PREAMBLE

All rules and regulations are established under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 743.01 through 743.04 and Chapter 6109 - Safe Drinking Water, and Chapter 6111 - Water Pollution and 3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The adoption of Rules and Regulations is not for the purpose of imposing unnecessary or burdensome regulations upon the users of water from the Village of Arlington water supply system but only to provide for the orderly conduct of the business by the Arlington Board of Public Affairs and the Village of Arlington water system, to prevent the waste of water and to ensure equal treatment of all customers of the water system and to protect the public health & safety.

Reasonable diligence and care will be exercised to provide a continuous and sufficient supply of water to all customers at a normal pressure and to avoid any shortage or interruption in delivery. However, there is neither an express nor implied guarantee that a continuous supply, fixed pressure or full volume shall be maintained at all times, the service being subject to all the variable conditions that could affect the ability of the Arlington Board of Public Affairs to maintain normal service.

The following supersedes all previous publications of the Rules and Regulations for the Arlington Board of Public Affairs and the Village of Arlington water system. (Initial approval: 02/08/2021)

APPROVED AS AMENDED THIS

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I. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these Rules and Regulations:

- 1. **"Arlington Board of Public Affairs"** Board is comprised of duly elected officials with the authority to oversee the village's water system.
- 2. **"VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON WATER SYSTEM"** means the Village of Arlington Potable Water System which is subject to Ohio Revised Code 6111.13. The Village Water System consists of the source facilities (aquifer), treatment facilities and distribution system, and shall include all those facilities of the potable water system under the control of the Arlington Board of Public Affairs up to the point of the Consumer's Water System. The Village Water System ends at the downstream side of the meter, or at the main shutoff in the building, and shall include a required Backflow Prevention Assembly installed adjacent to the meter or shutoff in commercial buildings.
- 3. **"COMBINATION LINES"** are defined as those water line extensions constructed on private property for more than one purpose such as firefighting, irrigation systems and domestic water supply and are not an accepted practice.
- 4. **"COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER"** means any business engaged in retail, wholesale, personal services, repair services or any other activity which does not involve the mass production or manufacture of a commodity on the premises.
- 5. **"CONSUMER"** means the owner or person in control of any premises supplied by or in any manner connected to the Village Water System.
- 6. **"CONSUMER'S WATER SYSTEM"** means any water system, located on the consumer's premises, supplied by or in any manner connected to the Village Water System. A household plumbing system is considered to be a Consumer's Water System.
- 7. "DEVELOPER" means any corporation, individual or the Village.
- 8. "DIRECTOR" means Ohio EPA Director.
- 9. "ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT" means The Village of Arlington Contracted Engineer.
- 10. **"INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER"** means any business engaged in manufacturing, processing or fabrication of products to be wholesaled or retailed off site.
- 11. "OEPA" means Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- 12. "OFFICE" means Water & Wastewater Utility Billing Office.
- 13. "OFFICE MANAGER" means the Arlington Board of Public Affairs clerk.

- 14. **"PERSON"** means the state, any political subdivision, public or private corporation, individual, partnership, or other legal entity.
- 15. "PLANT" means Water Treatment Plant.
- 16. "PLANT SUPERINTENDENT" means Water Superintendent.
- 17. **"RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER"** means personal homes or buildings used for human habitat, including apartments, condominiums, town houses, dormitories, etc.
- 18. "ROTARY WATERMAIN" means any water main constructed without grants or assessments.
- 19. **"SERVICE CONNECTION"** means the terminal end of a service line from the Village Water System. If a meter is installed at the end of the service, then the service connection means the downstream end of the meter.
- 20. **"STANDBY FIRE SERVICE LINES"** are defined as those water line extensions constructed on private property for the sole purpose of firefighting.
- 21. "VILLAGE" means the Village of Arlington, Hancock County, Ohio.
- 22. "WATER PROVIDER" means the Village of Arlington Water System.

1. Application Required

Application for a new water service can be accessed at villageofarlington.com and be submitted to <u>voawaterclerk@gmail.com</u>, by the property owner, or his duly authorized agent, on forms furnished by the Board. At this time, the Board will classify the service as Residential, Commercial or Industrial.

Changes to existing services must be made by completing the application that can be accessed at: villageofarlington.com.

2. Tapping Fees

At the time of application for a new water service, the applicant will be required to pay a fee and obtain a permit for the installation of the water service. The amount of the tapping fee is provided in the current rate schedule.

All permits issued as herein provided are valid for a twelve (12) month period from the date of issue. An extension of six (6) months may be granted provided the request for the extension is received within twelve (12) months of the date of issue. No refund shall be permitted.

3. Water Service Installation Requirements

All connections, taps and service lines, up to two (2) inches in diameter, will be installed from the water main to the curb stop by an employee of the Water Department. For service lines larger than two (2) inches in diameter, the Water Department will make the tap and the owner or his contractor shall install the service line.

The applicant shall install the service line from the building to a point between the sidewalk and the curb, approximately seven (7) feet into the right-of-way, where the meter setting will be installed by the Water Department. A grade stake and front of sidewalk stake will be provided within 10' (ten feet) of the proposed setting. All lines will be inspected before back filling.

A minimum of two (2) working days will be required from the time the Water Department is notified that a new service line is ready to be installed to the time of the installation. This period is to allow the Ohio Utilities Protection Service to notify all utility companies of the proposed construction so they may, in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, mark their underground utilities and thereby protect them from damage.

If the Water Department employee travels to the site of the service line installation and the applicant has failed to comply with any regulation defined herein the service will not be installed and a trip fee will be charged to return to complete the service. A trip fee charge of \$50.00 will be assessed with contractors' fees.

4. Meter Installation Requirements

The Water Department shall install all meters two (2) inches in size and smaller. Installation of meters larger than two (2) inches shall be subject to the prior approval of the Water Department Superintendent. Meter shall be ordered by The Village of Arlington Water Department and invoiced by the supplier to the owner or his contractor. Meter shall be picked up at the Water Department and shall be installed by the contractor. Billing will start on the day meter is released to owner or his contractor. The types of meters required to be installed and meter installation details may be obtained at the Water Department.

