

THE TIOGA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RULES AND REGULATION

RULES AND RATES GOVERNING THE SUPPLY OF WATER AND SEWER IN THE BOROUGH OF

TIOGA, TIOGA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

REVISED, January 01, 2009

WATER RATES

**FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$19.00 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH- \$5.00 PER 1000 GALLONS**

SEWER RATES

**FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$37.50 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$ 8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS**

REVISED, January 01, 2011

WATER RATES

**FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$20.00 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$5.00 PER 1000 GALLONS**

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

**FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$37.50 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS**

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE

\$1,700.00

REVISED, January 01, 2014

WATER RATES

**FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$21.00 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$5.00 PER 1000 GALLONS**

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

**FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$37.50 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS**

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE

\$1,700.00

REVISED, August 01, 2016

WATER RATES

FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$21.50 MINIMUM CHARGE

NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTHS - \$5.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$37.50 MINIMUM CHARGE

NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE

\$1,700.00

REVISED, January 01, 2017

WATER RATES

FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$22.00 MINIMUM CHARGE

NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$5.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

FIRST 3000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$40.00 MINIMUM CHARGE

NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE

\$1,700.00

REVISED, November 01, 2020

WATER RATES

FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$22.00 MINIMUM CHARGE

NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$5.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$40.50 MINIMUM CHARGE

NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE
\$1,700.00

REVISED, APRIL 1, 2021

WATER RATES

FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$22.00 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$10.00 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE
\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$40.50 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE
\$1,700.00

REVISED JANUARY 1, 2022

WATER RATES

FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$23.00 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH- \$10.00 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE
\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

FIRST 3500 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$40.50 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE
\$1,700.00

REVISED January 1, 2023

WATER RATES

FIRST 2000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$24.00 MINIMUM CHARGE
NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH- \$10.00 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

\$1,150.00

SEWER RATES

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NEXT 1000 GALLONS PER MONTH - \$8.50 PER 1000 GALLONS

TAP-IN-FEE FOR NEW SEWER SERVICE

\$1,700.00

TIOGA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY RULES AND RATES

TIOGA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF TIOGA ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE WATER SYSTEM TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THIS AUTHORITY: PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Board of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Tioga resolves as follows:

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Resolution shall be as follows:

- A.** "Authority" shall mean the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Tioga, a Municipality organized and existing under provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, approved May 2, 1945, P.L. 382 as amended and supplemented.
- B.** "Board" shall mean the governing body of the Authority.
- C.** "Borough" shall mean the Borough of Tioga, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.
- D.** "Consumer" shall mean the Owner of the Consumer Unit which is receiving or shall receive water service for a Consumer Unit and/or a Person who, prior to, upon or after the effective date hereof, has contracted or shall contract for water service for a Consumer Unit and/or a Person who, upon or after the effective date hereof, is receiving or shall receive water service for a Consumer Dwelling Unit (EDU).
- E.** "Consumer Dwelling Unit shall mean EDU (equivalent dwelling unit)
 - 1. A building under one roof and occupied by one family or business: or

2. A combination of building in one enclosure or group and occupied by one family or business: or
 3. One side of a double building or house having a solid vertical partition wall; or
 4. A building, house or other structure, or any room, group of rooms, or part thereof, occupied by more than one family or business, the fixtures of which are used in common or served by one meter: or
 5. Each room or group of rooms in a building occupied or intended for occupancy as a separate business or a separate living quarter by a family or other group of persons living together or by a person living alone, the water fixtures of which are not used in common; or
 6. Each apartment, office, or suite of offices in a building or house having several such apartments, offices or suites of offices and using in common one or more hallways one or more means of entrance.
 7. All consumer units will be assigned an EDU rating by which monthly bills will be calculated. EDUs will be determined by separate kitchen facilities in each unit. All others will be based on sewer study act 203 of 8/96.
- F.** “Person” shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, company, association, society, corporation, trust, governmental body, or an agency, department, or political subdivision thereof or any other group or entity.
- G.** “Water System” shall mean the existing waterworks, water supply works and water distribution system facilities acquired or to be acquired by the Authority from the Borough, together with all appurtenant facilities and properties which this Authority has acquired or hereinafter shall acquire, from time to time, in connection therewith, including all property, real, personal and mixed, rights, powers, licenses, easements, rights of way, privileges, franchises and other property or interests in property of whatsoever nature used or useful in connection with such facilities, and together with all additions, extensions, alterations, improvements and betterments thereof or thereto which may be made or acquired, from time to time, by this Authority.

