

RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams St.
No. Dighton, MA 02764**

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**DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT
Established under Chapter 359
Acts of 1950 of the
General Court of Massachusetts**

FOREWORD

This information has been prepared to establish a better understanding between the Water District and the citizens in the Town of Dighton.

The rules and regulations embody a uniform practice governing the District for the installation of services, meters, water mains and miscellaneous services rendered. They are intended to define the obligations of the District to the consumer and of the consumer to the District.

Like any other raw product, water must be processed before it reaches its finished state. After this is accomplished, it must be distributed through miles of water mains in order to reach all consumers served by our system.

People, as never before, are beginning to realize how essential their water supply is to life and health and the protection of property against fire. In addition to its value to our civilian economy, it is recognized by manufacturers as a basic material for which there is no substitute.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 12, 1995

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MAIN OFFICE:

The main office of the District is located at 192 Williams St.,
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OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Friday 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.,
CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS;

INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS:

Any information about water services, rates, rules, etc. may be
obtained by calling 508-824-9390 and you will be connected with the
proper party. Complaints of a minor nature may be made by phone.
Major complaints should be made in writing and addressed to the
Superintendent of the Water District, 192 Williams St., No. Dighton,
Massachusetts 02764.

EMERGENCY CALLS:

The District maintains emergency crews who are on duty the
entire 24 hours, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Any
emergency may be reported during office hours by calling
508-824-9390 or outside of office hours by calling 508-669-6711.

STREET SERVICES:

Services between the street main and the property line are
maintained by the District. Any and all work inside the property
line and in the building must be performed by a licensed plumber at
the owner's expense.

INSPECTORS AND METER READERS:

Do not allow any person claiming to be an employee of the
District to enter your premises unless he can show proper
identification. Authorized employees will be in a Water District
vehicle.

RATES FOR WATER:

The entire supply of the Dighton Water District system to any
and all premises shall be furnished by meter ONLY, and at the
following prescribed rates, which are adopted and approved by the
Commissioners of the Dighton Water District.

BILLS:

Charges for water will be made twice a year or oftener, as

determined by the Board of Water Commissioners.

METERED SERVICE RATES:

Meters for residential users are read annually by Water District personnel. The minimum charge of \$140.00 per year for in district users and \$340.00 for out of district users will entitle each owner to 40,000 gallons per fiscal year. The owner will be charged for water used in any one fiscal year in excess of 40,000 gallons at the rate shown on the District's rate sheet. Customers are advised to read the sheet. (RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CALL FOR THE MOST CURRENT RATES)

Meters for commercial/industrial and semi users are read monthly by Water District personnel. Bills are sent out monthly, rates are shown on the District's rate sheet. (RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CALL FOR THE MOST CURRENT RATES)

* Meters for seasonal users are read when the meter is removed by Water District personnel. Rates are shown on the District's rate sheet. (RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CALL FOR THE MOST CURRENT RATES)

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following rules and regulations and all subsequent changes in same, or amendments and additions thereto, constitute a part of the contract with every person, corporation, or property owner supplied with water by the Dighton Water District and every such person, corporation or property owner using such supply shall be considered as having expressed consent to be bound thereby.

A copy is available to every customer and can be obtained upon application, and all persons are requested to read same carefully, as failure to know the rules and regulations will not excuse anyone from the consequences of neglect of such rules and regulations.

The meaning and application of these rules and regulations shall be determined and interpreted by the Dighton Water District.

SECTION I

WATER BILLS

WATER BILLS - (information regarding bills):

Bills are prepared by the Water District Office.

Payment: All water bills are payable at the office of the District, 192 Williams St., No. Dighton, Massachusetts within thirty (30) days.

Penalties: Whenever water is turned off under such conditions, it will not be turned on again without payment of all charges due plus a charge of \$50.00. If the water is requested to be turned on between the hours of 3:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Monday through Friday, there will be a minimum charge of four (4) hours at a time and one-half rate plus a charge of \$50.00. On a Sunday or a Holiday there will be a minimum charge of four (4) hours at a double time rate plus a charge of \$50.00.

Takers of water who fail to pay their water bills within thirty (30) days from date rendered, will be charged interest at 1.17% per month. All claims for abatement must be made within ten (10) days from the postage date on bill to the BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Thirty (30) days after the 30 day limit, if payment has not been made, water service will be terminated and Water Lien proceedings will be started as provided by law.