Where unusual demands of water will be required, the meter sizes shall be increased to provide for the expected demand. The Village does not guarantee that the minimum sizes of lines and meters will be sufficient.

When a meter is being used to measure greater volumes of water than its designed operating capacity, as evidenced by high readings or frequent repairs, the owner will be required to install meter service large enough as determined by the Water Department Superintendent to properly provide the necessary service. The owner may be required to pay labor and meter costs for the upgrade.

20
30
50
100
160
320
500
1,000

The table below lists maximum flows:

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5. Separate Meters Required

Water service to two (2) or more separate structures is prohibited and any arrangements of this manner that exist shall be corrected within ninety (90) days of notification to do so by the Office.

Each new structure connected to the Village Water System shall have a separate meter.

Exceptions to this regulation must be approved in writing by the Board. Failure to comply with this regulation within ninety (90) days of notification to do so will result in water service being terminated.

6. Unlawful Removal of Meter

No person except an authorized Village employee shall remove or bypass a water meter. Where a meter is found to have been unlawfully removed or bypassed, the water shall be shut off forthwith and proper charges made for the estimated amount of water used. The water shall not be turned on again until the meter is reinstalled, and all fees paid including the estimated usage.

1. Account Responsibility

All accounts are listed in the name of the property owner. Bills may be rendered to a tenant if so ordered by the property owner except in the case of multi-family dwellings which must be billed to the property owner unless a separate service and meter is provided for each dwelling unit.

The property owner is responsible, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 743.01 through 743.04, for all bills left unpaid by their tenants.

When water charges become delinquent, they are a lien against the property and remain a lien until such time as they are paid. Such charges are in the nature of an obligation of the land itself and a subsequent purchaser of the land takes the property subject to the obligation for any unpaid charges. Until such charges are paid, continued water service may be refused.

A person owning multiple pieces of property with accounts in their name may be denied service at one or more properties for delinquency at any location. If delinquent, the Village will not allow a new account to be opened by a tenant at that location until account is paid in full.

A change in the name of the person to be billed must be ordered by the property owner or his duly authorized agent.

2. Billing Schedule

The billing schedule depends upon the service classification as shown below:

Residential -	Bimonthly
Commercial -	Bimonthly
Industrial -	Bimonthly

Water bills are due and payable at the Office on or before the fifteenth (15^{th}) day of the month or the first business day following the fifteenth if the fifteenth falls on a holiday or Sunday. This is the due date for the net amount of the bill.

If the bill is not paid in the office by the due date, the customer will be charged a delinquent fee.

3. **Delinquency Policy**

Bills not paid by the due date are considered delinquent. Customers billed on a bimonthly basis are mailed a delinquent notice thirty-five (35) days after the original bill was mailed notifying them of a final date for payment. If bills remain unpaid at these final dates, service will be discontinued without further notice. (See Section IV, Turn Off Policy.)

If all charges are not paid within 14 days from the date the water is discontinued, the meter shall be removed, and the account considered closed.

4. Adjustment for Leak

All leaks in the Consumer's Water System, whether detected by the party to whom the bill is sent or a representative of the Village, shall be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours of its detection.

If the leak is detected by a Village representative and the leak is not repaired within the required time, is creating a hazard, may cause damage to other property or, in the opinion of the Village representative is causing a significant loss of water, water service shall be discontinued until the leak has been repaired.

The Village shall be responsible for any maintenance or repair to any component within the public right of way. The property owner is responsible for any component on private property.

The adjustment will be based upon the following formula:

- A = Water consumption in billing period during which the leak occurred.
- B = Water consumption for normal water used the previous year.
- C = 0.5

D = Amount of consumption for which customer will be billed.

$$D = (A - B) x C + B$$

Only one (1) bill adjustment will be made per Consumer for any given eighteen (18) month period.

5. Meter Tests

The Water Department will test a meter upon request of the Consumer at the Office. If the meter is found to over register by more than two (2) percent, the Consumer's bill for that billing period will be adjusted accordingly.

If the meter is tested and found not to be over-registering by more than two (2) percent, the bill shall be paid as rendered plus a fee for testing the meter by the Consumer.

6. Meter Change outs

Change outs of meters requested by the Consumer will be billed on the basis of the actual cost of labor, materials and equipment plus fifteen (15) percent.

7. Returned Check Policy

A fee will be charged for all checks returned from the Consumer's bank.

The Village reserves the right to refuse to accept checks from any person for reasons other than the aforementioned.

IV. TURN OFF POLICY

1. DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT

After the expiration date on the Delinquent Notice, a serviceman will be sent to turn off the service. The serviceman will advise the Consumer that the service is being turned off or, if the Consumer is not at home, he will leave a notice saying that the service has been turned off for nonpayment.

Services turned off for nonpayment will be turned on only after payment of the delinquent bill in full plus a fee for each trip required of the serviceman. All fees are shown in the current rate schedule. The account balance and all fees must be paid by cash, money order, or check.

An extension of the turn off date on the Consumer's Delinquent Notice may be granted if requested by the Consumer in person and if, in the opinion of the Board, the Consumer's past payment record warrants doing so.

Only an employee of the Village of Arlington is authorized to turn on the service for a Consumer when the service has been discontinued for nonpayment.

V. WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS

1. Within Village Limits

The Board of Public Affairs will permit the installation of water mains to serve a new real estate subdivision within the village limits, which shall be connected to the proper water mains unless this will result in overloading existing mains. In this case, permission for connecting to an existing water main may be denied until such time as the necessary corrective measures are taken.

All new water mains and appurtenances shall meet the specifications adopted as standard by the Village for the construction and installation of same and with any plans or specifications approved by the Village Engineering Department.

2. Developer's Expenses, Plans and Bond

All extensions of water mains to serve new real estate subdivisions or any lots within the village limits shall be constructed by the developer at his own expense, unless the extension is constructed in accordance with the provision of the Ohio Revised Code regarding assessments. The full cost of the extension includes any and all inspection costs, preparation of plans and estimates and any other related expenses.

