

MEREDITH WATER DEPARTMENT

WATER USE ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND THE INSTALLATION OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS, WATER MAINS AND OTHER APPURTENANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF MEREDITH, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, AS FOLLOWS;

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## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Unless specified otherwise herein, the meaning of the terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

101: “ABUTTER” shall mean one whose property abuts, is contiguous to, or joins at the border or the boundary of a public right-of-way in which a water main is to be or has been installed.

102: “ACCESS FEE” shall mean the fee paid for access to the existing infrastructure system availability and capacity.

103: “APPROVED SOURCE” means a source of water utilized by a public water system for distribution to the public for consumptive purposes and which is approved by the Commission for said use following a required and/or approved treatment process.

104: “AVAILABLE SPARE CAPACITY” means the available spare capacity of the water works which shall be defined as the difference between 90% of the actual capacity of the water treatment plant and the highest daily water consumption by the town (finished water pumped adjusted for changes in the storage tower level) recorded under normal operations for the previous 36 months of record. This “gross” available spare capacity may be reduced to a “NET AVAILABLE SPARE CAPACITY” by allocating capacity to known future demands and to reserves for unknown future demand per section 322a.

105: “BACKFLOW” means the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into distribution system of a potable supply of water from any source or sources other than the intended source.

106: “BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE” or “ANTI-BACKFLOW DEVICE” means a device or means to prevent backflow.

107: “BACK PRESSURE” means pressure created by mechanical means or other means causing water, liquids or other substance to flow or move in a direction opposite to what is intended.

108: “BACK SIPHONAGE” means a backflow resulting from negative or reduced pressure in the distribution system of a potable water supply.

109: “BOARD” shall mean the board for the examination and licensing of plumbers.

110: “BYPASS” shall mean the pipe extended around a meter from and to the service pipe that the Department might provide while the meter is out of service.

111: “CHECK VALVE” means a self-closing device, which is designed to permit the flow of fluids in one direction and to close if there is a reversal of flow.

112: "COMMISSION" shall mean the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

113: "COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM" means a system that provides water to the public for human consumption, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.

114: "CONNECTIONS" means a single water service connection that is 2-inch diameter or less and fire service lines for building requiring fire suppression systems.

115: "CONNECTION FEE" shall mean the fee paid for administrative costs associated with the physical connection to the system and inspection of the installation.

116: "CONTAMINANT" means any physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.

117: "CONTRACTOR" shall mean an individual, partnership, or corporation and the proper agents and representatives thereof.

118: "COOLING WATER" shall mean the clean wastewater from air conditioning, industrial cooling, and condensing and similar apparatus and from hydraulically powered equipment. Cooling water shall include only water, which is sufficiently clean, uncontaminated and unpolluted and may be discharged without treatment or purification and with written permission of the Commission, into any natural open stream or watercourse.

119: "CROSS-CONNECTION" shall mean any actual or potential physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water and the other which contains water of unknown or questionable safety and/or steam, chemicals, gases or other contaminants whereby there may be a flow of unapproved water to a water supply.

120: "DEPARTMENT" shall mean the Meredith Water Department.

121: "DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM" or shall mean all facilities and appurtenances for the storage and distribution of water.

122: "EFFECTIVE SERVICE ELEVATION" shall mean the elevation (USGS datum) at which a service pressure at the building sill of 20 psi. shall be assured.

123: "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

124: "EXISTING SERVICE AREA" means the area bounded geographically by the location of the terminus of the existing water distribution system infrastructure as indicated on the latest edition of the Meredith Water Distribution System Map created by the Town of Meredith.

125: "EXTENSIONS" means water mains greater than 2-inch diameter required to serve multiple water system connections.

126: “FEASIBLE” means capable of being done within the current limitations of economics and technology, as determined by the Town.

127: “IMPROVED PROPERTY” shall mean any property located within the jurisdiction upon which there is erected a building (s) intended for continuous or temporary occupancy or use by human beings or animals and to which there can be service connections supplying water from the distribution system.