Remittances by mail are at the risk of the sender and must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of receipted bill.

BILLS RENDERED MONTHLY, SEMI-ANNUALLY OR ANNUALLY:

Water bills are rendered to the owner of the property supplies, Large industrial and manufacturing accounts are billed monthly or semi-annually and residential accounts semi-annually.

PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER BILLS:

To insure proper rendering of bills, property owners shall notify the office of the Water District of any changes in mailing addresses. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the property owner from the obligation of its payment or the payment of penalties subsequently incurred.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER CHARGES:

Customer and property owners shall be responsible for all charges accruing for water service until notice has been given to the Water District by the owner of the property served to discontinue the service or (in the case of a change in ownership of the premises) until notice has been given the Water District of the change of ownership of the premises served. New owners using water at their premises without giving proper notice to the Water District shall be liable and responsible for all water service provided and water used during their ownership of the premises.

Applicants for water service at all premises shall become responsible for all outstanding charges for water furnished to said premises.

SERVICE CALL CHARGE:

Calls that require a service person after normal working hours will be billed to the customer a minimum of four (4) hours at time and one-half rate for calls Monday-Saturday and a minimum of four (4) hours double time rate for calls on a Sunday or a Holiday.

The service charge may be waived by the Board of Water Commissioners upon the recommendation of the Superintendent when he feels the problem to be unavoidable and beyond reasonable control of the customer.

SECTION II

METERS

ALL WATER METERED:

All water from the Dighton Water District system will be supplied through one meter of sufficient size and of standard type with each service connection. It may be located between the curb stop and building. If within the building it must be placed at a point adjacent to the shutoff, where the pipe enters through the foundation wall. All water passing through such meters will be billed to the owner of property supplied, as the same appears in the records of the Water District, whether the water is used or wasted.

Water will not be turned on without the installation of a meter.

The District reserves the right to meter water to the end user. In the event of an apartment complex or condominiums, individual meters for each unit may be required at the discretion of the Superintendent and Board of Water Commissioners.

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ACCESSIBILITY:

Meters must be easily accessible at all times so that they may be examined and read by employees of the district. They must not be exposed to danger from frost or contamination.

BY WHOM SET:

The installation, repair and disconnection of all meters is to be performed by employees of the Water District only, except as hereinafter provided.

DAMAGED METERS:

If meters are damaged by frost, hot water or external causes, either by carelessness or neglect of the owner or occupant of the premises or his agents, the Water District, except as hereinafter provided, will repair or replace the meter and the owner must reimburse the Water District for all cost of repairs or replacement.

In the case of breakage, stoppage or any other irregularity in the meter, the property owner is to notify the District immediately.

METER TESTING:

Every water meter is carefully tested before it is first installed. Should a property owner at any time question the accuracy of their meter it may be tested by an independent party at the home owners expense only after the District receives the request in writing. A deposit of \$40.00 will be required before the meter is disconnected. Should the test show that the meter has been over registering in excess of three (3) percent, the deposit will be refunded.

Meters - large meter testing policy: Meters larger than 6" must be tested every year, 4 1/2" to 6" every two years, 3" to 4" every three years.

To begin the program, all test results must be submitted to the water district office by December 31, 2015. A list of approved meter testers will be provided. If the owner of the meter feels it may be downsized, they can request the district to conduct a usage study at no cost. If it is mutually determined appropriate, then the district will purchase and replace meters up to and including 2". After the installation, the meter is subject to replacement every 15 years by the district. The owner will be assessed a proportionate meter fee going forward every billing cycle. Any meters larger than 2", found to be outside of AWWA specs must be repaired or replaced at the owners' expense.

METER RENTAL:

All seasonal and commercial meters the customer rents from the District shall be billed according to the hydrant rental sheet. (RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CALL FOR THE MOST CURRENT RATES.

BILLING NON-REGISTERED METERS:

In case a meter fails to register or has been removed for repairs, testing or other purposes during the billing period, the bill will be issued based on the average daily rate of consumption as shown by the meter after it has been returned to service and is in proper working order.

If the meter has not been returned to service, the bill will be issued based on the average daily rate of consumption for the previous three (3) year period.