SECTION 2- RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Authority established and adopted the following rules and regulations, which shall govern and control the operation of the Water System by this Authority and the distribution and supply of water to the Consumer.

SECTION 3- ENFORCEMENT

Proper officers of the Authority are authorized and directed to do all things and to take all action necessary and proper to enforce provisions hereof in the manner permitted by law.

SECTION 4- EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY

This Resolution shall become effective on September 1, 1984 and shall be applicable to all Consumers then connected or thereafter to be connected to and served by the Water System.

SECTION 5- RIGHTS RESERVED BY AUTHORITY

This Authority reserves the right to appeal, amend, or modify this Resolution or any part hereof in such manners and at such times as, in the opinion of this Authority, shall be necessary and/or desirable, all after due legal procedure.

SECTION 6- CONSTRUCTION AND SEVER ABILITY

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part hereof, or the application of any provision, section, sentence, clause or part hereof, shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part hereof, it being the intent of this Authority that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7- REPEALER

All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same expressly are repealed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE WATER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE

TIOGA BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

1. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

- a. Service connections will be made, and water service will be furnished upon written application by the prospective Consumer or his proper agent, duly authorized in writing, on a form prepared by the Authority for such application by the Consumer. The application for service shall state the purpose or purposes for which water will be used and such other appropriate information as shall be required by the Authority.
- b. All landlords are responsible for bill if tenant leaves an outstanding bill. Outstanding bills will be paid before service is restored to apartment. If tenant has a deposit on file, it will be credited to the account. Landlord and tenant re both required to sign the application for service.
- c. All consumers are required to pay a monthly minimum bill regardless if there is water on to the property or not, because service is still connected to water system and available for use.

1. DEPOSITS

- a. Deposits are required with all applications for service. For consumers taking service for a period of less than thirty days an amount equal to the estimated gross bill for such a temporary period will be required. For all other consumers, the estimated gross for two (2) billing periods will be the required deposit.
 - b. Deposits shall be returned to the depositor when he shall have paid undisputed bills for service over a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or upon discontinuance of service by the consumer and payment of all charges due. Any consumer having secured the return of a deposit shall not be required to make a new deposit unless service has been discontinued or the consumer's credit standing impaired through failure to comply with these rules and regulations.
 - c. Any consumer having a deposit shall pay billings for service rendered in accordance with the provisions hereof and the deposit shall not be considered as payment of the account during the time the customer is receiving service.
 - d. No interest will be paid on deposits.
 - e. Payment plans may be set up by the Authority at a regular meeting at the request of the consumer for a period of up to one (1) year. Payment amounts will be the amount of bill divided by 12 and added to current monthly bill if they are paid on time. If payment is not made on time the water will be shut off until the account is paid in full.
2. All Consumers receiving water services upon the effective date of these Rules and Regulations, by continuing to be thus served, shall be bound by these Rules and Regulations and the water rates, rents and charges of the Authority in effect, from time to time, pursuant to proper action of the Board of the Authority, with respect to the future Consumers, the application of such Consumers, these rules and regulations and the water rates, rents and charges of the Authority in effect, from time to time, pursuant to proper action of the Board of the Authority, shall constitute a part of the contract between the Consumer

and the Authority. Each Consumer, by the taking of water, agrees to be bound by these Rules and Regulation and the prevailing water rates, rents, and charges of the Authority in effect, from time to time, pursuant to proper action of the Board of the Authority, whether service is based upon Contract, Agreement, signed and accepted application or otherwise.