128: “INSPECTOR” shall mean the person or persons duly authorized by the Town to inspect and approve the installation or service connections and water mains.

129: “METER HORN SETTING” shall mean a yolk type device that is attached to the meter allowing it to be positioned horizontally.

130: “MORATORIUM” means temporary actions to prohibit new extensions or connections to the water works.

131: “NATIONAL DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS” means the drinking water regulations promulgated by the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act, PL 93-523, as amended.

132: “NONRESIDENTIAL” shall mean premises used for other than domestic dwelling.

133: “OUTSIDE READER” shall mean the device placed by the Department on the outside surface of the Owner’s premises permitting The Department to determine a meter reading without entering the premises.

134: “OWNER” or “PROPERTY OWNER” shall mean any person vested with ownership, legal or equitable, possession of a property.

135: “UNIT” shall mean any dwelling accommodation designed as an independent unit for the use of not more than one family equipped for permanent, seasonal or temporary occupancy with independent cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities. “UNIT” shall also mean any store, office, commercial or industrial establishment in a building operated as an independent unit.

“EQUIVALENT UNITS” for purposes of determining Access Fees shall be determined by dividing the estimated water usage by the estimated usage of a single-family, 2 bedroom dwelling. The current New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Administrative Rule Env-Wq 1008.03 shall be used to generate equivalent units for specific types of uses as herein after amended, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. . A table of equivalent units will be found in the Appendix as the “Equivalent Unit Chart”.

136: “PETITIONER” shall mean the Owner or duly authorized agent of the Owner of the premises who is requesting a water main extension for any purpose.

137: “POTABLE WATER” means water from a source that has been approved by the Commission for human consumption.

138: “PRIVATE METERS” shall mean the non-Department owned meters monitoring separate service to a portion of the Owners premises.

139: “REMOTE READER” shall mean a device installed by the Department for remote reading of a water meter.

140: “RESIDENTIAL” shall mean a property whose lot, parcel, real estate, or building is used for domestic dwelling only.

141: “RESTRICTION” means temporary actions to restrict the use of water.

142: “SANITARY SURVEY” means an on-site review of the water source, facilities, equipment, operation and maintenance of a public water system for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy of such source, facilities, equipment, operation and maintenance for the producing and distributing safe drinking water.

143: “SELECTMEN” shall mean the duly elected Board of Selectmen of the Town of Meredith.

144: “SERVICE CONNECTION” or “SERVICE” shall mean that part of the distribution system extending from a water main to a building on an improved property.

145: “SHALL” is mandatory; “MAY” is permissive.

146: “SPECIFICATIONS” or “STANDARDS” mean applicable standards, specifications, codes or regulations for construction of water works and appurtenances adopted by the Town and/or Commission, as amended.

147: “STATE PLUMBING CODE” shall mean the plumbing code adopted pursuant to RSA-329-A-15.

148: “SUPERINTENDENT” means the individual employed by the Town who has direct responsibility for the routine maintenance and operation of the distribution system.

149: “TEMPORARY SERVICE” or “SEASONAL SERVICE” shall indicate a service connection that is active intermittently rather than on a year-round basis.

150: “TOWN” shall mean the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire, and the Town Manager or his/her designee.

151: “TOWN MANAGER” shall mean the Town Manager duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or his/her authorized agent.

152: “TREATMENT” shall mean the application of physical, chemical or biological processes to reduce the amount of pollutants in or to alter the nature of the properties in a water supply prior to consumption or use.

153: "WATER MAIN" shall mean the supply pipe from which service connections are made to supply water to improved properties.

154: "WATER METER" shall mean a device installed by the Department for the measurement of water quantities to be used as a basis for determining charges for water services.

155: "WATER TREATMENT PLANT" means that portion of the distribution system that is designed to alter the physical, chemical, biological or radiological quality of the water or to remove any contaminants.