NEW CONSTRUCTION METER INSTALLATIONS:

Meter 5/8" through 3/4" will be installed and provided by the District at the property owners expense. Meters 1" and above in size will be purchased by the property owner according to the Districts specifications. The Water District reserves the right to designate the size and manufacturer of the meter to be installed on any service.

METER REPLACEMENTS:

Meters 5/8" through 2" will be purchased and replaced by the District. Any meter over 2" will be purchased by the business owner and tested according to the meter testing regulation.

UNSERVICEABLE METERS:

The Water District reserves the right at all times to remove, test, repair and replace any meter; and if such meter is found to be economically unserviceable, require another meter to be substituted in its place at expense of the Water District.

METER BY-PASS:

All meters larger than 3/4" shall be equipped with a meter and backflow and valve of the same size as the service pipe.

TAMPERING OR DEFACING METERS:

The Water District will prefer charges against every person who Shall tamper or deface a meter and seal to prevent the proper registration of the water consumed by altering the register index or otherwise, or for the breaking of any seal placed by the District for the protection of any meter, valve or fitting.

Adoption of Mass General law Chapter 165, Section 11:

Whoever unlawfully and intentionally injures or suffers to be injured, a water meter belonging to a city, town, district, or company engaged in supplying water, or prevents such meter from duly registering the quantity of water supplied through it, or hinders or interferes with its proper action or just registration, or attaches a pipe to a main or pipe belonging to a city, town, district, or water company, or otherwise uses or causes to be used the water supplied by a city, town, district, or company without the consent of the same, unless it passes through a meter set by such city, town, district, or company, shall be punished by a fine of triple the amount of damages sustained thereby or \$1,000, whichever is greater or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Damages shall include the value of the water used and the cost of labor and equipment repair and replacement.

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SECTION III

SERVICE PIPES (general)

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE PIPES:

Application for the installation of new service or the update of an old service shall be made by the owner of the property or his authorized agent on forms supplied at the office of the Water District, 192 Williams St., No. Dighton, Massachusetts 02764.

Application for water must state fully and truly the purpose for which same is to be used together with the proper legal description of the property; also the official street and number of the premises to be supplied. A copy of the approved septic system must also be submitted at the time the application for water is completed.

CONNECTION CHARGE FOR SERVICE INSTALLATIONS:

The installation of ALL water services from the water main to the property line, including tapping of the water main, materials and any road repair will be performed by the Water District employees at the owners expense. The owner may have his own contractor perform the work from the property line to the meter location not including the meter installation. Materials are to be acceptable to Water District standards.

The **TOTAL** amount owed the District for the installation **MUST** be paid prior to turning on the water service.

No water services shall be installed on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

THIS WOULD NOT APPLY TO SUBDIVISIONS. (CALL THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR CONNECTION CHARGES FOR SERVICE INSTALLATIONS.)

The installation of water services from the water main to the property line, including tapping of the water main, materials and any road repairs can be performed by either the District or an approved contractor. The contractor must provide the District with a copy of an insurance certificate naming the district for the amount of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 aggregate. Any and all road and trench permits are the responsibility of the contractor and must be provided prior to excavation. The contractor is responsible for his work for 1 year from date of completion.

No new services shall be installed on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.
No new services will be installed after Nov. 15th and before April 15th

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OWNERSHIP OF SERVICE PIPE:

The service pipe from the distribution main to the curb stop is owned and maintained by the District. The portion of the service pipe beyond the curb stop to the meter is the property of the owner and is installed and maintained by the Owners contractor/licensed plumber at the owners expense. The plumber must lay his portion of the service in as straight a line as possible from the curb stop to inside the building.

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MATERIAL FOR SERVICE PIPES:

All service pipes 1" in diameter to and including 2" diameter shall be Dighton Water District approved plastic water service tubing with a minimum of 200 pounds per square inch rating.

Service pipe 4" in diameter and above shall be class 52 cement lined ductile iron pipe manufactured in accordance with AWWA spec.

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SERVICE LINES:

Tracer wire will be placed from the corporation to the service box with access thru the box.