3. All owners of any improved property benefited by the Water System shall be required to connect their water fixtures to the Water System, providing, however, that any owner, who shall have his own source of water upon his promises may, at the option of the Authority, continue to use such private system, if such owner makes written request to continue to use such private system and such owner agrees to pay and does pay the minimum monthly charge to the Authority for each separate family unit or business using such private system.
4. Any modification, repeal, supplement or amendment of these Rules and Regulations shall be applicable to and shall govern Consumers receiving water service upon the effective date of such modification, repeal, supplement or amendment, as well as future Consumers of the Water System.
5. A new application must be made to and approved by the Authority upon any change identity of a Consumer or upon any change in type or purpose of water service required by a consumer. The Authority, upon five (5) days written notice, may discontinue water service until such new application has been made and approved.
6. **Time and Method of Payment** Water charges/billings shall be due and payable one day after mailing or delivery by or on behalf of the Authority to the person responsible thereof. If charges are not paid within 30 calendar days after the same becomes due and payable an additional sum of ten percent (10%) shall be added to such net bill which net bill plus such additional sums as determined or generated shall constitute the gross bill. Payment made or mailed and postmarked on or before the last day of such 30-calendar day period shall constitute payment within such period. **Payments can be made with credit or debit cards at <https://www.diversifiedbillpay.com/v1/tioga>**

SERVICE CONNECTION AND LINES

- a. The authority shall make all connections for its mains. Upon approval of all application for water service and the payment of the required tapping fee and upon compliance with Rule E of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority will tap the main, insert corporation cock, install a service line to the curb or if no curb, to the property line, and insert a curb cock with curb stop, all of which facilities shall be and shall remain the property of the Authority and shall be maintained by the Authority.
- b. All service lines from the curb box to the structure (and through the wall of the structure and housing facility for the meter if any) to be served shall be installed by the prospective Consumer, at his own expense, shall be copper, or cast iron pipe or other material approved by the Authority, shall be laid at least three and one half (3 ½) feet below the surface of the ground and shall be kept in good repair at the expense of the Consumer. No service line or other connection facility between the curb box and the structure to be served shall be covered up in the process of installation until inspected and approved by the Authority.
- c. No service line shall be laid in the same trench with a gas pipe, drain or sewer pipe or any other facility of a public service company, but must be laid in a separate trench and not less than three (3) feet from any such facility. No service line shall be laid within four (4) feet of any open excavation or vault.

- d. Service connection will be made only after the prospective Consumer has completed installation of his service line from the structure to be served to the curb box or has given assurance, satisfactory to the Authority, of his intention so to do.
- e. No service connection from the main to the curb box will be installed by the Authority when street or highway openings are prohibited by the Borough of the Township, as applicable, or when in the judgment of the Authority, working conditions are unreasonable for such installation.
- f. There shall be placed on the service line, immediately within the wall of the structure to be served and so located as to drain all of the pipes in the building, a stop and waste cock, easily accessible to the occupants, for their protection in enabling them to turn off water in case of leaks and to drain pipes to prevent freezing.
- g. The size of the service connection from the main to the curb box necessary to serve adequately a Consumer shall be determined by the Authority. If any applicant for water service shall request a service connection to a greater capacity than that determined by the Authority to be adequate, or if any applicant shall request that a service connection be located in a different from that determined by the Authority, the Authority, in its discretion may install such service connection in accordance with the request of such applicants.
- h. When it is necessary to replace an existing service connection from the main to the curb box, the Authority will replace said service connection; provided, however, that if the Consumer, for his own convenience, desires the new connection at some other location and agrees to pay to the Authority all expenses of cutting off the old service connection at the main and any other additional expenses incurred by the Authority in complying with said request, then the Authority will install the new service connection at the location desired, if said location is approved by the Authority.
- i. Only persons properly authorized by the Authority shall be permitted to make service and service connection installations.
- j. All excavations made within street property lines shall be made only after a permit has been issued by the Borough and the work of excavation, backfilling, and replacement of pavement shall be done in strict accordance with Borough specifications and subject to Borough inspection and approval.
- k. All Consumers shall keep and maintain their service lines, cocks, and apparatus in good repair and condition, shall protect the same from frost and shall prevent all waste of water.
- l. The Authority shall not be responsible for maintenance of any service line or any other line, pipe or fixture on the outlet side of the curb box, nor shall the Authority be responsible for any damage resulting from escape of water from any service line or any pipe or fixture on the outlet side of the curb box. The Consumer at all times, shall comply with all State and Municipal regulations relating to service lines and any pipes and fixtures on the outlet side of the curb box and the Authority shall not be required to deliver water service thereto unless so approved. The Consumer, at his own expense, shall make any and all changes to such service lines, pipes, and fixtures which shall be required or made necessary as a result of any change in grade, relocation of mains or distribution lines or otherwise.

