.03(3)(b), Wis. Stats., the Village of Fall River has chosen to have the Water Utility bill retail general service customers for public fire protection service.
- (b) This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.
- (c) Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1, Mgt-1 and Mz-1 shall also be subject to the charges in this Schedule.
- (d) Monthly Public Fire Protection Service Charges:

5/8-inch meter -	\$	2.48
3/4-inch meter -	\$	2.48
1-inch meter -	\$	6.21
1-1/4-inch meter -	\$	9.14
1-1/2-inch meter -	\$	12.40
2-inch meter -	\$	20.30
3-inch meter -	\$	37.10
4-inch meter -	\$	62.02
6-inch meter -	\$	124.05
8-inch meter -	\$	198.47
10-inch meter -	\$	296.59
12-inch meter -	\$	395.82

- (e) Billing shall be the same as Schedule Mg-1.

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

- (a) **Purpose.** Public fire protection service includes the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission, shall apply.
- (b) **Municipal Charge.** The annual charge for public fire protection service to the Village of Fall River shall be Sixty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-two and no/100 Dollars (\$69,692.00). The Utility may bill for this amount in equal quarterly installments.

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(c) **Direct Charge.** Under Sec. 196.03(3)(b), Wis. Stats., the Village has chosen to have the Water Utility bill the retail general service customers for public fire protection service.

(d) **Monthly Public Fire Protection Service Charges.**

(1) Charges are:

5/8-inch meter -	\$ 2.55	3-inch meter -	\$ 38.21
3/4-inch meter -	\$ 2.55	4-inch meter -	\$ 63.88
1-inch meter -	\$ 6.40	6-inch meter -	\$ 127.77
1-1/4-inch meter -	\$ 9.41	8-inch meter -	\$ 204.42
1-1/2-inch meter -	\$ 12.77	10-inch meter -	\$ 305.49
2-inch meter -	\$ 20.91	12-inch meter -	\$ 407.69

(2) Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1, Mgt-1 and Mz-1 shall also be subject to the charges in this Schedule according to the size of their primary meter.

(e) **Billing.** Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-3 General Service—Metered—Mg-1.

(a) **Monthly Service Charge:**

5/8-inch meter -	\$ 6.15
3/4-inch meter -	\$ 6.15
1-inch meter -	\$ 9.30
1-1/4-inch meter -	\$ 11.62
1-1/2-inch meter -	\$ 13.93
2-inch meter -	\$ 20.91
3-inch meter -	\$ 27.88
4-inch meter -	\$ 38.33
6-inch meter -	\$ 62.72
8-inch meter -	\$ 89.43
10-inch meter -	\$ 105.70
12-inch meter -	\$ 134.73

(b) **Plus Volume Charge:**

First	10,000	gallons used each month	-	\$ 1.80 per 1,000 gallons.
Next	56,667	gallons used each month	-	\$ 1.61 per 1,000 gallons.
Over	66,667	gallons used each month	-	\$ 0.99 per 1,000 gallons.

- (c) **Billing.** Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of one percent (1%) per month will be added to bills not paid within twenty (20) days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. This late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The Water Utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than twenty (20) days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next ten (10) days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Chapter PSC 185, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (d) **Combined Metering.** Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the Water Utility *for its own convenience* places more than one (1) meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are *not* considered for Utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the Utility from combining readings when metering configurations support such an approach. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall *not* be combined for billing purposes.

Sec. 9-1-4 General Water Service—Unmetered—Ug-1.

- (a) **Rate.** Where the Water Utility cannot immediately install its water meter, service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis. Such service shall be billed at the rate of Twelve and 2/100 Dollars (\$12.02) per month. This rate shall be applied only to single-family residential and small commercial customers and approximates the cost of four thousand three hundred thirty-three (4,333) gallons per month under Mg-1. If it is determined by the Water Utility that usage is in excess of four thousand three hundred thirty-three (4,333) gallons per month, an additional charge per Schedule Mg-1 will be made for the estimated additional usage.
- (b) **Billing.** Same as Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-5 Public Service—Mpa-1.

- (a) Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, sewer treatment plants, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates (Schedule Mg-1) applied.
- (b) Water used on an intermittent basis for flushing sewers, street sprinkling, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the Superintendent shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of opening and period of time water is allowed to be drawn. The estimated quantity used shall be billed at the rate of One and 39/100 Dollars (\$1.39) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.
- (c) Billing shall be the same as Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-6 Reconnection Charges—R-1.

	During Normal Business Hours	After Normal Business Hours
Reinstallation of meter, including valving at curb stop	\$ 30.00	\$45.00
Valve turned on at curb stop	\$ 25.00	\$40.00

NOTE: No charge for disconnection.
Billing shall be as per Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-7 Building and Construction Water Service—Mz-1.

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

Sec. 9-1-8 Seasonal, Emergency or Temporary Service—Mgt-1.

- (a) Seasonal customers* shall pay an annual seasonal service charge equal to four (4) times the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1. Water use in any billing period shall be billed at the applicable volume rates in Schedule Mg-1 and the charge added to the annual seasonal service charge.
- (b) In addition, customers who have an additional meter pursuant to Schedule Am-1 shall also pay annual seasonal rental charge equal to twelve (12) times the applicable additional meter rental charge in Schedule Am-1.
- (c) For disconnections of service not previously considered as seasonal, emergency, or temporary, if service is resumed at the same premises by the same customer within a twelve (12) month period, and if there has been no service to another customer during the intervening period, the customer shall be billed for the pro rata share of the applicable service charge for the period of disconnection.
- (d) Further, if service has been disconnected or a meter removed, a charge under Schedule R-1 shall be applied at the time of reconnection or meter reinstallation.
- (e) Billing shall be as per Schedule Mg-1.

*Seasonal customers are general service customers whose use of water is normally for recurring periods of less than a year. This includes service under Schedule Mg-1 and/or Am-1.

Sec. 9-1-9 Bulk Water—BW-1.

- (a) All bulk water supplied from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered, or at the direction of the Water Utility, estimated. Water Utility personnel or a utility-approved party shall supervise the delivery of water.
- (b) Bulk water sales are:
 - (1) Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires outside the Utility's immediate service area;
 - (2) Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for purposes other than extinguishing fires, such as irrigation or the filling of swimming pools; or
 - (3) Water supplied from hydrants or other temporary connections for general service type applications. (Water supplied for construction purposes — see Schedule Mz-1).
- (c) A charge for the volume of water used will be billed to the party using the water at One and 55/100 Dollars (\$1.55) per one thousand (1,000) gallons. A service charge, in addition to the volumetric charge, will be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00). In addition, for meters that are assigned to bulk water customers for more than thirty (30) days, the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1 will apply after the first thirty (30) days.
- (d) The Water Utility may require reasonable deposits for the temporary use of its equipment under this and other rate schedules. The deposit(s) collected will be refunded upon return of the utility's equipment. Damaged or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense.
- (e) Billing shall be as per Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-10 Private Fire Protection Service—Unmetered—Upf-1.