INSPECTION:

SERVICE PIPES SHALL BE TESTED FOR WATER TIGHTNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WATER DISTRICT BEFORE BEING COVERED UP. NO SERVICE PIPE SHALL BE LAID IN THE SAME TRENCH WITH A BUILDING DRAIN OR SEWER PIPE. NOR SHALL THE WATER PIPE BE CLOSER TO A SEWER SYSTEM THAN FIFTEEN (15) FEET AT ANY HORIZONTAL POINT. ANY SEWER LINE CROSSING A WATER SERVICE MUST BE AT LEAST TWO FEET BELOW THE WATER LINE AND ENCASED IN A CI OR DUCTILE IRON SLEEVE WITH BOTH ENDS BEING SEALED WITH CEMENT. THE CASING SHOULD BE LONG ENOUGH TO COVER A TEN FOOT WIDTH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE WATER SERVICE. A SEWER LINE RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE WATER LINE MUST BE EIGHTEEN (18) INCHES BELOW THE WATER LINE.

CURB BOX APPROVED STYLES:

1. Erie style service box with a plug cover and rod
2. Buffalo style service box with lock type cover, rod and centering rod

MAIN SHUT - OFF VALVE:

On every new service pipe, immediately after its entry into the building, shall be an approved type valve. Valves manufactured to conform in all respects with Federal Specifications WW-V-54 Type I Class A as amended to date shall qualify as an approved type. Valves that fail to meet these specifications will be rejected for this class of service. Existing service pipes not equipped with the above type of valve, when renewed or replaced shall conform with the requirements for new service pipe.

HORIZONTAL METER SETTING:

All small meters on new installation shall be set approximately twelve (12) inches above the floor, in a horizontal position, immediately after the main shut - off and as near to where the service pipe enters the building as is practicable. The plumber shall provide an approved support for the meter. Large meters may be set directly on the floor.

Whenever it is necessary to renew or replace a service pipe, the meter shall be reset to conform with the requirements for new installations.

BACK FLOW AND GATE VALVES:

All new services shall be equipped with an approved type of DCVA and gate valve immediately following the meter setting on the house side, to act as a back valve and prevent the house piping from emptying while the meter is being changed or for other work on the service pipe. Valves manufactured to conform in all respects with Federal Specifications WW-V-54 Type I Class A as amended to date shall qualify as an approved type. Valves that fail to meet these specifications will be rejected for this class of service.

Existing service pipes not equipped with the above type of valve, when renewed or replaced shall conform with the requirements for new service pipes.

TAPPING MAINS:

Only persons authorized by the Superintendent of the Water District will be allowed to tap mains or distribution pipes, insert corporation stops, or interfere with water gates or curb stops

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As of May 27, 2004 the District voted any person requesting and receiving approval at any meeting of the District to extend a water main to their property will be required to pay for such an extension. All fees involved may be requested from the Superintendent.

REPAIRS TO PROPERTY OWNER'S SERVICE PIPE AND FIXTURES:

Property owners must keep their own pipes and all fixtures connected thereto in good repair and protected from frost at their own expense. In case of a break, the portion of the service pipe beyond the curb stop to the meter is the property of the owner and is installed and maintained by the owners contractor/licensed plumber at the owners expense. The District is to be notified of any repairs made after the curb stop. Failure to make repairs at once or to obtain the necessary permits covering these repairs shall be sufficient cause to shut off the supply.

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CLEANING SERVICE PIPES:

Property owners desiring this service must submit their request in writing, and agree to take all responsibility for the cost of replacing the service in case it is broken.

SIDEWALK PERMITS:

No sidewalk or other public place shall be open for the laying of service pipes until the property owner has obtained a permit from the proper town or state agency.

WATER METER PITS:

If the owner must install a meter pit, the owner must submit a sketch of plans for installing the pit which must be approved by the Board of Water Commissioners.

The Water District will require meter pits on all services 150' or greater. Only approved meter pits from Ford or Mueller will be allowed. The pit will be located after the curb box. The District suggests the line leaving the pit be a minimum of 1 ¼" in dia. There are to be no obstructions on or around the meter pit or its cover.

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SECTION IV**TEMPORARY SERVICES****FOR BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES:**

Contractors, builders, etc., requiring water for construction purposes, shall make application for a temporary service and will be subject to the same rules and regulations as apply to regular service installations. A meter will be installed on the temporary service by the Water District and the cost of the meter plus the cost of setting same shall be borne by the applicant. Temporary services will be subject to the connection charge described in Section III, plus the cost of removing the service.