- m. All leaks in service lines from the curb box to, in, and upon the premises supplied with water, shall be repaired promptly by the Consumer, at his own expense. Upon failure of such Consumer to make such repairs within five (5) days, the Authority, in its discretion, may discontinue water service to such property, after which such water service shall not be restored until and after the Consumer shall have paid to the Authority the full amount of all proper and necessary expenses incurred by the Authority in discontinuing and again restoring water service, which shall include a charge of \$25.00 for discontinuing and then \$25.00 for restoring water service.
- n. No Consumer shall divert, in any manner whatsoever, water being furnished to such Consumer to any other person, except with written permission of the Authority first having been requested and granted.
- o. No person obtaining water from private water supply, under any circumstances, shall construct or maintain, or cause to permit to be constructed or maintained, any connection directly or indirectly, between such private water supply and the Water System.
- p. A separate service connection and curb box shall be installed for each Consumer Unit; provided, however, that if a building, house, or other structure contains two (2) or more Consumer Units and the owner or owners thereof, so shall request or the Authority shall deem it advisable, the Authority, in its discretion, may install a single service connection and box for such building, house, or other structure. When more than one Consumer Unit is now supplied or hereafter is supplied through one service connection under control of one curb box, any violation of these Rules and Regulations by any Consumer so supplied shall be deemed a violation as to all and the Authority may take such action as could be taken against a single Consumer, except that such action shall not be taken until the innocent Consumer who is not in violation of these Rules and Regulations has been given a reasonable opportunity to make application for and have installed a separate connection to the Water System.

METERS

1. All meters shall be furnished by the Authority and shall be accessible to and under control of the Authority and shall be and remain the property of the Authority.
2. Meters shall be conveniently located within the structure or facilities for the housing thereof satisfactory to the Authority, so as to control the entire water supply; and a proper place and protection thereof, shall be provided by the Consumer at his expense. In any case, where it is not convenient to place the meter within the structure, or where the service line from the curb box to the structure to be service is more than One Hundred (100) feet in length the Authority may permit the meter to be placed outside the structure in a concrete vault, brick vault, or other suitable structure, provided with a suitable cover. Said vault shall be built within the property line of the structure served, at the expense of the Consumer.
3. The Authority reserves the right to determine when a meter shall be installed, and the size of each meter installed
4. Meters will be maintained by the Authority as far as wear and tear is concerned, but the Consumer shall be responsible to the Authority for any injury to or loss of any meter arising out of or caused by the Consumer's negligence or carelessness or any Person living upon or being upon his premises under his employment or by his consent or sufferance, whether such damage or loss shall be caused by freezing, hot water or other causes whatsoever. The Consumer shall permit no one except authorized so to do, to remove, inspect, or tamper with the meter or other property of the Authority on his premises.