- (a) **Availability.** This service shall consist of permanent or continuous unmetered connections to the main for the purpose of supplying water to private fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes and private hydrants. This service shall also include reasonable quantities of water used for testing check valves and other backflow prevention devices.
- (b) **Monthly Private Fire Protection Service Demand Charges.** Monthly demand charges for private fire protection service:

Size of Connection	Charge
2-inch or smaller	\$ 7.10
3-inch	\$ 13.40
4-inch	\$ 22.30
6-inch	\$ 45.00
8-inch	\$ 71.00
10-inch	\$ 107.00
12-inch	\$ 143.00

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- (c) **Billing.** Same provisions as for Mg-1 service.

Sec. 9-1-11 Water Lateral Installation Charge—Cz-1.

- (a) Subdivision developers shall be responsible, where the main extension has been approved by the Utility, for the water service lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box.
- (b) When the cost of a Water Utility main extension is to be collected through assessment by the municipality, the actual average water lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box shall be included in the assessment of the appropriate properties.
- (c) The initial water lateral(s), not installed as part of a subdivision development or an assessable Utility extension, will be installed from the main through the curb stop and box by the Utility, for which there the actual cost will be charged.
- (d) Billing shall be as per Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-12 Non-Sufficient Funds Charge—NSF-1.

- (a) A Fifteen Dollar (\$15.00) charge shall apply to the customer's account when a check rendered for Utility service is returned for non-sufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, other non-sufficient funds charges when the check was for payment of multiple services.
- (b) Billing shall be as per Schedule Mg-1.

Sec. 9-1-13 Additional Meter Rental Charge—Am-1.

- (a) If a customer requests the installation of an additional meter* to receive credit for clear water not discharged into the sanitary sewer system, or if a sewerage service customer who is not a customer of the water utility requests the installation of a meter to determine the volume of sewage discharged into the sanitary sewer system, the utility shall furnish and install this additional meter. This rate applies to single-family residential and small commercial customers. At utility discretion, it may also be applied to other customers. A rental fee shall be charged for the use of this meter and the following rates shall apply:

5/8-inch meter -	\$	2.30 per month
3/4-inch meter -	\$	2.30 per month
1-inch meter -	\$	3.10 per month
1-1/4-inch meter -	\$	3.70 per month
1-1/2-inch meter -	\$	4.30 per month

- (b) Initial Meter Installation Charge: \$30.00.
- (c) Billing: Shall be the same as Schedule Mg-1.

* For the Schedule Am-1 rate to apply, the additional meter must be installed on the same service lateral as the primary meter. Also, if the metering configuration is in the Addition Method, the Schedule Am-1 rate will apply only if the additional meter is 3/4-inch or less. If the additional meter is larger than 3/4-inch in the Addition Method, then Schedule Mg-1 rates apply to the primary meter and the additional meter as separate accounts.

Sec. 9-1-14 through Sec. 9-1-19 Reserved for Future Use.

Article B: Rules and Regulations

Sec. 9-1-20 Compliance with Rules.

All persons now receiving a water supply from the Village of Fall River Water Utility, or who may request service in the future, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by the rules and regulations as filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Sec. 9-1-21 Establishment of Service.

- (a) Application for water service may be made in writing on a form furnished by the Water Utility. The application will contain the legal description of the property to be served, name of the owner, the exact use to be made of the service, and the size of the service lateral and meter desired. (Note particularly any special refrigeration, fire protection, or water-consuming air conditioning equipment).
- (b) Service will be furnished only if:
 - (1) Premises have a frontage on a properly platted street or public strip in which a cast iron or other long-life water main has been laid, or where property owner has agreed to and complied with the provisions of the Water Utility's filed main extension rule.
 - (2) Property owner has installed or agrees to install a service lateral from the curb stop to the point of use that is not less than six (6) feet below the surface of an established or proposed grade, and meets the Water Utility's specifications, and
 - (3) Premises have adequate piping beyond metering point.
- (c) The owner of a multi-unit dwelling has the option of being served by individual metered water service to each unit. The owner, by selecting this option, is required to provide interior plumbing and meter settings to enable individual metered service to each unit and individual disconnection without affecting service to the other units. Each meter and meter connection will be treated as a separate Water Utility account for the purpose of the filed rules and regulations.
- (d) No division of the water service lateral to any lot or parcel of land shall be made for the extension and independent metering of the supply to an adjoining lot or parcel of land. No division of a water service lateral shall be made at the curb for separate supplies for two (2) or more separate premises having frontage on any street or public service strip, whether owned by the same or different parties. Duplexes may be served from one lateral, provided that individual metered service and disconnection is provided, and it is permitted by local ordinance.
- (e) Buildings used in the same business, located on the same parcel, and served by a single lateral may have the customer's water supply piping installed to a central point so that the volume can be metered in one (1) place.

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- (f) The Water Utility may withhold approval of any application wherein full information of the purpose of such supply is not clearly indicated and set forth by the applicant property owner.

Sec. 9-1-22 Reconnection of Service.

- (a) Where the Water Utility has disconnected service at the customer's request, a reconnection charge shall be made when the customer requests reconnection of service. (See Schedule R-1 for the applicable rate.)
- (b) A reconnection charge shall also be required from customers whose services are disconnected (shut off at curb stop box) because of non-payment of bills when due. (See Schedule R-1 for the applicable rate.)
- (c) If reconnection is requested for the same location by any member of the same household, or if a place of business, by any partner of the same business, it shall be considered as the same customer.

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

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

Sec. 9-1-24 Water for Construction.

- (a) When water is requested for construction purposes or for filling tanks or other such uses, an application shall be made to the Water Utility, in writing, giving a statement of the amount of construction work to be done, or the size of the tank to be filled, etc. Payment for the water for construction may be required in advance at the scheduled rates. The service lateral must be installed into the building before water can be used. No connection with the service lateral at the curb shall be made without special permission from the Water Utility.
- (b) In no case will any employee of the Water Utility turn on water for construction work unless the contractor has obtained permission from the Water Utility.
- (c) Customers shall not allow contractors, masons or other persons to take unmetered water from their premises without permission from the Water Utility. Any customer failing to comply with this provision may have water service discontinued and will be responsible for the cost of the estimated volume of water used.