All charges, including the connection charge, cost of removing the service, cost of meter and setting the meter, shall be paid in advance; and the applicant shall be required to deposit a sufficient

sum of money with the Water District to cover the cost of the estimated amount of water to be used in conjunction with the work. If at any time during the course of construction, the estimated amount of water covered by the deposit is below the actual consumption shown on the meter, the applicant will be required to deposit additional sums with the Water District. (CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE LATEST FEES)

SECTION V

MAIN PIPE

DISTRIBUTION MAIN:

Distribution mains are water pipes laid in the streets as feeders for consumers services and hydrants.

WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS:

No water main extension will be less than eight (8) inch pipe of material approved by the Board of Water Commissioners. Final determination of size of pipe will be made by the Board of Water Commissioners.

PLANS TO BE APPROVED:

Plans of proposed water main extensions shall be submitted to the Board of Water Commissioners to be approved. Construction shall not be performed without plans that have been approved by the Board of Water Commissioners.

FINANCING EXTENSIONS:

In all cases where approval is granted by the Board of Water Commissioners for water main extensions, the owner(s) shall assume all costs for material and installation according to the plans and materials approved by the Board of Water Commissioners.

PRIVATE PIPE PROHIBITED:

Applications for permission to connect private pipes or mains to the distribution system, whether the request is made by an individual or a group of individuals, will be rejected. All services must be supplied from the District's own distribution or supply mains.

SECTION VI

FIRE SUPPLIES:

The Water District may render a special service to private property for private fire protection purposes.

Applications must be made by the owner of the property or his authorized agent and will be subject to all the provisions, including the connection charge, described in Section III entitled "SERVICE PIPES (general)" as far as they apply to this type of service.

DRAWINGS:

The applicant must furnish a complete and correct drawing or set

of drawings showing the location of the premises to be supplied, together with location of all valves, pipes, hydrants, tanks, sprinkler heads and other appurtenances on the premises at the time of making application. The plans will remain the property of the Water District.

The applicant also agrees to furnish the Water District with drawings showing revisions to piping or appurtenances whenever the same are made.

ANNUAL CHARGES - UNMETERED EXCEPT FOR BY-PASS:

The annual charge for this fire service shall be made in accordance with the following schedule, based upon the size of the service connection.

Fire protection service, sprinkler or private hydrant(s):

4" pipe serviced to property, annually \$

6" pipe serviced to property, annually \$

8" pipe serviced to property, annually \$

Charges for fire service supplies shall be payable in advance of the date of installation, pro-rated for the remainder of the billing year and then annually in advance on the regular billing period for this type of service. **CALL SUPERINTENDENT FOR RATES.**

INSTALLATION TO BE APPROVED BY DISTRICT:

The Water District expressly reserves the right to determine the necessity for and the advisability of granting any application for this special service and the right to determine the size of the service pipe which will be granted, depending upon the size of the street main, the available pressure on the main and the nature and capacity of the fire protection equipment within the building.

CONNECTION TO DOMESTIC SERVICE PROHIBITED:

No connection shall be made at any time between the fire supply system and the regular water supply to the premises. Valves placed on this system shall be of a style that can be sealed by the District.

NUMBER OF SERVICES:

One (1) service only will be allowed to any one (1) building or premises, unless in the opinion of the Water District, more than one (1) is absolutely necessary for the proper protection of the premises. All fire protection equipment connected to the service shall be confined within the building or where two (2) or more connections are made for one (1) building or premises, they shall be kept separated, unless special permission is obtained from the Water District to connect the same in a manner to be approved by said District.

USE OF SERVICE:

No water shall be drawn from the fire service pipes except for the extinguishment of fires. This paragraph is not to be construed

as prohibiting a reasonable use of water for fire drills, draining of system to prevent freezing or other reasonable use in connection with proper fire protection. Whenever water is used for this purpose, either by the owner or the insurance inspector making the test, the owner shall obtain a reading on the meter before and after the test and forward this information, together with a brief description of the operations resulting in the use of water to the Water District.

CROSS CONNECTIONS:

NO CROSS CONNECTINS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

Any fire protection system supplied with water from the District service shall be supplied exclusively with such water and no connection will be allowed with any other system drawing its supply from any other source whereby the water supply may be subjected to contamination.

Any fire protection system using water from any other source that the District's service shall be kept entirely separate from any such system supplied from the District service.