5. The charge for re-installation of meters when removed because of damage in any way for which the Consumer is responsible under Rule 6 of these Rules and Regulation shall be fixed by the Board of the Authority.
6. The quantity of water recorded by the meter shall be conclusive on both the Consumer and the Authority, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In either case excepted above, the meter will be repaired promptly by the Authority and the quantity of water consumed for the billing period when the meter was out of service or registering inaccurately shall be estimated by the average registration of the meter on the three (3) previous corresponding billing periods.
7. In case of a disputed account involving accuracy of a meter, such meter shall be tested upon request of the Consumer. In the event the meter so tested is found to have an error beyond AWWA Specification of the accurate amount, as prescribed by general practice, the bill will be increased or decreased accordingly by an estimate based upon the average registration of the meter on the three (3) previous corresponding billing periods.
8. Each request for test of a meter for accuracy shall be accompanied by a deposit, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of the Authority. If the meter so tested shall be found to be correct within AWWA Specifications, as prescribed by general practice, the deposit shall be retained by the Authority as compensation for such test; if the error in registration is found to be beyond AWWA Specifications of the accurate amount, as prescribed by general practice, then the cost of the test shall be borne by the Authority and the amount of the deposit shall be returned by the Consumer.
9. The Consumer at once shall notify the Authority of injury to or cessation in registration of the meter as soon as it comes to his knowledge.
10. The Authority shall have the right of free access at all reasonable times to the premises in or on which a meter is installed for purposes of setting, reading, testing, inspection, and/or repairing.

DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE

11. After five (5) days' notice, in writing, water service to any Consumer may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:
 - A. Misrepresentation, of a substantial nature, in the application for service, including, but not limited to, misrepresentation as to property or fixtures to be supplied or the use to be made of water supplied.
 - B. Failure to make payment of a bill for water by the 10th of the following month will, upon ten (10) days' written notice by the Authority, have the water service terminated on the 16th.
 - C. Failure to properly maintain the connections, service lines and other fixtures of the Consumer or to protect the meter or connections, service lines and other fixtures of the Consumer from freezing and other damage.
 - D. Use of water for any property or purpose other than as stated on the application for service.
 - E. Willful waste of water through improper or imperfect pipes, fixtures or otherwise.
 - F. Tampering with or molesting any service connection, pipe, meter, curb box, curb stop, or seal, stop cock, valve seat, or any other appliance operated by the Authority in the supply of water.
 - G. Failure to pay any bill properly due the Authority, without regard to the manner incurred relative to operation and maintenance of the water system by the Authority.
 - H. Vacancy of premises not reported to the Authority as required by these Rules and Regulations.
 - I. Violation of any of these Rules and Regulations.

- J. Violation of any Resolution of the Authority pertaining to the Water System.
 - K. Refusal to permit access for inspection of water facilities on the premises served or for setting, reading, testing, and/or repairing the meter.
12. After discontinuance of water service for any of the reasons set forth in Rule 11 of these Rules and Regulations, water service shall not be restored until the violation has been cured, all damages and loss to the Authority occasioned by such violation has been paid and proper assurance, satisfactory to the Authority, has been necessary expenses incurred by the Authority in discontinuing and restoring water services shall be paid by the Consumer in advance of the re-establishment of water service.
 13. Water service may be discontinued to any premise upon written order the Consumer without in any way affecting the existing contract.
 14. When premises will be temporarily unoccupied, the Consumer shall notify the Authority in writing and water service will be discontinued. When the premises are again occupied, the Consumer shall notify the Authority, in writing, and service will be restored. No refund or allowance will be made for unoccupied property when written notice, both at the time of the vacancy and at the time of resumed occupancy, has not been given as above provided.