The developer shall submit proper plans and estimates for the main, obtain the approval of the Village Engineering Department for the plans and estimates and shall construct same in accordance with village regulations relative to the installation of water mains.

The developer shall be required, prior to beginning the installation or construction of proposed mains, to post a bond in an amount to be determined by the Board of Public Affairs to ensure compliance with the regulations and the proper and complete installation of the water mains.

3. Outside Village Limits

The Arlington Board of Public Affairs, on authorization by Council, may permit the installation of water mains beyond the corporate limits provided the water mains meet the specifications adopted as standard by the Village and plans and specifications approved by the Village Engineering Department.

In all cases, such extensions shall be made in accordance with Section V.1. and V.2. Such extensions shall be affected only by written agreement.

V. WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS

Rights of Village

All water mains installed, within the Village limits shall, on connection with Village mains, become the sole property of the Village and shall hence forth be maintained by the Village which shall exercise exclusive control of same.

The Board of Public Affairs shall have the right and authority to further extend any water main extension to serve additional properties beyond the original or earlier extension without reimbursement to anyone who may have contributed to the cost of the original or earlier extension.

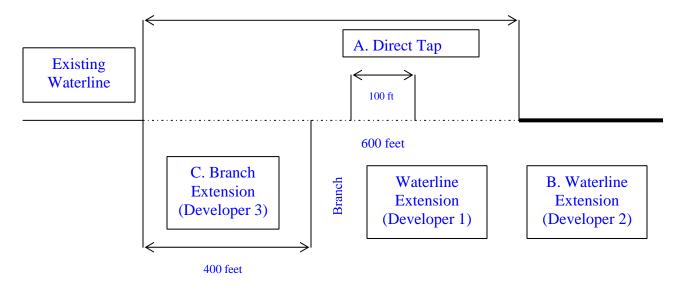
At locations where water is not available and the property owner/developer desires the use of the public water supply, the property owner/developer shall cause a waterline to be constructed from an existing waterline to, along and/or across the entire parcel that the property owner/developer desires to serve. The entire cost associated with the construction of the waterline, including engineering and approval, shall be borne by the property owner/developer that desires the water service. After construction and acceptance by the Village, the waterline becomes the property of the Village of Arlington. This line then shall be considered a "rotary line" and eligible for rotary fees that may be in effect at the time of acceptance by the Village from future taps.

- 1. A connection charge will be required for new connections to a water main that has previously been extended to, along and/or across a property without an assessment against the property having been made or without cost to the owner of the property at the time the extension was completed. The funds realized from connection charges will be deposited in a rotary water main fund. These charges shall be paid at the time of application for service. Connection charges are provided in Number 7 of this section.
- 2. Developers or individuals who extend a water main (hereinafter referred to as "extender") are entitled to be reimbursed from the connection charges collected from property owners who connect to the water main that the extender has installed. If the cost of the project is supplemented by the Village or County, the developer or individual will be reimbursed only his proportionate share.
- 3. Reimbursement will cease twelve years after the water main has been accepted by the Village and placed in service. In order for the line to be accepted by the Village and eligible for rotary reimbursement, the line must meet the Village of Arlington's Specifications for Water Construction.
- 4. At the time of construction, to be eligible for reimbursement of the rotary, the extender must submit a letter or statement to the Village which verifies who is entitled to receive the payment. The statement shall include the extender's name, mailing address, and location of extension. During the 12 years of rotary eligibility, any change that occurs to the information must be submitted to the Village in writing.
- 5. During the 12-year period, the extender shall be eligible for reimbursement in the amount of 90 percent of the rotary amount collected. Reimbursement will occur only upon written request from the extender. Any request for reimbursement from the rotary water fund must include the extender's name, mailing address, and location of the extension.
- 6. The Village shall retain 10 percent of the rotary amount collected to cover the Village's cost of maintaining records, construction of new services, and maintenance of existing services.
- 7. There is established a charge for extensions of and direct tap connections to a water main that has previously been extended to, along and/or across a property without an assessment against the property at the time the extension was completed.
 - A. Direct tap Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) per foot of lot frontage
 - B. Extension Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) per foot of original extension
 - C. Branch Extension Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) per foot using the shorter of the two distances between end connection to branch connection.

- D. Minimum rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per connection per lot to be served by water facilities owned and operated by the Village.
- 8. The above rates are base rates which shall be increased or decreased in direct proportion with the increase or decrease of water line construction costs. The Board shall approve the rate change only after satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Board of Public Affairs to justify such changes.

WATER ROTARY EXAMPLE

1,000 feet



- A. Direct tap pays \$2,200 for connection (100 ft @ \$22.00/ft). Developer 1 receives \$1,980 (\$2,200 @ 90%)
- B. Extension (Developer 2) pays \$22,000 (1,000 ft @ \$22.00/ft). Developer 1 receives \$19,800 (\$22,000 @ 90%)
- C. Branch extension (Developer 3) pays \$8,800 (400 ft @ \$22.00/ft). Developer 1 receives \$7,920 (\$8,800 @ 90%)

1. Right to Interrupt Service

Whenever the Village finds it necessary or convenient for the purpose of making repairs or improvements to the Village Water System, it shall have the right to temporarily suspend delivery of water and shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned thereby.

Whenever possible, and as time permits, all affected Consumers will be notified prior to such suspension by personal contact and/or news release.

The Village shall NOT be liable for interruptions in water service, shortages or insufficiency of supply or pressure, or for any loss or damage occasioned thereby, if caused by accident, act of God, fire, strikes, riots, war or other cause.

2. Frozen Meters

The Water Department will thaw a meter upon notification that it is frozen. If it is necessary to remove the meter, a bypass will be installed. The Consumer should let the water run in a thin stream continuously, in order to prevent the service from refreezing, until such time as he is notified by the Water Distribution Department that he may cease doing so.

If the Consumer turns the water off before being advised by the Water Department to do so and the service freezes again, it will be the Consumer's responsibility to obtain the services of a plumber to thaw the service. If the services of a plumber cannot be obtained and a serviceman is required to return to the premises, a fee will be charged.

