VILLAGE OF DRYDEN

WATER AND SEWER LINE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 32.8

An ordinance to require property owners to be responsible for all cost of installation, connection, and maintenance of private water and sewer lines which connect to the Village public water and sewer systems and to allow the Village to cause any necessary work to be done and assessed to the owner.

THE VILLAGE OF DRYDEN ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1</u>. Installation, Connection, and Maintenance Responsibility. Property owners who connect or who are required to connect to the Village public water or sewer systems shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred incident to the installation, connection, and maintenance of their private water and sewer lines to the Village public water and sewer lines. The Village shall be responsible for all lines located within the public road right-of-way, except as provided in Section 2.

<u>Section 2.</u> Private Water and Sewer Lines Defined. A private water line is the water line which connects a dwelling or other building to the village public water line at the curb stop, which is the shut-off valve installed by the Village. A private sewer line is the sewer line located on private property which connects a dwelling or other building to the Village public sewer line.

<u>Section 3.</u> Meters/Village Equipment. All water meters are the property of the Village of Dryden. No person shall damage, remove, or tamper with water meters or any other water or sewer equipment belonging to the Village.

<u>Section 4.</u> Indemnity. The property owner shall indemnify the Village from all loss or damage that may directly or indirectly result from the installation, connection, or maintenance of Village private water or sewer lines. The property owner shall also indemnify the Village for any damage to water meters or other Village water and sewer equipment.

<u>Section 5.</u> Cost Assessment. If a private water or sewer line is not installed, connected, or maintained pursuant to applicable requirements, the Village may cause the work to be done at the expense of the property owner, and all costs that are incurred by the Village shall become a lien on the property. The Village may collect this lien by a special assessment levied upon the property. This section shall also apply to costs due to damage to water meters or other Village water and sewer equipment.

The undersigned Clerk of the Village of Dryden hereby certifies that this Ordinance was adopted by the Dryden Village Council at a meeting held on the 2nd day of August, 2011, and was published in the Lapeer County Press on the 11th day of August, 2011. This Ordinance Amendment becomes effective twenty (20) days after date of said adoption.

LeAnn Brewer, Clerk

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