Sec. 9-1-25 Use of Hydrants.

- (a) In cases where no other supply is available, permission may be granted by the Water Utility to use a hydrant. No hydrant shall be used until the proper meter and valve are installed. In no case shall any valve be installed or moved except by an employee of the Water Utility.
- (b) Before a valve is set, payment must be made for its setting and for the water to be used at the scheduled rates. Where applicable, see Schedule BW-1 for deposits and charges. Upon completing use of the hydrant, the customer must notify the Water Utility to that effect.

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

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

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

All money deposited as security for payment of charges arising from the use of temporary water service on a metered basis, or for the return of a hydrant valve and fixtures if the water is used on an unmetered basis, will be refunded to the depositor on the termination of the use of water, the payment of all charges levied against the depositor, and the return of the Water Utility's equipment.

Sec. 9-1-28 Service Laterals.

- (a) No water service lateral shall be laid through any trench having cinders, rubbish, rock or gravel fill, or any other material which may cause injury to or disintegration of the service lateral, unless adequate means of protection are provided by sand filling or such other insulation as may be approved by the Water Utility. Service laterals passing through curb or retaining walls shall be adequately safeguarded by provision of a channel space or pipe casing, not less than twice the diameter of the service connection. The space between the service lateral and channel or pipe casing shall be filled and lightly caulked with an oakum, mastic cement, or other resilient material, and made impervious to moisture.

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

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

Where the original service piping is installed for a new metered customer, where existing service piping is changed for the customer's convenience, or where a new meter is installed for an existing unmetered customer, the owner of the premises at his/her expense shall provide a suitable location and the proper connections for the meter. The Water Utility should be consulted as to the type and size of meter setting. The meter setting and associated plumbing shall comply with the Water Utility's standards.

Sec. 9-1-30 Turning on Water.

The water may only be turned on for a customer except by an authorized employee of the Water Utility. Plumbers may turn the water on to test their work, but upon completion must leave the water turned off.

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

- (a) Where the Water Utility is unable to read a meter, the fact will be plainly indicated on the bill, and either an estimated bill will be computed or the minimum charge applied. The difference shall be adjusted when the meter is again read, that is, the bill for the succeeding billing period will be computed with the gallons or cubic feet in each block of the rate schedule doubled, and credit will be given on that bill for the amount of the bill paid the preceding period. Only in unusual cases shall more than three (3) consecutive estimated or minimum bills be rendered.
- (b) If the meter is damaged (see Surreptitious Use of Water) or fails to operate, the bill will be based on the average use during the past year unless there is some reason why the use is not normal. If the average use cannot be properly determined, the bill will be estimated by some equitable method. (See PSC 185.33, Wis. Adm. Code.)

Sec. 9-1-32 Complaint Meter Tests.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.77.

Sec. 9-1-33 Thawing Frozen Service Laterals.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.88.

Sec. 9-1-34 Curb Stop Boxes.

The curb stop box is the property of the Water Utility. The Water Utility is responsible for its repair and maintenance. This includes maintaining, through adjustment, the curb stop box at an appropriate grade level where no direct action by the property owner or occupant has contributed to an elevation problem. The property owner is responsible for protecting the curb stop box from situations that could obstruct access to it or unduly expose it to harm. The Water Utility shall not be liable for failure to locate the curb stop box and shut off the water in case of a leak on the owner's premises.

Sec. 9-1-35 Installation of Meters.

Meters will be owned, furnished and installed by the Water Utility or a Water Utility-approved contractor and are not to be disconnected or tampered with by the customer. All meters shall be so located that they shall be protected from obstructions and permit ready access for reading, inspection, and servicing, such location to be designated or approved by the Water Utility. All piping within the building must be supplied by the owner. Where additional meters are desired by the owner, the owner shall pay for all piping. See Schedule Am-1 for applicable rates.

Sec. 9-1-36 Repairs to Meters.

- (a) Meters will be repaired by the Water Utility and the cost of such repairs caused by ordinary wear and tear will be borne by the Water Utility.
- (b) Repair of any damage to a meter resulting from the carelessness of the owner of the premises, the owner's agent, or tenant, or from the negligence of any one of them to properly secure and protect same, including any damage that may result from allowing a water meter to become frozen or to be damaged from the presence of hot water or steam in the meter, shall be paid for by the customer or the owner of the premises.

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

- (a) The service lateral from the main to and through the curb stop will be maintained and kept in repair and, when worn out, replaced at the expense of the Water Utility. The property owner shall maintain the service lateral from the curb stop to the point of use.
- (b) If an owner fails to repair a leaking or broken service lateral from the curb to the point of metering or use within such time as may appear reasonable to the Water Utility after notification has been served on the owner by the Water Utility, the water will be shut off and will not be turned on again until the repairs have been completed.

Sec. 9-1-38 Abandonment of Service.

If a property owner changes the use of a property currently receiving water service such that water service will no longer be needed in the future, the Water Utility may require the abandonment of the water service at the water main. In such case, the property owner may be responsible for all removal and/or repair costs, including the water main and the Utility portion of the water service lateral.

Sec. 9-1-39 Charges for Water Wasted Due to Leaks.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Chapter PSC 185.35.

Sec. 9-1-40 Inspection of Premises.

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

State Law Reference: Sec. 196.171, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 9-1-41 Deposits for Residential Service.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. PSC 185.36.

Sec. 9-1-42 Deposits for Nonresidential Service.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. 185.361.

Sec. 9-1-43 Deferred Payment Agreement.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. 185.38.

Sec. 9-1-44 Dispute Procedures.

See Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. 185.39.

Sec. 9-1-45 Disconnection and Refuse of Service.

- (a) **Disconnection.** See Wis. Adm. Code Chapter PSC 185.37.
- (b) **Disconnection Notice.** The form of disconnection notice to be used may be as follows:

DISCONNECTION NOTICE

Dear Customer:

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

You have 10 days to pay the Water Utility service arrears or your service is subject to disconnection.

If you fail to pay the service arrears, or fail to contact us within the 10 days allowed to make reasonable time payment arrangements, we will proceed with disconnection action.

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

If you have entered into a Deferred Payment Agreement with us and have failed to make the time payment you agreed to, your service will be subject to disconnection unless you pay the amount due within 10 days.

