

**FORD CITY BOROUGH** ORDINANCE NO. 159

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE, APPROVED THE SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 1911, AS AMENDED ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM" BY REVISING AND CHANGING THE RATES FOR SELLING WATER AND BY REQUIRING ANYONE DESIRING TO CONNECT WITH THE MAIN OR CITY LINE TO SECURE A PERMIT FOR OPENING THE STREET, AND TO PAY FOR TAPPING THE LINE.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Borough of Ford City, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:-

Section 1. That the ordinance, approved the sixth day of March, 1911, as amended by ordinance of July 7th, 1924, entitled, "An Ordinance relating to the Water Works System," is hereby amended to read as follows:-

ARTICLE I

Section 1. All charges for water are to be assessed against the owner of the property wherein the water is to be used.

Section 2. The Borough will sell water to consumers only through meters to be furnished by the borough for that purpose, and at the rates established by Section five (5) of this Article. The meter shall be set inside the building to be furnished with water, wherever it is practicable to do so, in such position that no connection shall be between it and the main line so furnishing it with water.

Section 3. Any property, the meter rate of which is not paid as provided by Section five (5) of this Article, on or before the 25th day of the month, shall no longer be entitled to a supply of water and the water may be turned off. Before the water will be turned into the said property again, all charges and penalties against it and the cost of turning off and on, at least one dollar, must have been paid to the Secretary of the Borough.

Section 4. The minimum meter rate for each and every meter set will be one dollar and seventy-five cents, (\$1.75) per month for each apartment in the dwelling house or other building in which the meter is set, and for the purpose of this ordinance, the word "Apartment" as herein used shall mean each division of such dwelling house or building, whether single or double, that is occupied by different families or tenants. This meter rate will be charged whether the consumer or consumers have used the amount of water that would equal one dollar and seventy five cents (\$1.75) as per the rates herein established or not.

In all houses and buildings in which but one meter is set, and in which there is more than one apartment, the excess charge for water used over 3,000 gallons per month for each apartment, shall be divided equally between the different apartments. Before the Borough will turn the water into any dwelling house or building containing more than one apartment the owner or landlord of such dwelling house or building shall be required to sign a contract with the Borough

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guaranteeing the payment of the charges, as above specified, for each apartment in such dwelling house or building.

Section 5. The rate at which water will be sold to the inhabitants of the Borough by meter will be as follows:-

For the first 3,000 gallons or less per month, \$1.75 for each apartment.

All water consumed over 3,000 gallons per month is to be sold at the rate of 25 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Twenty-five (25%) per cent will be added to the above rates if the same be not paid on or before the 20th day of the month, and if not paid by the 25th day of the month, the water may be shut off without further notice. No exonerations will be made because of failure to receive bill.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. On all streets, avenues, and alleys, where the service lines, have been laid to the curb, the cost of such lines shall be collected from the property owners before the water is turned on.

Section 2. Each and every apartment in any dwelling house or other building to be supplied with water shall have its own service line to the main line.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, or undergo an imprisonment in the borough lock-up for a period not exceeding five (5) days or in the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Private Fire Protection

Private fire connection lines for use on stand pipes and sprinklers per inch of line diameter, \$25.00 per annum.

Application for Connection

A charge of \$3.00 will be made for tapping the main, which charge shall be paid at the time application is made for service.

Application for Service from old connection

Where water connection has previously been installed and water is desired, a proper application shall be signed by the owner or landlord, where application is made by other than the owner, a deposit shall be made, the amount of which deposit shall be based upon the size of service applied for as stated below:

Deposit for	5/8"	Connection,	\$ 5.00
"	3/4"	"	6.00
"	1"	"	7.00
"	1 1/4"	"	15.00
"	1 1/2"	"	10.00
"	2"	"	30.00

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This deposit shall constitute a fund to guarantee prompt settlement of bills as they become due. In case of default of payment the deposit at the option of the Borough may be applied to the payment of the delinquent water rent, and the service discontinued, until the required amount is again fully restored.

Charges for Re-Installing Meters

The charges for re-installation of meters, when removed because damaged in any way for which the applicant is responsible either because of willful deed or negligence, shall be \$2.00 for meters 1" in diameter and smaller, and \$2.00 additional per inch in diameter, or fraction thereof for meters larger than one inch, which charge shall include testing and shall be paid in advance.

When meters are removed after installation, at request of applicant for testing, the following rules shall apply:

"If the meter so tested shall be found to be accurate within the limits herein specified, a fee determined from the schedule below, shall be paid to the Borough by the consumer requiring such test; but if not so found, then the cost thereof shall be borne by the Borough.

The amount of fee shall be \$2.00 for each water service meter having an outlet not exceeding one inch; for other water service meters having an outlet not exceeding 2" the test fee shall be \$5.00 per meter."

The charge for request test of meters above 2" shall be at the rate of \$5.00 per inch of diameter outlet.

Turn off Charge

The payment for turning on water, after shutting it off for nonpayment of bills or for any violation of the terms of the application or rules of the Borough shall be \$1.00 which shall be paid in advance. The same charge shall be made for turning off water at request of applicant due to repairs on his premises, or to reported vacations or disuse.

Application for Service from new connections

Service connection will be made, upon written application on a blank prepared by the Borough for the purpose signed by the Owner, or his properly authorized agent, and water will be furnished, upon written application signed either by the Owner (or his duly authorized agent) or by the Tenant, except as otherwise noted; and after approval of such application by the Borough endorsed thereon.

A new application must be made and approved by the Borough upon any change in ownership or property, or in tenancy, or in the service, as described in

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the application, and the Borough shall have the right upon five days' notice to discontinue the water supply until such new application has been made and approved.