FIRE PROTECTION

15. Water from public or private fire hydrants or other fire protective systems shall be used only in cases of fires, except that water from public hydrants may be used, in a reasonable amount, for the purpose of testing the hydrants and fire apparatus, such tests to be conducted only by properly authorized agents or employees of the municipality, under supervision of the Authority. No public fire hydrant shall be used for the sprinkling of streets, roads, or alleys, for the flushing of sewers or gutters or for any purpose other than fire protection unless specifically permitted in writing by the Authority for the particular time and occasion.
16. Every Consumer, by the taking of water understands and agrees that the Authority assumes no liability as an insurer of property or Persons and that the Authority, by providing public and/or private fire protection service, does not contemplate any special service, pressure, capacity of facility other than that ordinarily provided in normal operation. The Authority declares and each and every Consumer agrees that the Authority shall be free and exempt from any and all claims for injuries or damage to Persons and/or property by reason of fire or water or failure to supply water pressure or capacity.
17. All waste of water is prohibited. No Consumer shall allow water to run to waste or to run merely to prevent freezing. Each Consumer shall keep his faucets, valves, hydrants, service lines, and hose in good order and condition at his own expense. Sprinkling of any kind whatsoever must be done with ordinary spraying nozzles generally in use.
18. As necessity may arise in case of break, emergency or other unavoidable cause, the Authority shall have the right to temporarily cut off or limit water supplied in order to make necessary repairs and connections and for other necessary purposes. The Authority will use all reasonable and practicable measures to notify the Consumer in advance of such discontinuance or limitation of service. The Authority shall not be liable for any damage or inconvenience suffered by the Consumer, nor in any case for any claim against it at any time, for interruption in service, lessening of supply, inadequate pressure, poor quality of water or any cause beyond its control. The Authority shall always have the right to restrict or regulate the quantity of water used by the Consumers in case of scarcity or whenever the public welfare may require such control.
19. The Authority will not be liable for any claim or damage arising from a shortage of water, the breaking of machinery or other facilities or any other cause beyond its control.
20. Water shall not be turned into any premises by any Person not an agent or employee of the Authority, except temporarily by a plumber to enable him to test his work, provided it shall be turned off again immediately after the test is made.
21. In case of vacancy, the Consumer must notify the Authority in writing of such vacancy, and upon his failure so to do he will become responsible for any damage to the property of the Authority arising from

- such failure.
22. No interconnection or cross-connection shall be made or permitted between the Water System and any other water supply. No fixtures, device, or fitting shall be installed which will permit or provide a back flow connection between the Water System and any well, drainage system, soil pipe or waste pipe which would permit or make possible the back flow of sewage into the Water System.
 23. No person, unless specifically authorized so to do, shall open or close any of the stopcocks or valves in any public or private water line.
 24. Any duly authorized representative of the Authority, whose identification as a duly authorized representative has been duly established in a reasonable manner, upon reasonable cause shown, shall be authorized, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable hours, to enter in and upon and to have free access to premises then being supplied with water from the Water System for the purpose of inspecting the facilities employed in connection with the use of water from the Water System and for the purpose of setting, reading, repairing or removing meters.
 25. Contractors, building or other will be required to obtain a written permit from the Authority before using water for building or construction purposes. The Authority may require a deposit upon application for building or construction purposes.
 26. Consumers using the water supply for steam boilers and depending upon hydraulic or hydrostatic pressure in the pipe system of the Water System for supplying such boilers will do so at their own risk. The Authority will not be responsible for any accidents or damage to which such devices may be subjected.
 27. House boilers for domestic use must be provided with vacuum valves in all cases in order to prevent collapsing when water is shut off from the distribution pipes. The Authority will not be responsible for accidents or damage resulting from imperfect installation or operation of such valves.
 28. No water shall be furnished to any premises where possibilities exist of mingling of the water furnished by the Authority with water from any other source; nor will the Authority permit its mains or sewer pipe to be connected in any way to any piping, tank, vat, or other matter which may flow back into the Authority's service pipes or mains and consequently endanger the water supply. An exception may be made to this Rule, at the option of the Authority, providing proper safeguards are installed, which shall be inspected and have the approval of the Authority, appropriate insurance underwriters and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, if required.
 29. All water passing through a meter shall be charged for in accordance with the schedule of rates, rents, and other charges in effect at the time and no allowance will be made for excessive consumption due to leaks or waste.
 30. The Authority shall not be liable for any damage resulting from leaks, broken pipes or any other cause, occurring to or within any house or building; and it is expressly stipulated by and between the Authority and the Consumer that no claim shall be made against the Authority on account of the bursting or breaking of any main or service pipe or any attachment to the Water System.
 31. The Authority shall be under no obligation at any time to make any extension to its then existing water mains, but may do so upon the written request of one or more prospective Consumers, either wholly or in part at the expense of said prospective Consumer or Consumers, at the option of the Authority.
 32. No officer, agent or employee of the Authority shall have the right or authority to vary these Rules and Regulations or to bind the Authority by any promise, agreement, or representation contrary to the letter or intent of these Rules and Regulations.
 33. The Authority reserves the rights to repeal, alter, modify, supplement, or amend these Rules and Regulations in the manner provided by law.

RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE

Water Service Rates per billing period		
a) 2,000 gallons or less minimum charge		\$22.00
b) each additional 1,000 gallons	\$10.00	
Deposits for Service request		
a) Consumer Dwelling Unit	\$50.00	
b) Consumer Commercial Unit	\$75.00	
c) Industrial Unit	Determined per application	
d) Temporary Consumer	Determined per application	
Service fee for connect or disconnect		\$25.00
Request to read/record meter		\$ 5.00
Meter Verification Request		\$75.00
New Service Connection		Determined per application
Returned Checks		\$30.00
Rules and Regulations additional copies		\$25.00
Administration fee for certified delinquent notice letters to primary customer		\$30.00
Certified Letter charge		\$ 8.16
Sewer service rates per billing period		
a) 3,000 gallons or less minimum charge		\$40.50
b) each additional 1,000 gallons		\$ 8.50

SEWER RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPLICABLE TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH OF TIOGA, WHICH IS OWNED, OPERATED, AND MAINTAINED BY THE BOROUGH OF TIOGA.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tioga has determined to acquire and construct a complete sanitary sewage collection, transportation, and treatment system, including all related and necessary facilities, for rendering sanitary sewage service in and for the Borough, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tioga Council has ordained and enacted three (3) municipal ordinances Numbers 1996-1, 1996-2. and 1996-3, which require the connection of improved property to the Borough Sanitary Sewer System and providing certain requirements, rules and regulations concerning building; sewer lines and connections to sewers which establish and provide for the collection of sewer rates and tapping fees and other charges for use of the sewer system, and for the filing of liens; regulating the discharge of sewage into the system; and providing for the adoption of additional rules and regulation. The definitions set forth in these ordinances, and each provision of these ordinances shall be considered a part of these rules and regulations.

The following additional rules and regulations are hereby approved by the Council of the Borough.

A. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

1. Service connections will be made, and service will be furnished upon written application by the perspective property owner, or his proper agent, on a form prepared by the Council. The application for service shall state the purpose for which the sewer will be used, and such other appropriate information as may be required from time to time by the Council.
2. All property owners or occupiers of properties provided sewer service upon the effective date of these Rules and Regulations, by continuing to be thus served, shall be bound by these Rules and Regulations and the sewer rates, rents and charges as established by the Council from time to time, pursuant to proper action by the Borough and the consumer. Each property owner or occupier of properties provided sewer service, by act of connection to the system or use of its system, agrees to be bound by these rules and regulations and the prevailing sewer rates, rents, charges and tapping fees in effect at that time and from time to time amended.
3. No chemicals or other toxic, poisonous, or hazardous material, oil, gasoline, paint, in either liquid or solid form shall be disposed of in the sewer system. The Council reserves the right to refuse permission to connect to the sewer system or to compel pretreatment of wastes by a non-domestic establishment, in order to prevent discharges deemed harmful or which may have a deleterious effect upon the sewer system or its operators. Where necessary, all property owners shall install suitable pretreatment facilities in compliance with section 7 of Ordinance 1996-3.

B. SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND LINES

1. Only the Borough or its duly authorized agents shall make connections to its sewer mains.
2. The construction of the lateral between the house, business or industrial establishment and the sewer main is the property owner's responsibility and shall be installed at his/her expense. (A diagram showing a typical installation is attached and is a part of these regulations.) Only materials and elevations approved by the Borough shall be utilized in the construction of the sewer lateral and must meet the specifications as detailed by the Borough from time to time. The location of any connection to a sewer main shall be in the sole discretion of the Borough.
3. Prior to covering the lateral installation, the trench must be left open so that the work can be inspected to ensure that it has been installed properly and is watertight. The inspection shall be conducted by a representative of the Borough. The lateral trench shall only be covered after the entire length of pipe and the interior basement connection is inspected, and a connection permit is issued.
4. No sewer lateral shall be laid in the same trench with a water line, gas pipe, drain, stormwater pipe, or other facility of a public services company, but must be laid in a separate trench and not less than three (3) feet from any other such facility.
5. Lateral connection to the sewer main will be made only after the prospective property owner has completed construction of his/her lateral from the structure to be served to the "Y" connection at the main, or has given assurance, satisfactory to the Borough of his/her intention to do so.
6. No lateral connection from the main to a curb line or right-of-way line will be made by the Borough when street or highway openings are required, or when in the judgment of the Borough, workingweather-or traffic-conditions are unreasonable for such installation.

7. The size of the service lateral from the main to the structure to be served shall be determined by the Borough. If any property owner for sewer service shall request a service connection of a greater capacity than that determined by the Borough to be adequate, or if any applicant shall request that a service connection be located in a location different from that determined by the Borough, the Borough, in its discretion, may install such service in accordance with the request of the property owner.
8. All property owners shall keep and maintain their service laterals, connections, "Y's", check valves and other apparatus in good repair and condition, and shall prevent all stormwater and groundwater from entering their service lateral, and shall protect the same from frost and freezing.
9. The Borough shall not be responsible for maintenance of any lateral line, service connection, or any other line, pipe, or fixture outside the official right-of-way line. Nor shall the Borough be responsible for the escape of water, wastewater, sewage or gray water from any service lateral or any pipe or fixture which is located outside the official right-of-way lines. Any repairs to such service laterals shall be the property owner's responsibility and cost. All leaks from any service lateral shall be repaired promptly at the property owner's expense. Upon failure of the property owner to make such repairs within five (5) days, the Borough, in its discretion, may discontinue water service to such property, after which such water service shall not be restored until after the property owner shall have made the necessary repairs and shall have paid the Borough the full amount of all proper and necessary expenses incurred by the Borough in disconnecting and again restoring water service, which shall include all fees currently enforced for discontinuing and restoring water service.
10. If any property owner or occupant of property served by the sewer system shall fail or refuse, upon receipt of a notice from the Borough, in writing, to remedy any unsatisfactory condition with respect to a sewer lateral within forty-five (45) days of receipt of such notice, the Borough may refuse to permit such property owner or occupant to discharge sewage and/or industrial wastes into the sanitary sewer system until such unsatisfactory condition shall have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Borough.
11. No property owner or occupant of property served by the sewer system shall allow in any manner whatsoever, the use of a lateral connection by any other person or adjacent property, except with the written permission of the Borough first having been requested and granted.

C. TIME AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. Sewer bills may be combined with the Tioga Borough Municipal Authority Water bill and shall be due and payable under the same rules and regulations governing the payment of water bills. Non-payment of either the water or the sewer portion of the combined bill shall result in discontinuance of water service under the rules and regulations governing non-payment of water bills.
2. Failure of any person to receive bills for sewer rates and other charges shall not be an excuse for nonpayment, nor shall such failure result in an extension of time during which the net bill shall be payable.

D. ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Borough reserves the right to adopt, from time to time, such additional rules, and regulations as it shall deem necessary and proper in connection with the use and operation of the Sewer System.

THESE RULES AND REGULATION ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE TIOGA BOROUGH COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 3, 1997, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 3, 1997.

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