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

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

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

Illness Provision

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

Deferred Payment Agreements

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

This time payment agreement will require:

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

In any situation where you are unable to resolve billing disputes or disputes about the grounds for proposed disconnection through contacts with our Utility, you may make an appeal to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Madison, Wisconsin, by calling (800) 225-7729.

(UTILITY NAME)

Sec. 9-1-46 Collection of Overdue Bills.

An amount owed by the customer may be levied as a tax as provided in Sec. 66.0809, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 9-1-47 Surreptitious Use of Water.

- (a) When the Water Utility has reasonable evidence that a person is obtaining his/her supply of water, in whole or in part, by means of devices or methods used to stop or interfere with the proper metering of the Water Utility service, the Water Utility reserves the right to estimate and present immediately a bill for service unmetered as a result of such interference, and such bill shall be payable subject to a twenty-four (24) hours disconnection of service. If the Water Utility disconnects the service for any such reason, the Water Utility will reconnect the service upon the following conditions:
- (1) The customer will be required to deposit with the Water Utility an amount sufficient to guarantee the payment of bills for Water Utility service.
 - (2) The customer will be required to pay the Water Utility for any and all damages to its Water Utility equipment resulting from such interference with the metering.
 - (3) The customer must further agree to comply with reasonable requirements to protect the Utility against further losses.
- (b) Sections 98.26 and 943.20, Wis. Stats., as relating to water service, are hereby adopted and made a part of these rules.

Sec. 9-1-48 Vacation of Premises.

When premises are to be vacated, the Water Utility shall be notified, in writing, at once, so that it may remove the meter and shut off the water supply at the curb stop. The owner of the premises shall be liable for prosecution for any damage to the property of the Water Utility. [See Abandonment of Premises, PSC Schedule X-1.]

Sec. 9-1-49 Repairs to Mains.

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

State Law Reference: PSC 185.87, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sec. 9-1-50 Duty of Water Utility with Respect to Safety of the Public.

It shall be the duty of the Water Utility to see that all open ditches for water mains, hydrants, and service laterals are properly guarded to prevent accident to any person or vehicle, and at night there shall be displayed proper signal lighting to insure the safety of the public.

Sec. 9-1-51 Handling Water Mains and Service Laterals in Excavation Trenches.

Contractors must call Digger's Hotline and ensure a location is done to establish the existence and location of all water mains and service laterals as provided in Sec. 182.0175, Wis. Stats. Where water mains or service laterals have been removed, cut, or damaged during trench excavation, the contractors must, at their own expense, cause them to be replaced or repaired at once. Contractors must not shut off the water service laterals to any customer for a period exceeding six (6) hours.

Sec. 9-1-52 Protective Devices.

- (a) **Protective Devices in General.** The owner or occupant of every premise receiving water supply shall apply and maintain suitable means of protection of the premise supply, and all appliances, against damage arising in any manner from the use of the water supply, variation of water pressure, or any interruption of water supply. Particularly, such owner or occupant must protect water-cooled compressors for refrigeration systems by means of high and/or low pressure safety cutout devices. There shall be provided means for the prevention of the transmission of water ram or noise of operation of any valve or appliance through the piping of their own or adjacent premises.
- (b) **Relief Valves.** On all "closed systems" (i.e., systems having a check valve, pressure regulator, or reducing valve, water filter or softener) an effective pressure relief valve shall be installed at or near the top of the hot water tank, or on the hot water distribution pipe connection to the tank. No stop valve shall be placed between the hot water tank and the relief valve or on the drain pipe. (See applicable plumbing codes).
- (c) **Air Chambers.** An air chamber or approved shock absorber shall be installed at the terminus of each riser, fixture branch, or hydraulic elevator main for the prevention of undue water hammer. The air chamber shall be sized in conformance with applicable local plumbing codes. Where possible, the air chamber should be provided at its base with a valve for water drainage and replenishment of air.

Sec. 9-1-53 Water Main Extension Rules.

Water mains will be extended for new customers on the following basis:

- (a) Where the cost of the extension is to immediately be collected through assessment by the municipality against the abutting property, the procedure set forth under Sec. 66.0703, Wis. Stats. will apply, and no additional customer contribution to the Utility will be required.
- (b) Where the municipality is unwilling or unable to make a special assessment, the extension will be made on a customer-financed basis as follows:
 - (1) The applicant(s) will advance as a contribution in aid of construction the total amount equivalent to that which would have been assessed for all property under Subsection (a).
 - (2) Part of the contribution required in Subsection (b)(1) will be refundable. When additional customers are connected to the extended main within ten (10) years of the date of completion, contributions in aid of construction will be collected equal to the amount which would have been assessed under Subsection (a) for the abutting property being served. This amount will be refunded to the original contributor(s). In no case will the contributions received from additional customers exceed the proportionate amount which would have been required under Subsection (a) nor will it exceed the total assessable cost of the original extension.
- (c) When a customer connects to a transmission main or connecting loop installed at Utility expense within ten (10) years of the date of completion, there will be a contribution required of an amount equivalent to that which would have been assessed under Subsection (a).

Sec. 9-1-54 Water Main Installations in Platted Subdivisions.

- (a) Application for installation of water mains in regularly platted real estate development subdivisions shall be filed with the Utility.
- (b) If the developer, or a contractor employed by the developer, is to install the water mains (with approval of the Utility), the developer shall be responsible for the total cost of construction.
- (c) If the Utility or its contractor is to install the water mains, the developer shall be required to advance to the Utility, prior to the beginning of the construction, the total estimated cost of the extension. If the final costs exceed estimated costs, an additional billing will be made for the balance of the cost due. This balance is to be paid within thirty (30) days. If final costs are less than estimated, a refund of the overpayment will be made by the Water Utility.

Sec. 9-1-55 Cross Connection Control.