156: "WATER WORKS" or shall mean all facilities and appurtenances for the supply, treatment, storage and distribution of water.

## ARTICLE II

### SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND METERS

201: Application for connection to the distribution system shall be made with the Department. The application shall be supplemented by any plans, specification or other information required by the Department or the Commission.

202: Service connections shall be constructed in accordance with current standards and specifications of the State Plumbing Code and any other codes, regulations, specifications or standards adopted by the Town or Commission.

203: The Department prior to backfilling shall inspect new service connections and repairs to existing services.

204: The Town shall bill the Owner for any costs incurred incident to the construction of a service connection over and above those allowed by the permit.

205: Every new service shall be provided with a stop and waste valve located inside the building near the service entrance, easily accessible and protected from freezing. All inside piping shall be so arranged as to permit draining whenever necessary.

206: Property Owners shall maintain all plumbing and fixtures within their buildings at their own expense, in good repair and protected from damage or freezing. Owners shall make any repairs necessary to prevent leakage.

207: No connections capable of causing backflow between the Water Works and any plumbing fixture, device or appliance, or between any waste outlet or pipe having direct connection to waste drains, will be permitted unless approved backflow prevention devices are installed in strict compliance with current standards for cross-connections.

208: All new service connections shall include an approved anti-backflow device in a position reasonably accessible for future maintenance and inspection as deemed necessary by the Department.

209: The Department shall determine the size of the meter. Units once served at metered rates shall not be restored to a flat rate. The Department may install meters whenever deemed necessary.

210: All Owners having direct pressure hot water heaters or other appliances shall place valves in the pipe system to prevent damage to such devices should it become necessary to shut off water at a water main. The Department shall not be liable for damages to any such devices on the Owner's premises. Service will be provided to direct pressure hot water tanks or appliances at the Owner's risk, and the Department shall not be responsible for any damage caused by the Owner's failure to provide a thermal expansion device or pressure relief valve in the pipe system.

211: Water service pipes shall not be placed in the same trench with sewer pipes, gas pipes, electric conduits, or similar utilities. Pipes shall be installed in accordance with local and state standards and specifications.

212: No new service connections or extensions of water mains shall be installed during winter conditions when frost is in the ground without the expressed written permission of the Department.

213: Where it becomes necessary to thaw a frozen service and the Department undertakes to thaw the service at the Owner's request, any costs incurred by the Department shall be paid by the Owner.

214: Electric welders shall not be used to thaw frozen service connections.

215: Where it is not feasible to provide independent service, water may be furnished temporarily from an adjacent service if authorized by the Department and the adjacent Property Owner. Such service shall be provided entirely at the expense of the Owner requesting such service.

216: Water service furnished to any unit not placed on a permanent foundation shall be considered temporary service and the cost of furnishing and maintaining such service from the nearest available water main shall be entirely at the expense of the Owner.

217: A qualified contractor retained by the Owner shall install service connections.

218: It shall be the Owner's responsibility to maintain and repair the entire service connection, from the water main to the building serviced, except as provided for in Section 236. **Maintenance of private fire suppression systems including access to hydrants at all times of the year is the responsibility of the property owners.**

219: A Roadway Excavation Permit shall be obtained from the Department of Public Works prior to any construction within a Town road right-of-way.

220: The Owner shall be responsible for any and all costs of equipment, labor and materials to construct a service connection, except as provided for in Section 236, and for restoring and maintaining the trench limits within a Town right-of-way for a period of two years after completion. Any excavated roadway surfaces shall be reconstructed as specified in the Roadway Excavation Permit issued, and within five working days after the service connection has been backfilled.

221: A separate and independent service connection shall be provided for each unit unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

222: Whenever possible, the service connection shall be brought to the building at an elevation of 5 feet below finished grade to prevent freezing. The service connection shall be laid in straight alignment insofar as is possible.



223: If the Owner desires that a service connection be altered for any reason, he shall obtain a permit in the same manner as for a new service connection.