Bypasses will not be installed when the service is frozen on the Consumer's side of the meter.

3. Use of Hydrants

No person except an authorized employee of Village shall open, operate or draw water from a fire hydrant.

A special permit for a temporary service connection at a fire hydrant must be applied for at Water Department, subject to the approval of the Water Department Superintendent. All charges for such connections must be paid at the time of application. The service will be metered, and the water used will be billed at the regular prevailing rate.

Any damage to the fire hydrant resulting from the installation of the temporary service connection shall be the responsibility of the person holding the permit, who will be billed for the cost of repairing or replacing the fire hydrant.

4. Hydrants Outside the Village Limits

Fire hydrants located outside the corporate limits of the Village and within the public right-ofway will be billed to the Arlington Village Council or the Consumers served by them.

If billed to the Township Fire Department, the charge shall be prepaid for the full year no later than April 30 of the service year. If billing is to the Consumer, the charge will appear on their regular monthly or bimonthly bill.

Service may be provided to Township Fire Departments from fire hydrants located within the corporate limits of the Village upon request. Charges for this service shall be as stated above.

5. Filling of Swimming Pools

Residential swimming pools may be filled from a hydrant by the Village Water Department upon receiving a permit from the Water Department. The fee for the permit is provided in the current rate schedule.

The fee to fill a nonresidential swimming pool will be calculated by determining the volume of water, in thousands of gallons, to fill the pool multiplied by the current rate per thousands of gallons plus the applicable permit fee.

6. Damage to Water System Facilities

Any damage to the facilities of the Village Water System will be repaired by the Water Department and the cost of the repairs billed to the responsible person and/or the property owner.

The Village reserves the right to require proper maintenance and/or repairs of all systems not under its control that may affect the proper operation of the Village Water System. Failure to effect said maintenance and/or repairs within thirty (30) days of notification to do so will result in discontinuance of service.

7. Testing of New Water Lines

All new water lines larger than two (2) inches in diameter shall be bacteriologically and hydrostatically tested in accordance with AWWA C650 and C651. Bacteriological sampling and testing must be performed by a State licensed and approved laboratory. There is a fee for all tests.

The first test includes both samples unless the first sample fails. If either sample fails and additional testing is deemed necessary, the laboratory will run the additional tests for the fees stated in the current rate schedule.

If re-disinfection is determined by the Water Department Superintendent to be necessary, all additional water for flushing the water main will be metered and charged to the contractor in the manner described in Section VII.3. for a temporary service connection.

8. Standby Fire Service Lines

Standby fire service lines may supply fire hydrants, sprinkler systems or standpipes established by the property owner. Charges for standby fire service lines outside the corporate limits will be billed to the owner of the property served.

9. Combination Lines

Combination lines are not an acceptable practice. All domestic, irrigation, and Standby Fire lines will be separate connections at the Village main line.

Any meter that registers water already measured by another meter SHALL NOT be installed, read, or serviced by the Office or Water Department. All existing re-meters owned and serviced by the Board or Water Department, upon proper notification and reasonable length of time, will be removed by the Board or Water Department.

10. Oversize Main Policy

The minimum size for new water mains is established by the Village as eight (8) inches in diameter.

The size (diameter) of the proposed waterline shall be approved by the Board. If it is determined that the Village requires a waterline larger in diameter than needed by the proposed development, the difference in the cost of MATERIALS will be paid by the Village to the property owner/developer, provided:

- 1) That the property owner/developer requests said reimbursement,
- 2) The request for said reimbursement is approved by the Board, and
- 3) That the actual difference in MATERIAL costs is clearly documented and the request for payment is submitted in a timely manner (No more than six (6) months after acceptance of the waterline by the Village).

Reimbursement under the rotary fee policy of Section VI will be based upon the project cost exclusive of over sizing costs.

These rules on cross-connection and backflow prevention are intended to cover as many cases as possible but cannot cover every instance. It is, therefore, recommended that the owner or his representative contact the Water Superintendent for details on each specific instance, before beginning of construction.

Section 1. Cross Connection Control - General Policy

- A. Purpose. The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is:
 - To protect the Village potable water supply from contamination or pollution by isolating within the consumer's water system contaminants or pollutants which could backflow through the service connection into the Village potable water system.
 - 2. To promote the elimination or control of existing cross connections, actual or potential, between the Village or consumer's potable water system and nonpotable water systems, plumbing fixtures and sources or systems containing process fluids.
 - 3. To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross connection control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of the Village and consumer's potable water systems.
- B. Application. These Rules and Regulations shall apply to all premises served by the Village potable water system.
- C. Policy. The Water Superintendent shall be responsible for protection of the Village potable water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection. If, in the judgment of the Water Superintendent, or their authorized representative, a cross-connection or backflow situation is possible the consumer shall be given notice to install such approved backflow prevention assembly at each service connection to the premises. The consumer shall immediately install such approved assembly or assemblies at his own expense, and failure, refusal or inability on the part of the consumer to install such assembly or assemblies immediately shall constitute grounds for discontinuing water service to the premises until such assembly or assemblies have been installed.

Section 2. Cross Connection Prohibited

- A. No water service connection shall be installed or maintained to any premises where actual or potential cross connections to the Village potable or consumer's water system may exist unless such actual or potential cross connections are abated or controlled to the satisfaction of the Water Superintendent.
- B. No connection shall be installed or maintained whereby an auxiliary water supply may enter the Village potable or consumer's water system unless such auxiliary water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Water Superintendent and by the Board as required by Section 6111.15 of the Ohio Revised Code and #3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Section 3. Survey and Investigations

- A. The consumer's premises shall be open at all reasonable times to the Water Superintendent, or their authorized representative, for the conduction of surveys and investigations of water use practices within the consumer's premises to determine whether there are actual or potential cross connections to the consumer's water system through which contaminated or pollutants could backflow into the Village potable water system.
- B. On request by the Water Superintendent, or their authorized representative, the consumer shall furnish information on water use practices within his premises.