- (a) **Purpose.** Chapters NR 810 and SPS 382, Wis. Adm. Code, require protection for the public water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) requires the development and implementation of a comprehensive cross connection control program to effectively prevent the contamination of potable water systems.
- (b) **Definition of Cross Connection.** A "cross connection" is defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two (2) otherwise separate systems, one (1) of which contains potable water from the Village of Fall River's public water system, and the other of which contains water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one (1) system to the other, with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two (2) systems.
- (c) **Unprotected Cross Connections Prohibited.** No person, firm, or corporation may establish or maintain, or permit to be established or maintained, any unprotected cross connection. Cross connections shall be protected as required in SPS 382, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (d) **Inspection.** The Water Utility may inspect, or arrange for an inspection of, property served by the public water system for cross connections. As an alternative, the Water Utility may require a person, firm, or corporation who owns, leases, or occupies property to have their plumbing inspected, at their own expense, by a State of Wisconsin Certified Cross Connection Inspector/Surveyor. The frequency of inspections shall be established by the Water Utility in accordance with NR 810.15, Wis. Adm. Code. Any unprotected cross connections identified by the inspection shall be promptly corrected at the user's expense. Failure to promptly correct an unprotected cross connection shall be sufficient cause for the Water Utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under Subsection (g) below.
- (e) **Right of Entry.** Upon presentation of credentials, a representative of the Water Utility shall have the right to request entry, at any reasonable time, to a property served by a connection to the public water system for the purpose of inspecting the property for cross connections. Refusing entry to such Utility representative shall be sufficient cause for the Water Utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under Subsection (g) below. If entry is refused, a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119, Wis. Stats., may be obtained.
- (f) **Provision of Requested Information.** The Water Utility may request an owner, lessee, or occupant of property served by a connection to the public water system to furnish the Water Utility with pertinent information regarding the piping systems on the property. Refusing to provide requested information shall be sufficient cause for the Water Utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under Subsection (g) below.
- (g) **Discontinuation of Water for Violation.** The Water Utility may discontinue water service to any property wherein any unprotected connection in violation of this Section exists, and

take other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued, however, only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., (Title 4 of this Code of Ordinances), except as provided in Subsection (h) below. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

- (h) **Emergency Discontinuance.** If it is determined by the Water Utility that an unprotected cross connection or emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare, and requires immediate action, and if a written finding to that effect is filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer and delivered to the customer's premises, water service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., (Title 4 of this Code of Ordinances), within ten (10) days of such emergency discontinuance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

Sec. 9-1-56 Private Well Abandonment; Well Operation Permit.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prevent contamination of groundwater by assuring that unused, unsafe or noncomplying wells, or wells which may be illegally cross-connected to the municipal water system, are properly maintained or abandoned.
- (b) **Applicability.** This Section applies to all wells located on premises served by the Village of Fall River's municipal water system.
- (c) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Municipal Water System.** A community water system owned by a city, village, county, town, town sanitary district, utility district, public inland lake and rehabilitation district, municipal water district or a federal, state, county, or municipal-owned institution for congregate care or correction, or a privately-owned water utility serving the foregoing.
 - (2) **Noncomplying.** A well or pump installation which does not comply with NR 812.42, Wis. Adm. Code, "Standards for Existing Installations," and which has not been granted a variance pursuant to NR 812.43, Wis. Adm. Code.
 - (3) **Pump Installation.** The pump and related equipment used for withdrawing water from a well, including the discharge piping, the underground connections, pitless adapters, and pressure tanks, pits, sampling faucets and well seals or caps.
 - (4) **Served By.** Any property having a water supply pipe extending onto it which is connected to the municipal water system.
 - (5) **Unsafe.** A well or pump installation means one which produces water which is bacteriologically contaminated or contaminated with substances which exceed the

drinking water standards of NR 140 or 809, Wis. Adm. Code, or for which a Health Advisory has been issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

- (6) **Unused.** A well or pump installation that is one which is not used or does not have a functional pumping system.
 - (7) **Well.** A drillhole or other excavation or opening deeper than it is wide that extends more than ten (10) feet below the ground surface constructed for the purpose of obtaining groundwater.
 - (8) **Well Abandonment.** The proper filling and sealing of a well according to the provisions of NR 812.26, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (d) **Well Abandonment Required.** All wells on premises served by the municipal water system shall be properly abandoned (filled in and sealed) in accordance with Subsection (f) below by not later than one (1) year from the date of connection to the municipal water system, unless a valid well operation permit has been issued to the well owner by the Fall River Water Utility under the terms of Subsection (e) below.
- (e) **Well Operation Permit.** Owners of wells on premises served by the municipal water system wishing to retain their wells for any use shall make application for a well operation permit for each well no later than ninety (90) days after connection to the municipal water system. The Fall River Village Board shall grant a permit to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed five (5) years providing all conditions of this Section are met. A well operation permit may be renewed by submitting an application verifying that the conditions of this Section are met. The Fall River Water Utility, or its agent, may conduct inspections and water quality tests or require inspections and water quality tests to be conducted at the applicant's expense to obtain or verify information necessary for consideration of a permit application or renewal. Permit applications and renewals shall be made on forms provided by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. All initial and renewal applications shall be accompanied by the required fee. The following conditions must be met for issuance or renewal of a well operation permit:
- (1) **Administrative Code Compliance.** The well and pump installation shall comply with the *Standards for Existing Installations* described in NR 812.42, Wis. Adm. Code, or repaired to comply with current standards. Compliance shall be verified by inspection for initial issuance of a permit and every ten (10) years thereafter. Inspections shall be conducted by a Wisconsin licensed well driller or pump installer and documented on inspection report form DNR #3300-221, to be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer.
 - (2) **Testing.** The well and pump shall have a history of producing safe water evidenced by a certified lab report for at least one (1) coliform bacteria sample collected within the prior thirty (30) days, and submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer. In areas where the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has determined that groundwater aquifers are contaminated with substances other than bacteria, additional chemical tests may be required to document the safety of the water.