INSPECTION:

All fire services shall be protected by an approved backflow and subjected to annual and semi-annual inspection as required by a licensed inspector. The owner shall give the inspector all reasonable facilities for making the survey and any information concerning same that they may require. Care will be taken that inspections will be made with as little inconvenience to the owner as possible.

ILLEGAL USE:

When the owner (s) or occupant (s) of any premises are found to be using water from a fire service for other purposes than fire protection, the water shall be shut off from same until the offender (s) shall give reasonable assurance before the Water District that the offense will not be repeated.

VALVES:

On the inlet and discharge side of each fire line compound meter or detector check valve, the owner shall install a gate valve manufactured to conform in all respects with the American Water Works Specifications for Gate Valves for Ordinary Water Works Service as amended to date. The valves shall be of a type that meets the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

On detector check valve installations with meter in by-pass, the owner (s) shall install a gate valve on the inlet side of the by-pass meter that conforms in all respects with Federal Specifications WW-V-54 Type I Class A as amended to date. On the discharge side of the by-pass meter, the owner shall install a horizontal bronze swing check valve with a metal disc, designed for a working pressure of 125 pounds per square inch for steam or 200 pounds per square inch for oil, water or gas.

VIOLATIONS OF RULES:

For any violation of the rules governing fire supplies, the Water District may discontinue the use immediately.

SECTION VII**FIRE HYDRANTS****HYDRANTS ARE PROPERTY OF THE WATER DISTRICT:**

All public fire hydrants and their connections are installed and maintained by the District and remain a part of the water works system.

OBSTRUCTING FIRE HYDRANT:

No person shall obstruct the access to any fire hydrant by placing or permitting any snow, debris, building material or other obstruction to remain on or about a hydrant which will in any manner interfere with its immediate use.

USE OF HYDRANT:

Public fire hydrants are installed for the sole purpose of fire protection and with the exception of the members of the Fire Department operating the same for the legitimate purpose of extinguishing fire, no other use of such hydrants shall be made without written consent of the Water District.

APPROVED HYDRANTS:

The following fire hydrants are approved for use within the District:

Mueller Super Centurion 250
Clow Medallion
U.S. Pipe Sentinel 250

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SECTION VIII**GENERAL****CROSS CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED:**

No licensed plumber or others shall cause a physical connection to be made between the Dighton water supply and any other water supply for commercial, domestic, sanitary, fire protection or boiler feed purposes or any other purpose whatsoever.

No water closet, urinal bowl or any other fixture shall be supplied directly from the District's water system through a flushometer or other valve unless such valve is set above the water closet or urinal bowl or other fixture in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of back siphonage or pollution.

No plumbing fixture, device or construction shall be installed which will provide a cross connection between the District's supply

and a drainage system, soil or waste pipe so as to permit or make possible the backflow of sewage or waste into the supply system. Draw-off pipes for draining sprinkler systems shall not be connected into a drainage system or a submerged pit.

If the District's water supply is delivered to a tank which is also supplied with water from any source other than the public water system, such tank shall be open to atmospheric pressure and the District's water supplied above the maximum level of water. There shall be at least six (6) inches between the invert of the pipe supplied with the District's water and the maximum level.

In the District's water supply is delivered to a tank in which there are chemicals, dyestuffs or other materials used in processing, the pipe supplied with District water shall not be submerged. There shall be an air gap twice the feed line no less than one inch above the rim of the tank to prevent back siphonage into the public supply.

PUMP CONNECTION:

No pump shall be directly connected to any District main or service for the purpose of increasing the water pressure in the District or owner's system unless prior written authorization and approval has been obtained from the Dighton Water District.

LAWN AND/OR GARDEN WATERING SYSTEMS:

Installation of new Underground or concealed lawn and/or garden watering systems of any type tied into Town water are prohibited.

DISHWASHERS AND LAUNDRY MACHINES:

Direct water supply to dishwashers and laundry machines shall be equipped with an approved vacuum breaker and a check valve located between the vacuum breaker and the fixture. The vacuum breaker shall be located at least four (4) inches above the highest elevation of the machine.

WATER DISTRICT NOT LIABLE FOR INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE OR DAMAGE RESULTING THEREFROM:

The Dighton Water District furnishes water and not pressure and does not guarantee a continuous supply. No responsibility will be assumed for any damage to any apparatus in any house or building due to the shutting off of water without notice, either for repairs on account of a break in the pipe lines or other necessary operations.