Section 4. Where Protection is Required.

An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving premises where the following conditions exist:

- A. Premises having an auxiliary water supply unless such auxiliary supply is accepted as an additional source by the Water Superintendent and the source is approved by the OEPA.
- B. Premises on which any substance is handled in such a fashion as to create an actual or potential hazard to the Village potable water system. This shall include premises having sources or systems containing process fluids or waters originating from the Village potable water system which are no longer under the sanitary control of the Water Superintendent.
- C. Premises having internal cross connections that, in the judgment of the Water Superintendent, are not correctable or intricate plumbing arrangements which made it impractical to determine whether or not cross connections exist.
- D. Premises where, because of security requirements or other prohibitions or restrictions, it is impossible or impractical to make a complete cross connection survey.

- E. Premises having a repeated history of cross connections being established or reestablished.
- F. Others specified by the Water Superintendent.
- G. An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system service, but not necessarily limited to the following types of facilities, unless the Water Superintendent or the Board determines that no actual or potential hazard to the Village potable water system exists.
 - 1. Hospitals, mortuaries, clinics, nursing homes.
 - 2. Laboratories.
 - 3. Sewage treatment plants, sewage pumping station or storm water pumping station.
 - 4. Food or beverage processing plants.
 - 5. Chemical plants.
 - 6. Metal plating industries.
 - 7. Petroleum processing or storage plants.
 - 8. Radioactive material processing plants or nuclear reactors.
 - 9. Car wash.
 - 10. Lawn Irrigation Systems. Lawn irrigation systems must be equipped with an approved backflow and be tested within 10 days after the meter is reset in the spring. Lawn irrigation systems where the meter is not removed during the winter months must comply with the Inspection and Maintenance Schedule in Section 8.
 - 11. All water services that are <u>not</u> a residential one family dwelling, two family dwelling or three family dwelling shall install an approved backflow prevention assembly.
- H. An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed at any point of connection between the Village potable or consumer's water system and an auxiliary water supply, unless such auxiliary supply is accepted as an additional source by the Water Superintendent and the source is approved by the OEPA.

- I. Backflow Prevention is required on all fire lines. Each fire line and/or fire prevention system will be considered separately for the purposes of determining what backflow prevention assembly is required.
- J. An approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on each service line to a consumer's water system serving premises where, in the judgment of the Water Superintendent, actual or potential hazards to the Village potable water system exist.

Section 5. Type of Protection Required

- A. The type of protection required under IX Section 4 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G) and (J) of these regulations shall depend on the degree of hazard which exists as follows:
 - 1. An approved air gap separation shall be installed where the Village potable water system may be contaminated with substances that could cause a severe health hazard.
 - 2. An approved air gap separation or an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly shall be installed where the Village potable water system may be contaminated with a substance that could cause a system or health hazard.
- B. The type of protection required under IX Section 4 (H) of these regulations shall be an approved air gap separation or an approved interchangeable connection.
- C. Where an auxiliary water supply is used as a secondary source of water for a fire protection system, the provisions of IX Section 5 (B) for an approved air gap separation or an approved interchangeable connection may not be required providing:
 - 1. At premises where the auxiliary water supply may be contaminated with substances that could cause a system or health hazard, the Village or consumer's potable water system shall be protected against backflow by installation of an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
 - 2. At all other premises, the Village or consumer's potable water system shall be protected against backflow by installation of either an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly or an approved double check valve assembly.
 - 3. The Village or consumer's potable water system shall be the primary source of water for the fire protection system.
 - 4. The fire protection system shall be normally filled with water from the Village or consumer's potable water system.

- 5. The water in the fire protection system shall be used for fire protection only with no regular use of water from the fire protection system downstream from the approved backflow prevention assembly.
- 6. The water in the fire protection system shall contain no additives.
- D. Protection required on fire lines is as follows:
 - 1. The minimum requirement for a fire line is an approved double check detector check valve assembly with approved bypass meter.
 - 2. A fire line with an auxiliary supply (ponds, wells, any water supply other than from the Village water system) or additives included in the fire line will require a reduced pressure back flow prevention assembly.
 - 3. If at any time it is found that a fire line has been altered to include any of the above conditions or if a fire line has been connected to for purposes other than fire protection, an approved back flow prevention assembly will be required to be installed immediately. Water service shall be discontinued at the time such alteration is discovered and not reconnected until such time as the required corrections have been completed.
 - 4. If a single tap is supplying both fire suppression and domestic water to a building or facility, the fire line and domestic line will be considered separate for the purpose of determining the necessity of backflow prevention assemblies. Under all circumstances both lines will require a back-flow prevention assembly.

Section 6. Backflow Prevention Assemblies

Any backflow prevention assembly required by these rules and regulations shall be of a model or construction authorized by the Board and shall comply with the following:

- A. A double check valve assembly or a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly shall appear on the current "list of approved backflow prevention assemblies" of the OEPA. A current list is available at the Water Department.
- B. To be approved by Water Superintendent
 - 1. An air gap separation shall be at least twice the diameter of the supply pipe, measured vertically above the top rim of the vessel, but in no case less than one inch (1").

- 2. An interchangeable connection shall be a four-way valve of the lubricated plug type that operates through a mechanism which unseats the plug, turns it ninety (90) degrees and reseats the plug. Four-way valves shall not be used as stop valves but must have separate stop valves on each pipe connected to the valve. The tell-tale port on the four-way valve shall have no piping connected and the threads or flange on this port shall be destroyed so that a connection cannot be made. Any interchangeable connection shall have an approved backflow prevention assembly on each line.
- C. Existing backflow prevention assemblies approved by the Water Superintendent or the OEPA at the time of installation and properly maintained shall, except for inspection and maintenance requirements, be excluded from the requirement of IX Section 6 (A), (B) and (C) of this regulation providing the Water Superintendent is assured that they will satisfactorily protect the Village potable water system. Whenever the existing assembly is moved from the present location or requires more than minimum maintenance or when the Water Superintendent finds that the maintenance of the assembly constitutes a hazard to health, the assembly shall be replaced by a backflow prevention assembly meeting the requirements of these regulations.