- (3) **Cross Connections Prohibited.** There shall be no cross connections or interconnections between the well's pump installation or distribution piping and the municipal water system; unless approved by the Water Utility and WisDNR.
 - (4) **Private Well Discharges.** The water from the private well shall not discharge into a drain leading directly to a public sewer utility unless properly metered and authorized by the sewer utility.
 - (5) **Functional Pumping System Requirement.** The private well shall have a functional pumping system or other complying means of withdrawing water.
 - (6) **Necessity Test.** The proposed use of the private well shall be justified as reasonable in addition to water provided by the municipal water system.
- (f) **Abandonment Procedures; Well Filling and Sealing.**
- (1) **Consistency With Administrative Code Requirements; Debris Removal.** All wells abandoned under the jurisdiction of this Section shall be done according to the procedures and methods of NR 812.26, Wis. Adm. Code. All debris, pumps, piping, unsealed liners, and any other obstructions which may interfere with sealing operations shall be removed prior to abandonment.
 - (2) **Abandonment Supervision.** All well filling and sealing under jurisdiction of this Section shall be performed by, or under the supervision of, a Certified Water System Operator employed by the Fall River Water Utility or by a Wisconsin-licensed well driller or pump installer, per Sec. 280.30, Wis. Stats.
 - (3) **Notification of Abandonment Procedures.** The owner of the well, or the owner's agent, shall be required to obtain a well abandonment permit prior to any well abandonment and shall notify the Village Clerk-Treasurer or Water Utility at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of any well abandonment activities. The abandonment of the well may be observed or verified by personnel of the municipal system.
 - (4) **Abandonment Report.** A well filling and sealing report form DNR #3300-005, supplied by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, shall be submitted by the well owner to the Village Clerk-Treasurer and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources within thirty (30) days of the completion of the well abandonment.
- (g) **Penalties.** Any well owner violating any provision of this Section shall, upon conviction, be punished by forfeiture as prescribed in Section 1-1-6 and the cost of prosecution. Each day of violation is a separate offense. If any person fails to comply with this Section for more than ten (10) days after receiving written notice of the violation, the Village may impose a penalty and cause the well abandonment to be performed and the expense to be assessed as a special charge against the property.

Cross-Reference: NR 140, 809 and 812, Wis. Adm. Code; SFS 382, Wis. Adm. Code

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Sewer Utility Regulations and Rates

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Sec. 9-2-1 Intergovernmental Agreement; Purpose and Objectives.

- (a) **Uniform Requirements.** This Chapter sets forth uniform requirements for discharging waters and wastes into the public wastewater facilities of the Village of Fall River. This Chapter enables the Village to protect public health in conformity with administrative provisions, water quality requirements, and other discharge criteria required or authorized by local, state and federal law.
- (b) **Intergovernmental Agreement.** The Village of Fall River, through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Columbus, collects, transports, and discharges its wastewater to the City of Columbus Wastewater Facilities for transport, treatment and disposal. This Chapter incorporates by reference provisions of the City of Columbus Sewer and Sewer Use Ordinance, as required by the Agreement.
- (c) **Objectives.** The objectives of this Chapter are to:
- (1) Regulate the construction and use of public and private sewers and drains, and disposal of holding tank and septic tank wastes into the public sewerage system.
 - (2) Provide for annexations and connection to the public sewerage system.
 - (3) Provide a means of determining wastewater volumes, constituents, and characteristics, and to issue permits to certain users.
 - (4) Set limitations or restrictions on materials or characteristics of waste or wastewaters discharged to the wastewater facilities to prevent the introduction of pollutants into the wastewater treatment facilities that will interfere with the normal adequate

treatment in the wastewater facilities, will pass through the system into the receiving waters, or contaminate the resulting municipal sludge.

- (5) Recover from users of the wastewater treatment on an equitable basis, the share of the wastewater facilities cost attributable to such users, and to provide funds for the operation and maintenance, debt retirement and replacement of the wastewater facilities. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 192-191.]

Sec. 9-2-2 Definitions.

- (a) **Chapter Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:
 - (1) **Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N).** One of the oxidation states of nitrogen, in which nitrogen is combined with hydrogen in molecular form as NH₃ or in ionized form as NH₄⁺. Quantitative determination of ammonia nitrogen shall be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the most recent edition of Standard Methods. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
 - (2) **Approving Authority.** The Fall River Village Board or its duly authorized deputy, agent or representative. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
 - (3) **Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD).** The quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at twenty degrees Celsius (20°C), expressed in milligrams per liter or pounds.
 - (4) **Building Drain.** That part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from the soil, waste, and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five (5) feet outside the inner face of the building wall. The property owner shall own and be responsible to maintain the building drain sewer. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
 - (5) **Building Sewer.** The extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal. The building sewer shall begin five (5) feet outside the inner face of the building wall. The property owner shall own and be responsible to maintain the building drain sewer.
 - (6) **Combined Sewer.** A sewer designed to receive both wastewater and stormwater or surface water. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
 - (7) **Commercial User.** Any user whose premises are used primarily for the conduct of a profit-oriented enterprise in the fields of construction, wholesale or retail trade, finance, insurance, real estate or services, and who discharges primarily normal domestic sewage. This definition shall include multifamily residences having three (3) or more units served by a single meter. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
 - (8) **Compatible Pollutant.** BOD, SS, pH or fecal coliform bacteria, chemical oxygen demand, phosphorus and phosphorus compounds, or nitrogen and nitrogen compounds,

plus additional pollutants identified in the Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit issued to the Village of Fall River or City of Columbus for their wastewater facilities provided that such facility was designed to treat such pollutants and, in fact, does remove such pollutants to a substantial degree. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-192].

- (9) **Composite Sample (24 Hours).** The combination of individual samples taken at intervals of not more than one (1) hour. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 101-192].
- (10) **Debt Service.** Costs to the Village of Fall River for the retirement of debts. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (11) **Easement.** An acquired legal right for the specific use of land owned by others. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (12) **Excessive.** In such magnitude that, in the judgment of the Village, it will cause damage to any facility; will be harmful to the wastewater facilities to the degree required to meet the requirements of the WPDES permit; can otherwise endanger life, limb, or public property; and/or can constitute a public nuisance. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (13) **Floatable Oil.** Oil, fat or grease in a physical state such that it will separate by gravity from wastewater by treatment in an approved facility.
- (14) **Flow Proportional Sample.** A sample taken that is proportional to the volume of flow during the sampling period. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (15) **Garbage.** The residue from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of food products and produce. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (16) **High-Strength Wastewater.** "High-strength wastewater" is defined as wastewater in which BOD, SS, nitrogen, or phosphorus concentrations exceed domestic strength wastewater. If any waters or wastes are discharged or proposed to be discharged to the public sewers serving the Village of Fall River, which waters or waste contain high-strength wastewater and which in the judgment of the approving authority may have deleterious effect(s) upon the sewerage works, processes, equipment or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life, health, public safety, or constitute a public nuisance, depending on which component may be in excess, the approving authority may:
 - a. **Total Phosphorus.**
 1. If the total phosphorus strength of the wastewater is between 7 and 15 mg/L, require payment to cover the added costs of handling and treating the waste not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
 2. If the total phosphorus strength of the wastewater is between 15 and 20 mg/L, require pretreatment to an acceptable limit for discharge to the public sewers.

