

Water ORDINANCE NO. 14.

AN ORDINANCE PROMPTING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS,
THE MAINTENANCE OF SAME, AND RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER
RECORDED THEREBY.

The Village Council of the Village of New Munich, County
of Stearns and State of Minnesota, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.

On or before the first day of June, 1920, all water services
being supplied from the Water Works distribution system of said
villages shall be provided with water meters of a kind, size and
type, meeting the approval of said village council.

SECTION 2.

All meters must be procured from said village and installed
under the supervision of some person or persons designated by
said village council, the cost of installation to be borne by
the owner of the property upon which the meter is to be installed.

SECTION 3.

The owners of property supplied with water service by said
village, shall procure his or her meter from said village, and
upon procuring the same, shall deposit with the Village Treas-
urer of said Village, a sum equal to the purchase price of said
meter, this sum to be held by said treasurer as an indemnity
against theft or misplacement of such meter, provided, however,
that should water service be discontinued by the owner of the
property, he or she may return such meter to said village, and
upon return thereof in good condition the sum deposited thereon
shall be returned to such owner, less a depreciation of ten per
cent for each year or fraction thereof, that such meter shall
have been installed and in service.

SECTION 4.

Upon the installation of meters, they shall be sealed both
at register box and couplings with a form of seal designated
by the Village Council, and these seals must not be broken un-
less by its authority. The residents of property upon which
meters are installed shall be responsible for the intactness of
these seals, and a fine of five dollars shall be imposed upon
the resident of any property where the seal or seals may be
found broken.

SECTION 5.

The resident of property upon which a meter is installed shall
be held responsible for any wilful or malicious injury sustained
by the meter. He or she shall also be responsible for any in-
jury which such meter shall sustain through freezing or hot water
backing through the same, and shall bear the cost of repairing
such meter where the same becomes injured through any of the
causes designated herein. All meters shall be put in working
condition within thirty days after notification to the resident
of property by said village council. Said village shall bear
the cost of repairing meters where the same is made necessary
by reason of ordinary wear and tear.

SECTION 6.

Meters shall be read by a person or persons designated by said
village council, and meters shall, at all times, be accessible
for reading.

SECTION 7.

On and after the first day of June, 1920, the owner of the
property where to water is being supplied by said village will be
held responsible for the payment of all water bills.

SECTION 8.

All meters shall be read quarterly on or about the first day of January, April, July and October in each year, and amounts due from property owners for water used shall be due and payable on or before the 15th day of the month following the lapse of the preceding quarter. Failure of the owner of the property to pay his water bill within the time aforesaid shall subject him to shutting off of such water service, and the same shall not again be turned on until water bills in arrears have been paid, and an additional fee of one dollar paid to cover the cost of shutting off and turning on such water.

SECTION 9.

The owner of property may have his or her meter tested by depositing with the Village Treasurer of said village the sum of \$1.50 to cover cost of testing. Provided that if such meter register two per cent or more over standard, this sum will be refunded to the property owner and settlement made on basis of over-registration of meter; but should be found to register one hundred per cent or less this sum shall not be refunded.

SECTION 10.

Should water meter become inoperative during any quarter, the sum the property owner shall pay for water service for that quarter shall be the same as paid the preceding quarter.

SECTION 11.

On and after the first day of June, 1920, the following meter rates shall be in force; There shall be a minimum fee of two dollars per quarter, and for this two dollars the consumer shall be allowed 1000 cubic feet of water per quarter. For all water used per quarter in excess of 1000 cubic feet, and up to 2000 cubic feet, there shall be an additional charge per quarter of 18 cents per hundred cubic feet. For all water used per quarter in excess of 2000 cubic feet and up to 4000 cubic feet, there shall be an additional charge of 15 cents per hundred cubic feet. For all water used per quarter in excess of 4000 cubic feet and up to 8000 cubic feet, there shall be an additional charge per quarter of 12 1/2 cents per hundred cubic feet. And for all water used in excess of 8000 cubic feet per quarter, there shall be an additional charge of 10 cents per 1000 cubic feet; provided that in such places where a meter is used to register both lawn service and water for house use the minimum rate per quarter shall be \$4.00. A discount of five per cent shall be allowed on all bills that are paid promptly. Schools will be allowed a 25 per cent discount.

SECTION 12.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, conflicting with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

John A. Brough
President of the Village Council

Attest: *Jos. O. Benedict*
Village Clerk

Approved this 31 day of March 1920.