Section 7. Installation

- A. Backflow prevention assemblies required by these rules and regulations shall be installed at a location and in a manner approved by the Water Superintendent and shall be installed by and at the expense of the water consumer. In addition, any backflow prevention assembly required by IX Section 4 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of these regulations shall be installed at a location and in a manner approved by the Water Superintendent as required by Section 6111.15 of the Ohio Revised Code & #3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- B. Backflow prevention assemblies installed on the service line to a consumer's water system shall be located on the consumer's side of the water meter, as close to the meter as is reasonably practical, and prior to any other connection.
- C. Pits or vaults will generally not be approved for the installation of any backflow prevention assembly. However, retrofit of an existing fire suppression system with double check detector check backflow prevention assembly may be allowed in a pit or vault if the pit or vault already exists and the pit or vault meets all the following requirements:
 - 1. Pits or vaults shall be of water-tight construction, be so located and constructed as to prevent flooding and shall be maintained free from standing water by means of either a sump pump or a suitable drain. Such sump pump or drain shall not connect to a sanitary sewer nor permit flooding of the pit or vault by reverse flow from its point of discharge. An access ladder and adequate natural or artificial lighting shall

be provided to permit maintenance inspection and testing of the backflow prevention assembly.

- 2. If a pit or vault is approved, it shall be understood that when a major system renovation is undertaken these double check detector check backflow prevention assemblies will be moved out of the pit or vault to a suitable location approved by the Water Superintendent.
- 3. At the discretion of the Board, plastic piping or ductile iron piping will be evaluated for each development.

Section 8. Inspection and Maintenance

- A. It shall be the duty of the property owner at any premises on which backflow prevention assemblies required by these regulations are installed to have inspection, tests and overhaul made in accordance with the following schedule or more often where inspections indicate a need.
 - 1. Air separation shall be inspected at time of installation and at least every twelve (12) months thereafter.
 - 2. a. Double check valve assemblies shall be inspected and tested for tightness at time of installation and at least every twelve (12) months thereafter.
 - b. They shall be dismantled, inspected internally, cleaned and repaired whenever needed and at least every thirty (30) months.
 - 3. a. Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assemblies shall be inspected and tested for tightness at time of installation and at least every twelve (12) months thereafter.
 - b. They shall be dismantled, inspected internally, cleaned and repaired whenever needed and at least every five (5) years.
 - 4. An interchangeable connection shall be inspected at time of installation and at least every twelve (12) months thereafter.
- B. Inspections, tests and overhaul of backflow prevention assemblies shall be made at the expense of the property owner and shall be performed by a person approved by the Water Superintendent as qualified to inspect, test and overhaul backflow prevention assemblies. This person will be known as a certified backflow tester. The certified backflow tester must turn in the backflow test and the required test fees together at the time of submission.

- C. The property owner must maintain a complete record of each backflow prevention assembly from purchase to retirement. This shall include a comprehensive listing that includes a record of all tests, inspections and repairs. A copy of the records of inspections, tests, repairs and overhaul shall be submitted to the Water Superintendent.
- D. Whenever backflow prevention assemblies required by these regulations are found to be defective, they shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the property owner without delay and copies of the repairs or replacements must be submitted to the Water Superintendent.
- E. Backflow prevention assemblies shall not be bypassed, made inoperative, removed or otherwise made ineffective without specific authorization by the Water Superintendent.

Section 9. Booster Pumps

- A. No person shall install or maintain a water service connection to any one, two or three family dwelling where a booster pump has been installed, unless an air gap separation is provided.
- B. Where a booster pump has been installed on the service line to or within any premises, such pump shall be equipped with a low-pressure cut-off device designed to shut off the booster pump when the pressure in the service line on the suction side of the pump drops to ten (10) pounds per square inch gauge or less.
- C. It shall be the duty of the property owner to maintain the low-pressure cut-off device in proper working order and to certify to the Water Superintendent, at least once every twelve (12) months, that the device is operable.

Section 10. Violations

- A. The Board shall deny or discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupants thereof, the water service to any premises wherein any backflow prevention assembly required by these regulations is not installed, tested and maintained in a manner acceptable to the Water Superintendent, if it is found that the backflow prevention assembly has been removed or by-passed, or if an unprotected cross connection exists on the premises, or if a low pressure cut-off required by these regulations is not installed and maintained in working order.
- B. Water service to such premises shall not be restored until the property owner has corrected or eliminated such conditions or defects in conformance with these regulations and to the satisfaction of the Board.

IX. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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WATER SYSTEM

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON, OHIO

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- "AIR GAP SEPARATION" means the unobstructed vertical distance through the atmosphere between the lowest opening from any pipe or faucet to supply water to a tank, plumbing fixture or other device and the flood level or rim of the receptacle.
- 2. "APPROVED", when in connection with backflow prevention, means that a backflow prevention assembly or method had been accepted by the Village as suitable for the proposed use.
- 3. "AUXILIARY WATER SYSTEM" means any water system on or available to the premises, other than the Village Water System, including the water supplied by the auxiliary system. An auxiliary water system may include water from another provider's public water system; or water from a source such as wells, lakes, streams, or process fluids; or used water.
- 4. "BACKFLOW" means the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or substances into the distribution system of a potable water supply from any source.
- "BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY" means any assembly method, or type of construction, intended to prevent backflow into a potable water system.
- 6. "VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM" means the Village of Arlington Potable Water System which is subject to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 69. The Village Water System consists of the source facilities (wells), treatment facilities and distribution system, and shall include all those facilities of the potable water system under the control of the Arlington Board of Public Affairs up to the point of the Consumer's Water System. The Village Water System ends at the downstream side of the meter or the downstream side of the tapping/gate valve on unmetered fire lines.
- 7. "COMBINATION LINES" are defined as those water line extensions constructed on private property both for the purpose of firefighting and domestic water supply. These are no longer

allowed and will not be installed as such. Fire lines must be separate from domestic service lines.