3. If the total phosphorus strength of the wastewater is greater than 20 mg/L, reject the waste.
 - b. **Total Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD).** If the BOD strength of the wastewater is over 220 mg/L, require payment to cover the added costs of handling and treating the waste not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
 - c. **Total Suspended Solids (SS).** If the total SS strength of the wastewater is over 200 mg/L, require payment to cover the added costs of handling and treating the waste not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
 - d. **Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN).** If the total TKN strength of the wastewater is over 75 mg/L, require payment to cover the added costs of handling and treating the waste not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
- (17) **Incompatible Pollutant.** Any pollutant which is not a compatible pollutant.
- (18) **Industrial User.** Any nongovernmental, nonresidential user of the public sewer system which discharges more than the equivalent of twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons per day of sanitary wastes and which is further defined in NR 110.03, Wis. Adm. Code. In determining the amount of the user's discharge, domestic wastes may be excluded.
- (19) **Industrial Waste.** Any solid, liquid, or gaseous substance discharged, permitted to flow or escaping from any industrial, manufacturing, commercial or business establishment or process or from the development, recovery or processing of any natural resources, as distinct from sanitary sewage. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (20) **Major Contributing Industry.** An industrial or commercial facility that is a discharger to the Village wastewater facilities and:
 - a. Has a waste discharge of fifty thousand (50,000) gallons or more per average work day;
 - b. Has a waste discharge flow greater than five percent (5%) of the flow carried by the Village system;
 - c. Has in its waste, a toxic pollutant in amounts defined in NR 215, Wis. Adm. Code;
 - d. Has a waste which the Village or WisDNR determines has, or in the case of a new source, will have a significant impact either singly or in combination with other wastes on the Village's wastewater treatment facilities or on the quality of facilities effluent.
- (21) **Natural Outlet.** Any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or ground water.
- (22) **Normal Domestic Sewage.** Sanitary sewage resulting from the range of normal domestic activities, in which BOD, SS, TKN, and P concentrations do not exceed 220, 200, 75, and 13 mg/l respectively and which contains none of the prohibited discharges set forth in Section 9-2-6. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192 and 102-328].

- (23) **Person.** Any and all persons, including any individual, firm, company, municipal or private corporation, association, society, institution, enterprise, governmental agency, or other entity. [Reference: United States Department of Agriculture Form FmHA 1942-52A (USDA) Section 1.00].
- (24) **pH.** The logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen-ion concentration. The concentration is the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution. Neutral water, for example, has a pH of seven (7) and a hydrogen-ion concentration of 10^{-7} .
- (25) **Phosphorus (P).** Total phosphorus in wastewater, which may be present in any of three (3) principal forms: orthophosphate, polyphosphate, or organic phosphates. Quantitative determination of total phosphorus shall be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the most recent edition of *Standard Methods*. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Sec. 102-192].
- (26) **Pretreatment.** The treatment of wastewater to remove or reduce the quantity of one (1) or more pollutants prior to discharge to the Village wastewater facilities.
- (27) **Properly Shredded Garbage.** The wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that has been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers with no particle greater than one and one-half (1 1/2) inch in any dimension. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 101-192].
- (28) **Replacement Costs.** Are those expenditures for obtaining and installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary during the life of the facilities to maintain the capacity and performance for which said facilities were designed and constructed.
- (29) **Residential Equivalent Unit (REU).** A unit equal to the average annual water use of a single family residence within the Village of Fall River.
- (30) **Sanitary Sewer.** A sewer that carries liquid and water carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants and institutions, together with minor quantities of ground, storm or surface waters that are not admitted intentionally.
- (31) **Sewer Service Charge.** A charge levied to all users of the wastewater facilities for financing and maintaining the said facilities. Sewer service charges include capital expenditures, debt service, operation and maintenance costs and replacement cost.
- (32) **Slug.** Any discharge of water, sewer or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow, causes the capacity of a public sewer to be exceeded or which adversely affects the operation of the treatment facilities.
- (33) **Standard Methods.** The examination and analytical procedures set forth in the latest addition of *Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater*, as prepared, approved and published jointly by the American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation, and is in compliance with Federal Regulations 40CFR 136 "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures of Analysis of Pollutants."

- (34) **Storm Sewer.** A sewer for conveying surface water, subsurface water or unpolluted water from any source.
- (35) **Suspended Solids (SS).** Total suspended matter that either floats on the surface, or is in suspension in, water, wastewater or other liquids and that is removable by laboratory filtering as prescribed in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater* and is referred to therein as nonfilterable residue. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-192].
- (36) **Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN).** The quantity of organic nitrogen and ammonia. Quantitative determination of TKN shall be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the most recent edition of *Standard Methods*. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-192].
- (37) **Unpolluted Water.** Water of a quality equal to or better than the effluent criteria in effect of water that would not cause violation of receiving water quality standards and would not be benefited by discharge to and treatment by the wastewater facilities.
- (38) **User Charges.** Charges levied to the users of the wastewater facilities for financing the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of said facilities.
- (39) **Wastewater.** The spent water of the Village. It may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants and institutions, together with any ground water, surface water and stormwater that may be present.
- (40) **Wastewater Facilities.** The structures, equipment, and processes required to collect, transport, treat and dispose of the wastewater from the Village.
- (41) **Wastewater Treatment Works.** The City of Columbus arrangement of devices and structures for treating wastewater, industrial wastes, and sludge. Sometimes used as synonymous with waste treatment. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-192].
- (42) **Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit.** A document issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) which establishes conditions for the collection and conveyance of wastewater or which establishes effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for the municipal wastewater treatment facility. [Reference: Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-192].

Sec. 9-2-3 Use of Village Sewers Required.

- (a) **Prohibited Waste Deposits.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the Village of Fall River or in any area under jurisdiction of the Village, any human or animal excrement, garbage or objectionable waste.

- (b) **Prohibited Discharges to Natural Outlets.** It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the Village of Fall River or in any area under the jurisdiction of the Village, any wastewater or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this Chapter.
- (c) **Prohibited Septic Tanks and Other Private Disposal Methods.** Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of wastewater, and use of such facilities are hereby declared a public nuisance and a health hazard. [Reference: USDA Section 6.06].
- (d) **Required Connection.** Except as provided in Section 9-2-4 below, the owner(s) of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes located within the Village of Fall River and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located (as determined by the Village), a public sewer, is hereby required to install suitable sanitary conveniences therein and to connect such facilities to the public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter within ninety (90) days after the date of Village notice to do so. The cost of the installation of the sanitary conveniences and connection to the public sewer is entirely the responsibility of the owner(s).

Sec. 9-2-4 Private Wastewater Disposal.