224: Upon completion of service connection and acceptance by the Department as ready for service, or upon completion of the repair of a service, the Department shall present the Owner of the property with a bill covering any costs incurred by the Department over and above those allowed under the connection fee. Said bill shall become due upon date of issue.

225: All materials used in constructing a service connection shall be subject to Department approval. The minimum pipe diameter for a service connection shall be three quarter inch ( $\frac{3}{4}$ "). Type K copper pipe or CTS tubing shall be used in all service connections. Neither lead, plastic (other than CTS), nor galvanized pipe and fittings shall be used as the service line. No compression style fittings shall be allowed inside of a building, with the exception of the meter couplings. In the event that CTS tubing is used as the service line, the CTS tubing shall transition to Type K copper no less than 15 feet outside of the foundation.

226: If the trench is very wet when excavating for a service, three quarter inch ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ") stone shall be placed in the bottom of the trench, approximately 6" deep, as bedding for the service connection and a 12" sand lift shall be placed over the service. If the trench is dry, sand shall be used 12" above and 6" below the service pipe. All backfill materials within right-of-way shall be compacted in accordance with the Roadway Excavation Permit.

227: The Department shall make connections joining a service to any existing water main unless otherwise agreed. A minimum notice of two days is required to allow for scheduling. Connections shall be during normal working hours. Any connection requiring overtime of Department personnel, shall be charged to the Owner in addition to the connection fee.

228: A clay dam shall be constructed around the service where sub-surface water could follow the bedding along a water main to the extent where such water would back feed into the building being serviced.

229: A sleeve shall be furnished for all water service lines penetrating concrete walls or floors of a building. The sleeve shall extend a minimum of two (2) inches inside and outside of the penetration. The sleeve shall permit easy entry of the service pipe through it, and shall be sealed watertight. No concrete products shall be used for sealing the void between the service pipe and the sleeve. "Expand-a-foam" or "fernco style" couplings shall be used to seal the void between the service pipe and the sleeve.

230: All meters shall be set inside at the point of entrance of the service pipe to the building and in a readily accessible location. All meters shall be laid horizontal. One meter per unit shall be provided by and remain the property of the Department. For new construction and meter replacements necessitated by reasons other than normal wear and tear, the Owner shall pay the Department for the cost of the meter. The Department shall pay for meter replacements necessitated by normal wear and tear. The Owner shall install and maintain Two (2) shutoffs, one on either side of the meter as well as backflow devices and a pressure reducer if water main pressures dictate the need. All devices and valves shall be of a type accepted by the Department.

Once installed, meters may be changed in location at the request of the Owner only at his expense and provided the Department has authorized such change.

231: Separate meters shall be installed on newly constructed irrigation systems that include buried piping or appurtenances. Irrigation system meters shall be installed in accordance with Department requirements. The Owner shall pay the Department for the cost of irrigation system meters, including meter replacement, regardless of the reason for the replacement.

232: The Department shall do meter and shut-off repairs or replacements necessitated by normal wear, however if such repairs or replacements are necessitated by freezing, abuse or neglect by the Owner, repair costs shall be charged to the Owner.

233: If an Owner for the purpose of showing subdivision of supply desires additional or auxiliary meters, such meters shall be purchased, installed and maintained at the Owner's expense. If the Owner desires private meters, they shall be furnished, installed, maintained and read by the Owner for his own purposes.

234: The Department before installation shall test meters. Thereafter, any testing of meters shall be done at the discretion of the Department. All meters will be tested in accordance with guidelines set forth by the American Water Works Association.

235: Connection fees shall be charged as specified on the water rate and fee schedule and shall be payable upon application for said permit. One fee shall be charged in instances where it is necessary to install a service to the water main and shall cover costs incurred by the Department for administration and inspection.

236: The meter, curb stop, standpipe and corporation shall be furnished, and maintained by, and shall remain the property of, the Department.

