

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town Hall, 85 Main Street
Pittsfield, New Hampshire

**SANITARY SEWER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

Authority

In accordance with, and under the authority of, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 149-I, authorizing the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Sewer Commissioners, to enact ordinances for the management and protection of the Town of Pittsfield Sanitary Sewer and Waste Water Treatment Facility, the following ordinance is hereby adopted.

Purpose

It is the express intent and purpose of this ordinance to strictly regulate, administer, and protect the Sanitary Sewer System and Waste Water Treatment Facility of the Town of Pittsfield and its appurtenances, through the aggressive administration and enforcement of this ordinance, to protect the welfare of the citizens and residents of the Town of Pittsfield.

Section 1. Metering

A. Sewer rates are billed in accordance with the Sewer User Rate based upon the consumption registered upon water metering, set and maintained, by the Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc.

B. Sewer customers who are not the customers of the Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc., shall provide metering, at their own expense, and of a type approved by and meets all of the requirements of the Town of Pittsfield. Such metering shall be maintained in proper working order and available for metering reading at all reasonable times.

C. Sewer customers who are not the customers of the Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc., and who refuse to install metering as required under this Ordinance, to measure the flow of materials to the sanitary sewer system, shall at the Town's option, have installed at the customers expense, approved metering that will measure the outflow of discharge to the sanitary sewer system. The Town is authorized to install such metering and supporting structures, manholes and other necessary appurtenances to carry out the necessary measurement of materials discharged to the sanitary sewer system for billing purposes and to bill the customer for such work and materials.

D. Meter Size. The size of required metering will be determined by the Town.

E. Meter Setting. The customer shall provide a clean, dry, warm and accessible place for the installation of the meter, as nearly as possible to the point of entrance of the service pipe in the building.

1. The cost of the metering and its installation shall be borne by the customer.

2. Metering and plumbing work shall conform with the requirements of the Plumbing Code.
3. All metering shall be sealed and protected from diversion.
4. All indoor metering shall be fitted with remote outside meter reading devices.
5. When the customer fails or neglects to furnish a suitable location for a meter inside his building or where for other reasons it is necessary or expedient to locate the metering in an underground box or vault, the customer shall bear the entire expense of the same.

F. Repairs

1. Meter repairs or replacements necessitated by ordinary wear will be paid for by the customer.
2. Those caused by freezing or by other fault of the customer will be paid for by the customer.

G. Non-Registering Meters

1. If a meter is found which does not register, the bill for the period of non-registration will be based upon information recorded prior to or subsequent to the period of non-registration, and:
2. Any other pertinent information supplied by the customer or known to the Town, and:
3. May be estimated for the period.

H. Testing

1. Meters will be tested and certified by the manufacturer to register correctly before installation.
2. Thereafter, meters shall be tested at the customer's expense.

I. Tampering

1. If a meter, including the remote register and interconnecting cable or wire or other connections or equipment are found to have been interfered with, diverted, damaged or tampered with, the customer will be required to repair such damage at his cost immediately.
2. Breaking or removing seal or sealing device is considered tampering.

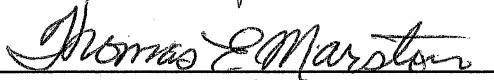
J. PUC Regulations

The regulations of the State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission governing water metering devices shall be considered to be a part of these regulations except that where those regulations require testing or other requirements at the cost of the Town or Utility it shall be considered to say at the cost of the customer.

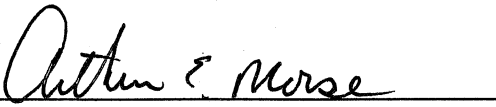
Section 2. Metering Outside Water Usage

- A. Sewer customers whose usage of water outside of residential and business properties has been metered, but not returned to the municipal sewer system, may install a separate meter to avoid sewer charges for such outside usage.
- B. Sewer customers shall provide metering, at their own expense, of a type meeting all requirements of and approved by the Town of Pittsfield. Such metering shall be maintained in proper working order and comply with the plumbing code adopted by the Town.
- C. The Sewer customer shall provide a clean, dry, warm, and accessible place for the inspection of the water meter. The meter shall be as close to the outside faucet as possible.
- D. All meters shall be fitted with a remote analog outside meter reading device and such device shall be readable from outside the building.
- E. If a customer is found to have misused the meter such as setting it to intentionally record more usage than is actually occurring or record water that is actually entering the sewer system, the customer shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per day of such violation.

Passage. This policy was adopted on Sept 13, 2005.



Thomas E. Marston, Chairman



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Board of Selectmen



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