No person shall be entitled to damages, nor to have any portion of a payment refunded for any stoppage of supply occasioned by accident to any portion of the works; nor for stoppage for purposes of additions or repairs; nor for non-use occasioned by absence or any other reason.

NOTICE OF INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE NOT REQUIRED:

While it is the intention to give notice, as far as possible, in advance of any work which must be done that will necessitate

interruption of the supply, such notice is to be considered a courtesy only and not a requirement on the part of the Water District. In case of a break in pipe lines, water will be shut off at any time without notice.

Failure of tenant or property owner to receive notice of interruption of service shall entail no responsibility on the part of the Water District or its employees. Property owners must so install range boilers, hot water tanks and other installations connected with the water system with adequate safeguards so the damage will not occur if the water is shut off without notice.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF WATER:

The Dighton Water District will prefer charges in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts against every person who shall without proper authorization from the Water District tap or make any connection with any street main or service or other distributing pipe connected with the water system; or who shall without such authorization open any gate valve connected with said system so as to obtain water from said system or for the purpose of obtaining such water; or who shall in any way or by any device obtain the use of such water without authorization.

RE-SALE OF WATER:

No consumer, except with the written consent of the Water District previously obtained, will be allowed to furnish water to other persons or property or to suffer such persons to take it themselves. Violations of this regulation cause the supply to be shut off and the water already paid forfeited.

WATER CHARGES TO ONE PERSON:

When water shall be supplied to more than on (1) party, through a single service, the bill for the whole supply furnished through such service will be made to the owner of the property.

WATER WASTE:

Water must not be allowed to waste through any faucet or fixture or kept running any longer than necessary in its proper use. The District is required to restrain and prevent any and all wastage of water; and, to that end, may, when necessary, turn off the water or take such other action as in its judgement may be proper.

RIGHT TO MAKE INSPECTION:

Inspectors of this District or any person authorized by the Water District, must have free access at all reasonable hours to all parts of every building, for the purpose of inspecting, removing or replacing meters, examining water fixtures and observing the manner in which the water is used.

REQUEST FOR TURN ON:

After service has been shut off for any reason except repairs, it shall not be re - established unless a written order is given the District by the property owner or his authorized agent.

REFUSAL TO GIVE SERVICE:

No water shall be furnished to any property which is in debt to the Dighton Water District for water service.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES:

If the owner, agent, lessee, tenant or person in charge of any premises, shall violate any rule or regulation of the Water District affecting said premises, and shall fail to remove any violation(s) or comply with any written order of said District pertaining thereto within (30) days after such order(s) shall have been sent by mail to the last known address of such person, said District may discontinue service to such premises.

If water service is discontinued, it shall not be resumed until the rule or regulation so violated shall have been complied with to the satisfaction of said District. If the service is requested to be turned on after 3:30 P.M. and before 7:00 A.M., there will be a Service Charge of a minimum of four (4) hours at time and one-half rate for work done Monday-Friday, and a minimum charge of four (4) hours at double time rate for Sundays and Holidays.

The Water District Commissioners reserves the right to make such amendments to the rules and regulations as may be necessary for the preservation and protection of the Dighton Water District supply system.

SUGGESTIONS TO CONSUMERS**THE WATER METER:**

Consumers are advised to learn to read the meter in order that they may verify the meter reading appearing on the bill. The meter will not tell how the water was used; but it will honestly tell if consulted at any time, how much is being used or wasted. Its function is to protect the District against the enormous loss from waste or extravagant use, and to fix the charge to consumers according to the services received.

All meters used throughout the District's system are read in gallons only.

WASTE AND LEAKAGE OF WATER:

If a meter suddenly shows an increase in consumption, with no apparent cause, one of the two (2) things has happened: a leak has started or water has been allowed to run to waste.

Waste and leakage of water is an economic waste, not only to the customer who pays much larger water bills than he should, but to the Water district as well, who must provide a plant of sufficient capacity to meet water demands resulting from leakage and waste in addition to the normal requirements of its consumers. Conservation of water results in indirect savings to the consumer. It eliminates large capital expenditures required in expanding the supply, either

at its source or in the distribution system to meet unusual demands from leakage and waste.