237: For each new service connection, the Owner shall pay an Access Fee as herein set forth. Refer to the Water Rate and Fee Schedule for access fees per equivalent unit and to the Equivalent Unit Chart to determine equivalent units for each use specified. Flow requirements of an automatic sprinkler system will not increase the number of unit equivalents for a specific use.

238: All premises shall have an outside remote reader installed when a new water meter is initially installed or replaced. The outside remote reader shall be installed at a place on the premises acceptable to the Department and according to the specifications available at the Department's office. Unless the Department authorizes an alternative location, the outside reader shall be placed on the owner's premises near or adjacent to the driveway or walkway. Upon application for service, the Owner shall pay a charge as specified in the water rate and fee schedule for the cost of providing and installing the outside remote reader. The Department will pay for repairs or replacements of the outside reader necessitated by normal wear. The Owner shall be responsible for repairs or replacement of remote readers and or wiring due to reasons other than normal wear and tear. The Department shall render a bill for labor, equipment, and materials for all such repairs or replacement. The remote reader and wiring shall remain the property of the Department. The Owner is responsible to provide safe access to Department personnel for meter reading. The Owner shall remove potential hazards and nuisances such as,

but not limited to, snow, ice, vegetation, and dogs from the outside reader location. If the Owner does not provide satisfactory access, the Department reserves the right to bill based on estimated usage.

239: The Department shall meter water services. The meter and the outside reader shall be owned, installed and maintained by the Department.

240: The meter shall be located at the point of entry to the Owner's premises. The Owner shall provide a clean, dry and warm place always free from debris for the installation and placement of the meter. The meter shall be placed in accordance with Department requirements, either special or general, and in a location that a person in an upright position for the purpose of reading, maintaining and changing the meter, may safely and easily access. In no case shall a meter be placed in an open or concealed area beneath a floor and, if a meter is so placed the Department may require the Owner to remove and place the meter in accordance with the requirements of this Ordinance. When the Department requires the Owner to remove a meter from a concealed area beneath a floor or behind a wall, the Owner at his expense shall make ready plumbing to receive the meter at a location approved by the Department within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Department.

241: Meters shall be installed according to Department specifications available at the Department's office. The Department shall determine the size of the meter after a review of the information submitted by the Owner on the service application data form. A properly valved and sealed bypass shall be provided by the Owner around meters one and one half inch (1 1/2") diameter and larger. The bypass shall not be used or tampered with by the Owner for any reason. The Owner shall provide a meter horn setting which may be purchased at the Department's office, for meters of five-eighths inch (5/8") to one inch (1") diameter in size.

242: If, in the reasonable judgment of the Department, it is necessary or expedient to locate the meter in an underground box or vault, the Owner shall construct the box or vault on his premises. The meter box or vault shall be constructed in accordance with Department specifications available at the Department's office. The construction or relocation of a meter box or vault, whether performed by the Owner or the Department, shall be at the Owner's expense. Maintenance of the meter box shall be the responsibility of the Owner.

243: The cost of the meter and its installation shall be the Owner's expense. The Department will pay for meter repairs or replacements necessitated by normal wear; the Owner shall pay for those caused by freezing, hot water, or by any other reason.

244: No ground wires from any source shall be attached to any water pipe inside or outside the premises served.

## ARTICLE III

### USE OF SYSTEM

301: The Owners of all improved properties situated within the Town and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is located a Town water main, are hereby required at their expense to install and maintain a service connection from the water main to improved building(s) in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and within ninety (90) days after official notice to do so. A public water main shall be deemed available if an improved building is within one hundred feet (100') of a water main as measured from the closest part of any structure that contains plumbing along or across the shortest available easement to the centerline of the water main.

302: All persons desiring to connect to the distribution system shall file an application on forms furnished by the Town, stating such pertinent information as may be required. The Owner or his authorized representative shall sign such forms.