- (a) **Limited Exception for Private Facilities.** Where a public sewer is not available under the provisions of Section 9-2-3(d) above, the Village of Fall River may allow the building sewer to connect to a private wastewater disposal system complying with the provisions of this Section.
- (b) **Permit Requirement; Application; Inspections.**
 - (1) Before commencement of construction of a private waste disposal system, the owner(s) shall first make a written application to the Village for a permit. The application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information as deemed necessary by the Village. A fee per Section 1-3-1 shall accompany the application. Said fee to be determined from time to time as the Village Board determines.
 - (2) Upon approval of the Village Board, construction may commence; however, the permit to install and operate the system does not become effective until the installation is complete to the satisfaction of the Village. A representative of the Village shall be allowed to inspect the work at any stage of construction and in any event, the applicant for the permit shall notify the said representative when the work is ready for final inspection and before any underground portions are covered. The inspection shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of notice.

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- (c) **Acceptable Types of Private Disposal Systems.** The type, capacities, location and layout of a private waste disposal system shall comply with all regulations of the appropriate Wisconsin Administrative Code chapters and be approved by the pertinent state regulatory agencies. No permit shall be issued for any private waste disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet. No septic tank shall be permitted to discharge to a natural outlet.
- (d) **Future Connection to Public System.** At such time as a public sewer system becomes available to a property served by a private wastewater disposal system the property shall connect to the public sewer as required in Section 9-2-3(d). Any septic tanks, cesspools or similar facilities abandoned under this Section shall be removed or cleaned or sludge and filled with clean gravel and sand.
- (e) **Proper Maintenance Required.** The owner(s) of a private wastewater disposal system shall provide proper operation and maintenance of the system at all times. Sludge removal shall be performed by a licensed person. Sludge removal shall be no less frequent than once every three (3) years.

Sec. 9-2-5 Building Sewers and Connection to Sewers.

- (a) **Unauthorized Connections; Permit Application; Fees; System Limitations.**
 - (1) No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining written permit from the Village of Fall River.
 - (2) A written application for a permit shall be submitted to the Village. The application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information deemed necessary by the Village. A non-refundable fee per Section 1-3-1 for each application shall accompany the application.
 - (3) New connections to the wastewater facilities shall not be permitted if there is insufficient capacity in the wastewater facilities to adequately transport and/or treat, as required by the WPDES permit, the additional wastewater anticipated to be received from such connections. [Reference: City of Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-267].
 - (4) Each establishment desiring to make a new connection to public sewer for the purpose of discharging industrial wastes shall prepare and file with the approving authority a report that shall include the actual or predicted data relating to the quantity and characteristics of the waste to be discharged. [Reference: City of Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-268(b)].
- (b) **Responsibility for Costs.** All costs and expenses incidental to the installation and connection of the building sewer to the public sewer shall be borne by the owner(s). The

owner(s) shall indemnify the Village from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly result from the installation.

(c) **Specifications.**

- (1) A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building. Old building sewers may be used with new buildings only when they are found, upon examination, to meet all requirements of a new building sewer.
- (2) The size, slope, alignment, materials or construction of a building sewer and the methods used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing and backfilling shall conform to the requirements of H82.23, Wis. Adm. Code, and Sec. 182.0715(2a), Wis. Stats., regarding use of tracer wire.
- (3) Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which the building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary wastes carried by the building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.
- (4) The connection of the building sewer to the public sewer shall be performed in a manner approved by the Village. All connections shall be gas tight and water tight.
- (5) All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazards. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Village.
- (6) The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the proper representative of the Village when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer system. The connection shall be made under the supervision of said Village representative.
- (7) The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code(s) or other applicable rules and regulations of the Village or the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and the *WEF Manual of Practice No. 9*. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the approving authority before installation. [Reference: City of Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-199].
- (8) All connections to existing sewer mains shall be made with a saddle "T" or "Y" fitting set upon a carefully cut opening centered in the upper quadrant of the main sewer pipe and securely strapped on with corrosion-resistant straps or rods, or with solvent-welded joints in the case of plastic pipe, and not within six (6) inches of any joint or twenty-four (24) inches of another lateral connection. [Reference: City of Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-200(b)].

(d) **Other Improper Connections.**

- (1) No person(s) shall make connection of roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, sump pumps or other inflow sources of surface runoff or ground water to a

building sewer or building drain which, in turn, is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer, unless such connection is approved by the Village for purpose of disposal of polluted surface drainage.

- (2) All existing downspouts, sump pumps or groundwater drains, etc., connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer must be disconnected no later than sixty (60) days from the date of an official written notice by the approving authority. Failure to disconnect after such notice shall authorize the Village to cause disconnection and assessment of the costs of such disconnection against the property involved. The Village may, in the alternative, institute legal action for violation of this Section. Exceptions to the above shall be made only by the approving authority in writing. [Reference: City of Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-198(b)].

(e) **Connection Information; Design Criteria.**

- (1) Any person desiring to connect a sanitary sewer other than a building sewer to a public sewer, shall make application to the Village in writing. The application shall describe the location of the requested connection and the volume and characteristics of the wastewater to be transmitted and shall include a statement that the new sewers and connections to the public sewer system shall be properly designed and constructed and shall be subject to the lawful rules and regulations of the Village. Connections will be allowed only when the capacity of downstream collection and treatment facilities are adequate. All construction costs including engineering, materials, labor, inspection, and easements shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of the property for which such connection is desired. Upon completion and Village acceptance of the project for which the connection is desired, all of the facilities constructed other than the building sewers shall be conveyed to the Village free and clear of any liens, and the Village shall assume the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of said facilities.

- (2) Design and construction of sanitary sewers and their connection to the public sewers shall be under the direction of a licensed professional engineer authorized by the owner(s) of the property or the Village's engineer, if requested by the owner(s). Such engineer shall keep accurate records of the location, depth, and length of sewers as built and the location of the "Y" branches or slants. All costs of such engineering shall be the responsibility of the owner(s). The owner(s) of the property shall notify the proper representative of the Village when the sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection and testing shall be inspected by said representative.

- (f) **Improper Connection to Laterals.** No user shall allow others or other services to connect to a sanitary sewer through his/her sewer lateral. [Reference: City of Columbus Sewers and Sewer Use Ordinance Sec. 102-203].

- (g) **Vacation of Premises; Service Discontinuation.** Whenever premises served by the wastewater facilities are to be vacated, or whenever any person desires to discontinue