DETECTION OF LEAKAGE:

The flow of water from all fixtures supplied by the meter should be shut off and the pointer on the circle marked "ten gallons" observed for a period of ten or fifteen minutes. If the pointer moves, a leak is indicated, the size of which may be determined by timing the pointer. If the pointer moves on -fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the way around in fifteen minutes, it represents a waste of 240 gallons per day or 87,600 gallons per year. If the leak cannot be located, a licensed plumber should be called as the Water District is not authorized to do work on private property.

CHAPTER 359

Acts of 1950

SECTION I:

The Water Supply Board of the Dighton Water District, or their successors in office to be known as the Board of Water Commissioners as provided in Chapter 359 of the Acts of 1950, entitled, "An Act establishing the Dighton Water District", whenever they shall adjudge it to be necessary, are hereby authorized to lay and construct water mains in any of the streets of said district, the cost and expense of which shall be paid in a manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION II:

The Water District reserves the right to make such amendments to the rules and regulations as may be necessary for the preservation and protection of the Dighton Water District water supply system.

No new service pipe or extension of pipe shall be laid during the winter months, if in the opinion of the Superintendent, the cost would be greater than if the work was done during the warmer seasons.

EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF WATER

Whenever the Superintendent shall declare that an emergency exists relative to the adequacy of the supply of water for public use and consumption, and such declaration of emergency shall be confirmed and acknowledged by the Commissioners, the Superintendent shall be empowered to establish such rules and regulations restricting the use of water as in his judgement the circumstances may require; provided, however, that before such rules and regulations shall be enforced, they must be approved by the Water Commissioners.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

I. PURPOSE:

- A. To protect the public potable water supply served by the Dighton Water District from the possibilities of

contamination or pollution by isolating such contaminants or pollutants which could backflow or back siphon into the public water system.

- B. To promote the elimination or control of existing cross connections, actual or potential, between its' customers in-plant potable water system and non-potable system.
- C. To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross connection control which will effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water system by cross connection.

II. AUTHORITY:

- A. As provided in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, (Public Law 93-523), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.22, the water purveyor has the primary responsibility for preventing water from unapproved sources or any other substances from entering the public potable water system
- B: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, adopted October 11, 1994.
- C: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, revised January 15, 2003.
- D: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, revised October, 11, 2005.
- E: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, revised June 6, 2006.
- F: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, revised December 18, 2014
- G: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, revised November 7, 2019
- H: The Dighton Water District's Rules and Regulations, revision February 11, 2025

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. The Water Commissioners shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water distribution system from the contamination or pollution due to the backflow or back siphonage of contaminants or pollutants. If, as a result of a survey of the premises, the Commission determines that an approved backflow prevention device is required at the District's water service connection or as in-plant protection on any customer's premises, the Commission, or its delegated agent, shall issue a cross connection violation form to said customer to install

approved backflow prevention devices. The customer shall, within a time frame determined by the Commission, install such approved device or devices at his own expense, and failure or refusal or inability on the part of the customer to install said device or devices within the specified time frame shall constitute a ground for discontinuing water service to the premises until such device or devices have been properly installed.

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The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to make such amendments to the rules and regulations as may be necessary for the preservation and protection of the Dighton Water District. Please call the Dighton Water District Office for any changes or updates to the rules and regulations, rates, fees, etc.... The Dighton Water District Office phone number is 508-824-9390.

Subdivision Specifications Changes

Hydrant specs: Mueller Super Centurion 250, Clow medallion, and U.S. Pipe Sentinel 250 are all accepted by the district. These are the only accepted hydrants to be installed. Hydrant specs break flange construction with one 4 1/2" pumper nozzle, and two 2 1/2" hose nozzles. Maximum bury depth 5'6" to finish grade.

Water mains: Class 52 Ductile Iron pipe material is the only main material accepted to be installed within the district. This pertains to all mains 4" and larger. Sand must be used to provide at least 1' of cover on top and at least 6" below the pipe. The water mains must be placed off the bituminous surface of the roadway. The mains can be

placed in the buffer strip or grass area within the street layout. Mega lug type pipe restraints must be used on all fittings and valves attached to the DI pipe. Maximum bury depth to finished grade is not to exceed 5'6". Pipe must be pressure tested and disinfected according to AWWA standards. Bacteria samples must be collected and pass AWWA standards prior to opening any gate valves or activating service to provide water within any subdivision.

Adopted December 18, 2014

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