303: Should substantially increased use be desired at any time, the Owner shall apply to the Town in writing in advance of such use. Such application shall contain a provision stating that the Owner, by signing same, agrees to accept the terms and conditions as herein contained or as may be later modified, and the Department shall not be obligated to furnish water before receipt of such signed application.

304: The Department does not guarantee an adequate, uninterrupted or unlimited supply of water but will use its best endeavors to supply all users with water including reasonable private and public fire service.

305: If it becomes necessary to shut off water in the water mains due to shortage of supply or for purpose of making repairs, extensions or connections or for any reason beyond the control of the Department, the Department shall not be responsible for any damage caused by such shutoff, and no refund or credit shall be allowed unless the interruption is in effect for a continuous period in excess of ten (10) days, in which case a proportionate credit will be allowed. Notice of shut off will be given when practicable, but nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as requiring the giving such notice.

306: Owners shall prevent all unnecessary waste of water. They shall not allow it to run to prevent freeze-ups. Water shall not be supplied on a flat rate to any continuous flow devices. When necessary to conserve supply, the Town Manager / Selectmen may restrict or prohibit the use of water for lawns, gardens, swimming pools or other nonessential uses.

307: Extensions of water mains may be made upon petition of prospective Owners and shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Department shall extend water mains in existing Town rights-of-ways or approved easements which are dedicated to public use;
- (2) Construction of water mains shall be subject to inspection by Department and these extensions shall, if located in the public right-of-way or approved easement,

become the property of the Department. Main pipe extensions shall be owned and maintained by the Department.

- (3) Installation and construction of water main extensions shall continue at the discretion of the Department as frost and weather conditions permit.
- (4) All petitions for water main extensions shall be submitted to and approved or denied by the Department. Each petition shall be accompanied by an application fee for the water main extension as specified in the water rate and fee schedule.
- (5) Prior to installation, subdivisions or site plans shall be approved by the local planning authority, and the right-of-way or easement in which the water main is to be installed shall be laid out, and lines and grades established.
- (6) The size and type of pipe shall be determined by the Department in accordance with conditions surrounding the extension including the potential for future extensions or the addition of fire protection service(s).
- (7) Water main extensions shall be made only upon the condition that the prospective Owner(s) sign an agreement with the Department, which shall provide that the Owner(s) shall pay the entire cost of any extension(s) proposed. The full amount of the estimated cost of such extension(s) shall be bonded or otherwise guaranteed before work is started on any such project. The costs for any extensions shall be in addition to the access fees and connection fees otherwise applicable to the development.
- (8) All such services prior to hook-up must make formal application to Department, pay all required fees and follow installation and inspection regulations.

Water main extension(s) of the distribution system may also be made upon proper appropriation of funds at a Town Meeting to accomplish such work as may be specified by the adopted warrant article.

308: Any water main extension(s) shall be constructed in accordance with current state and local standards, codes and specifications for water works construction. All new extensions shall provide service connections and shut-offs at the property lines and at the most practical locations to minimize future disturbances of roadway surfaces as properties are improved.

309: The Department shall not be responsible for damage caused by dirty water which may be occasioned by the cleaning of pipe(s), water storage tank(s), or other appurtenances, or the opening and closing of any valves or hydrants.

310: Hydrants may not be used for any purpose other than extinguishing of fires or for such other purposes as the Department may authorize.

311: In no case shall hydrants be opened by any person other than an agent of the Department or a duly authorized representative of this municipality. All gates, valves, shut-offs, standpipes or other appurtenances, which are the property of the Department, and shall not be opened, closed or in any other way tampered with by any person other than an authorized agent of the Town

312: Any person who wishes to construct or reconstruct any walk or driveway or do any other work which may affect any property of the Department or the amount of cover over any existing water main or service pipe, must first apply to the Department for permission to do so and agree to pay any costs incurred by the Department as a result of such work.