- "COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER" means any business engaged in retail, wholesale, personal services, repair services or any other activity which does not involve the mass production or manufacture of a commodity on the premises.
- "CONSUMER" means the owner or person in control of any premises supplied by or in any manner connected to the Village Water System.
- 10. "CONSUMER'S WATER SYSTEM" means any water system, located on the Consumer's premises, supplied by, or in any manner connected, to the Village Water System. A household plumbing system is considered to be a Consumer's Water System.
- 11. "CONTAMINATION" means an impairment of the quality of the water by sewage, process fluids or waste to a degree which could create an actual hazard to the public health.
- 12. "CROSS-CONNECTION" means any arrangement whereby the Village's potable water can come into contact with any substance foreign to that water.
- 13. "DEGREE OF HAZARD" is a term derived from an evaluation of the potential risk to health and the adverse effect upon the potable water system.
- 14. "DIRECTOR" means Ohio EPA Director.
- 15. "DOUBLE DETECTOR CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY" means an assembly composed of two single, independently acting, check valves including tightly closing shutoff valves located at each end of the assembly, suitable connection for testing the water-tightness of each check valve, and an approved by-pass meter installed for detection of low flows.
- 16. "ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT" means The Village of Arlington's duly authorized Engineering contractor.

- 17. "HEALTH HAZARD" means any condition, device, or practice in a water system or its operation that creates, or could create, a danger to the health and well-being of users.
- 18. "INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER" means any business engaged in manufacturing, processing or fabrication of products to be wholesaled or retailed off site.
- 19. "INTERCHANGEABLE CONNECTION" means an arrangement or device that will allow alternate but not simultaneous use of two sources of water.
- 20. "NON-POTABLE WATER" means water not safe for drinking, culinary or domestic use.
- 21. "OEPA" means Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- 22. "OFFICE" means Water & Sewer Utility Billing Office.
- 23. "OFFICE MANAGER" means the Arlington Board of Public Affairs clerk.
- 24. "PERSON" means the state, any political subdivision, public or private corporation, individual, partnership, or other legal entity.
- 25. "PLANT" means Water Treatment Plant.
- 26. "POLLUTION" means the presence in water of any foreign substance that tends to degrade its quality so as to constitute a hazard or impair the usefulness or quality of the water to a degree which does not create an actual hazard to the public health but which does adversely and unreasonably affect such waters for domestic use.
- 27. "POLLUTIONAL HAZARD" means a condition through which an aesthetically objectionable or degrading material not dangerous to health may enter the Village Water System or a Consumer's Water System.
- 28. "POTABLE WATER" means water which is satisfactory for drinking, culinary, and domestic purposes and meets the requirements of the OEPA.

- 29. "PROCESS FLUIDS" means any fluid or solution which may be chemically, biologically or otherwise contaminated or polluted in a form or concentration such as would constitute a health, pollutional, or system hazard if introduced into the Village or Consumer's potable water system. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. polluted or contaminated waters;
 - b. process waters;
 - used waters originating from the Village Water System which may have deteriorated in sanitary quality;
 - d. cooling waters;
 - e. contaminated natural waters taken from wells, lakes, streams, or irrigation systems;
 - f. chemicals in solution or suspension;
 - g. oils, gases, acids, alkalis, and other liquid and gaseous fluids used in industrial or other processes, or for firefighting purposes.
- 30. "REDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPLE BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY" means an assembly containing a minimum of two independently acting check valves together with an automatically operated pressure differential relief valve located between the two check valves.
- 31. "RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER" means personal homes or buildings used for human habitat including townhouses, apartments, condominiums, dormitories, etc.
- 32. "SERVICE CONNECTION" means the terminal end of a service line from the Village Water System. If a meter is installed at the end of the service, then the service connection means the downstream end of the meter.
- 33. "STANDBY FIRE SERVICE LINES" are defined as those water line extensions constructed on private property for the sole purpose of firefighting.

- 34. "SYSTEM HAZARD" means a condition posing an actual or potential threat of damage to the facilities of the Village Water System or a Consumer's Water System.
- 35. "USED WATER" means any water supplied by a water purveyor from a public water system to a Consumer's water system after it has passed through the service connection and is no longer under the control of the water purveyor.
- 36. "WATER PROVIDER" means the Village of Arlington Water System.
- 37. "WATER SUPERINTENDENT" means the Supervisor of the Water System.

- All connections, taps and services, up to and including two (2) inches, from mains to curb stops must be made by an employee of the Water Department. Applicant shall install the service from the building to a point approximately seven (7) feet into the right-of-way, between the sidewalk and curb where the meter setting will be installed by the Water Department. If a customer's service is short of this point for any reason the service will not be installed.
- Applicant's service should be in front of the structure and have a minimum cover of forty-eight (48) inches, avoiding driveways, large trees and sidewalks, and be installed with a controlling valve. The Water Department will make the tap and the owner or contractor shall install any service larger than two (2) inches.
- No plastic piping is allowed in the Village Water System. All services up to and including two
 (2) inches, shall be copper pipe. Any service larger than two (2) inches shall be schedule 80
 PVC. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Water Department.
- 4. All proposed service locations shall be identified by owner, applicant or contractor with permit number, address or lot number on a sign, or other means to ensure the proper service is installed. A grade stake shall also be provided, by the owner of the property or his contractor, to show final grade of the yard in the area where the meter is to be installed, before the Water Department will complete the service. A sidewalk stake shall be provided by the owner of the property or his contractor, to show where the sidewalk will be installed. The owner of the property, or his authorized agent, must meet the personnel of the Water Department at the site before installation of the meter will take place.