Connections

The Borough will furnish and place, and maintain at its own cost, the ferrule and coupling at the connection of the service line and the main.

The service line which shall be of XX Heavy Lead and standard quality, from the ferrule to the curb including curb stop and box, shall be furnished, laid, and maintained by the applicant at his own cost, subject to the rules of the Borough.

All connections, service lines, and fixtures furnished by the applicant shall be maintained by him in good order, and all valves, meters, and appliances furnished and owned by the Borough and on the property of the applicant shall be properly protected and cared for by said applicant. All leaks in the service or any other pipe or fixtures in or upon the premises supplied must be immediately repaired by the owner or occupant of the premises.

All pipes, meters and fixtures shall at all reasonable hours be subject to the inspection by proper employees of the Borough. No addition or alteration in or about any connection with the main or pipe system on the premises shall be made by any one without first notifying the Borough and an amended application made for the purpose. This rule shall not apply to changes in pipes where no new fixtures or outlets are contemplated.

The Borough shall in no event be responsible for maintaining any portion of the service line owned by the applicant; or for damage done by water escaping therefrom, or for lines or fixtures on applicant's property; and applicant shall at all times comply with municipal regulations with reference thereto, and make changes therein required on account of changes of grade, relocation of mains or otherwise.

No service line shall be laid in any trench wherein is laid a gas pipe, sewer pipe, or any other facility of a Public Service Company or Municipality, unless authorized and approved by the Borough.

All injuries to service pipes or street mains caused by careless or negligent work or improper filling or excavations for any purpose shall be chargeable to the person so causing such injury, and the expense of repairing the same shall be recovered from such person.

No owner or tenant of any premises supplied by the Borough will be allowed to furnish water to other persons or families except as specified in his application and approved by the Borough, and in case of violation of this rule, the

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supply will be shut off, and the applicant charged with the proper actual or estimated charge for such service, in accordance with the tariff of the Borough.

Meters will be maintained by the Borough, so far as ordinary wear and tear are concerned; but damage due to freezing where located inside the building or cellar, or external causes under his control shall be paid for by the applicant.

The applicant shall notify the Borough of any injury to or the non-working of the meter, as soon as it comes to his knowledge.

Where water is furnished by meter, the quantity recorded by it shall be conclusive on both the applicant and the Borough, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In the latter case the quantity may be determined by the average registration of the meter when in order.

In case of a disputed account involving the accuracy of a meter, such meter shall be tested upon the request of the applicant. In the event that the meter as tested is found to have an error in registration of four per cent or more, the bills will be increased or decreased accordingly.

Discontinuance of Service.

Service under any application may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:-

(a) For failure to protect and keep the meter, connections, service lines or fixtures in good order.

(b) For neglecting to make or renew advance payment, or for non-payment of any account for water supplied, or water service, or fire protection, or for meter or service maintenance, or of any scheduled fee or charge, within ten days of expiration of penalty period.

(c) For molesting any service pipe, meter, or curb stop-cock, valve seal, or any other appliance of the Borough controlling or regulating the water supply.

(d) In case of vacancy of premises.

(e) For violation of any rules of the Borough.

Water will be turned off of any premises, under the written order of the applicant, without in any way affecting the existing application.

No water fixtures or appliances in connection therewith will be considered cut off until it is disconnected so that it cannot be used again, or is sealed in a manner satisfactorily to the Borough.

No plumber, owner, or other unauthorized person shall turn the water on or off at any corporation stop or curb stop, or disconnect or remove the meter without the consent of the Borough. Violators are subject to the penalties imposed by the law and this ordinance.

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As necessity may arise in case of break, emergency or for other unavoidable causes, the Borough shall have the right to temporarily cut off the water supply, in order to make necessary repairs, connections, etc., but the Borough will use all reasonable and practicable measures to notify the consumer of such discontinuance of service. In such case the Borough shall not be liable for any damage or inconveniences suffered by the applicant; or any claim against it at any time for interruption in service, lessening of the supply, inadequate pressure or poor quality of the water, as a result of causes beyond its control.

The Borough shall have the right to reserve a sufficient supply of water at all times in its reservoirs to provide for fire and other emergencies, or may restrict or regulate the quantity of water used by consumers in case of scarcity, or whenever the public welfare may require it. No street or lawn sprinkling shall be done at time of water shortage; no street or lawn sprinkling shall be done by flat rate users except by hose held in the hand, or at another time that from 5:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and sprinkling shall be discontinued during this period whenever an alarm of fire is sounded.

Renewal of Service

Service will be renewed under a proper application, when conditions under which such service was discontinued, are corrected and upon payment of all charges provided in the schedule of rates or tariffs of the Borough.

Section 4. Any person breaking any seal on any meter without permission of the superintendent or other proper borough officer upon conviction thereof before the Burgess or a Justice of the Peace of Ford City Borough, shall be subject to a fine of \$5.00 for each and every offense, together with costs, and upon default in payment thereof, may be sentenced to the Borough lock-up for a period not exceeding five days or to the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty days.

All ordinances or parts thereof conflicting herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted into law at a regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Ford City, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, held at Council Chambers, City Hall, Ford City, Pa. this 1st day of February A.D. 1926.

*Walter H. Bowler*  
President of Council

ATTEST:-

*W. B. Mohney*  
Secretary of Council

And now, to-wit, February 31 1926, the foregoing ordinance presented to me and the same is hereby approved.

*Walter H. Bowler*  
Burgess Ford City Borough

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly advertised and posted.