- 5. When the Water Department is notified that a new service is ready for installation there will be a minimum of two (2) working days delay. This will allow the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, time to notify all utilities involved so that they can mark their underground utilities.
- 6. If the Water Department goes to the job site and applicant is not in compliance with one of the rules and regulations covered herein, the service will not be installed, and a trip fee will be charged for returning to complete the service. Billing for water service will begin the day the tap is completed and meter set.
- 7. When there are multiple service lines to be installed at the same location (duplex, tri-plex, or more), each service line must be marked as to what unit they will serve. They must be plumbed so that they are complete in each unit, and we can verify when the water is turned on as to what unit the service line serves. A blind service line with a valve on it in a crawl space will not be accepted as a finished unit.
- 8. Taps larger than two (2) inches for service lines, fire lines, or a combination of both must be performed by the Water Department. The tapping sleeve, valve and line shall be installed by the owner or his/her contractor. All tapping sleeves shall be ductile cast iron, or cast iron, gates shall open clockwise (red nut). The only approved tap sizes are ³/₄", 1", 1 ¹/₂", 2", 4", 6", 8", 10", and 12".

- 9. All services shall be provided with a fully operational stop where it enters the building, easily accessible and so installed that the water can be shut off by the owner or tenant. If the building has no fully operational stop and the Water Department has to turn the water off for repairs, the water will not be turned back on until such stop is installed and approved by the Water Department.
- 10. Water service to two (2) or more separate structures is prohibited, and any arrangements of this manner shall be corrected within ninety (90) days of notification to do so.
 - a. The relocation of any water main, fire hydrant, service line, or meter setting up to and including two (2) inches must be approved by the Engineering Department and the Water Department. Work will be done by the Water Department and the total cost of relocation will be charged to the party or parties requesting the change. Any service line, privately owned fire hydrants, private mains, or mains that are not to be installed on Village right-of-way or utility easement must be approved by the Water Department and the work done by the Consumer or contractor.
 - b. When any renovation is done to an existing building, all backflow prevention requirements of the State Plumbing Code and OEPA must be met.
- 11. Curb stops, valve boxes and meter pits may be used by Village Water System employees and plumbers registered by the Village to shut off water for repair. Any damage to curb stops by an unauthorized party will be repaired by the Water Department and the cost charged to the property owner.

12. All water service installation requirements, as stated in sections 1-11, can be altered or modified at the discretion of the Board.

II. METERS

- 1. The Water Department installs all meters up to and including two (2) inches. All meters larger than two (2) inches and all size meters for detector checks shall be provided and installed inside the structure by the property owner, with the prior approval of the Water Department. The meters will be inspected by the Water Department after they have been installed. All meters set inside the structure shall meet Village specifications. All material for meters set inside shall be supplied by the owner or his/her contractor. Meter sizes 5/8", 3/4", 1", 1 1/2", and 2" shall be installed in a pit with copper and brass materials. Meters larger than two (2) inches shall be flanged ductile cast iron. Compound meters shall be in accordance with Village specifications.
- 2. All meters shall have cubic foot gears and registers. Once the meters are connected to the Village's Water System they become the property of the Village Water System. Any damage, due to carelessness or neglect of the water Consumer, or his agent or contractor, will be charged to the property owner. All meters will be maintained by the Village for as long as possible. If the meter starts to fail and can no longer be repaired by the Village, the owner shall be notified that the meter no longer registers correctly and must be replaced at the Village's expense. Any changeout of meters larger than two (2) inches shall be performed by a contractor approved by the Village at the expense of the property owner and under the supervision of the Water Superintendent.
- 3. All meters are to be installed in the street right-of-way or utility easement by the Water Department, unless an alternate location is approved by the Water Superintendent or his

authorized representative prior to installation. Where the meter is inside a structure and prior approval has been obtained from the Water Superintendent, the service shall have a corporation stop at the main and a curb stop outside of the structure. The curb stop location must be approved by the Water Department.

- 4. The property owner will be charged for the labor, equipment and material cost of any pit installed by Water Department for services larger than 3/4". Any meter pit larger than four (4) foot diameter round ring type shall be installed by the owner and must have prior approval of the Water Department for the type of pit, pit size, pit location, lid weight and the position of the meter in the pit before the pit is installed. All pits installed by the owner shall be maintained by the owner.
- 5. Meters shall be easily accessible and shall not be hidden or covered with building materials, boxes, or any other obstruction.
- 6. Water meters shall be prohibited in any sidewalk or driveway.

- Fire hydrants installed on the Village's Water System must be purchased from the Village. Hydrants installed in connection with new waterline construction may be installed by the contractor.
- 2. Hydrants connected to existing Village mains will require a tapping gate and sleeve to be furnished and installed by the person requesting the hydrant. The charge for performing the tap and hydrant installation will be based on the actual cost of labor, materials and equipment plus fifteen (15) percent.
- 3. All fire lines must have a double detector check valve with a cubic feet detector meter approved by the Water Department and provided by the owner. All meters must be inspected by and approved by the Water Department. Once installed, the meters become the property of the Village and will be maintained by the Water Department. All meters installed on fire lines shall be in accordance with Village specifications.
- 4. Maintenance and repair of Standby Fire Service Lines and Combination Lines shall be at the expense of the owner of the property.
- 5. All proposed Fire lines connected to the Village's Water System must have prior plan approval by the Water Department, Engineering Department, and the Fire Department before

connections to the Village Water System will be made. The owner shall be responsible for all repairs to this fire line up to and including the tapping sleeve and tapping valve. All repairs must be performed by an Ohio licensed underground fire installer.

- 6. If there is a request for fire hydrants to be installed on a private fire line, prior approval must be obtained from the Water Department, Engineering Department, and the Fire Department. If approval is granted, the contractor may install a purchased hydrant from the Water Department. The Village shall perform all annual maintenance on this hydrant at no charge to the owner of the private fire line.
- 7. The Water Department reserves the right to discontinue this service for any violation of the rules of the Board. The use of a sprinkling system for any purpose other than in the case of a fire or accident must have the approval of the Supervisor. The Village is not liable for damages caused by water used for firefighting purposes or as a result of the malfunction of the sprinkler system.
- Any damage to the antenna and/or risers will be replaced free of charge during the first occurrence. Any time thereafter a fee, as determined by the Board, will be assessed to the Consumer.

V. AUTHORITY

1. Any water rule and/or regulation contained herein may be altered, modified, or

varied from by the Arlington Board of Public Affairs.