313: Owners desiring private fire protection must apply for a permit, before installation, with the Town. No private fire service connection shall be made on a water main of less than six (6") inches in diameter. No private fire service connection shall be used for domestic, commercial or industrial use unless authorized by the Department. All sprinkler valves and backflow devices shall be located in an area that can be readily accessed.

314: No person shall take or use water contrary to the terms of this Ordinance or take or use water illegally or in such a way as to evade scheduled rates and charges. (See Article VI: Penalties)

315: To assure that no backflow, back siphonage or other means of contamination occur, a minimum service pressure of 20 lbs. per square inch shall be verified by the Department at each building sill before connection to the distribution system is permitted. Individual booster pumps above the "effective service elevation" shall not be permitted. Only central pump stations owned and operated by the Department shall provide any increase in pressure. The "effective service elevation" is 714" (USGS Datum) as determined at the Meredith Water Tank and above which no services shall be allowed.

316: No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections to or opening into, use, alter or disturb any water main or appurtenance of the distribution system.

317: Plans and specifications for any proposed public water system and extensions or replacements thereto shall be subject to the approval of the Department and the Commission as required.

318: The Department shall determine what constitutes waste or improper use and reserves the right to restrict the same when necessary. The Department assumes no responsibility for water fixtures or for the use or waste of water on metered premises. Delivery of a courtesy notice to a Owner regarding a possible leak or wasteful condition on the metered premises shall not imply or involve any such care or responsibility, nor shall any omission or delay by the Department in sending a courtesy notice create any liability.

319: When necessary to conserve supply, the Town Manager/Selectmen reserve the right to restrict or prohibit the use of water.

320: In no event shall the Department be responsible for any damage caused by water escaping from plumbing and fixtures.

321a: The Department reserves the right to refuse water service to any Owner that contemplates building until such time as an occupancy permit has been issued and that adequate water service, as determined by the Department, can be supplied.

321b: The Town reserves the right to issue various restrictions or moratoriums that is in the best interests of the water works and users of said water works. Actions may include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Restriction on Outdoor Water Use
- (2) Moratorium on Outdoor Water Use
- (3) Restriction on Extensions: Individual service connections are permitted. Certain extensions are permitted. Permitted extensions will be defined in the execution of the declaration.
- (4) Moratorium on Extensions: Individual service connections are permitted. All extensions are prohibited.
- (5) Restriction on Connections: Certain connections are permitted. Permitted connections will be defined in the execution of the declaration.
- (6) Moratorium on Connections: All connections to the water system are prohibited.

322a: The Town reserves the right to allocate water during times of limited capacity. Allocations will be determined as follows:

- (1) As required the Water Department will generate a NET AVAILABLE SPARE CAPACITY Report. This report will assess system capacity and demand based on the condition and capability of the water system and use trends to determine available spare capacity of the water works for new connections to the system.
- (2) Allocation of available spare capacity will be made to each of the use categories in order of priority as specified below. Allocations for each use category will be determined by the Department on an as-required basis:
  - a. Outstanding Building Permits
  - b. Parcels Located Within the Existing Service Area. Allocation will be based on a single, separate and independent service connection to each lot.
  - c. New Subdivision or Site Development: At any given time several development projects may be before the Town requesting connection to the municipal water system. Completion of the approval process for each project before the Town depends on the Owner's ability to meet specific site, subdivision and zoning requirements and is beyond the full control of the Town. Therefore the Town cannot assure the approval of water system extensions and connections prior to obtaining appropriate land use approvals.

322b: The following procedure shall be followed by Owners wishing to connect a new subdivision or site plan development to the Town's water works.

- (1) The Owner shall place an appropriate non-refundable fee in escrow with the Department for the purpose of completing an analysis on potential impacts to the water works. The analysis will be completed by the Department or by the Department's authorized representative. The analysis will include, but may not

be limited to, a demand analysis to determine impacts to the available water works capacity and/or a hydraulic computer analysis of potential impacts to the water works.

(a) The computer analysis shall consist of one or more of the following, depending on the size of the project, as determined by the Department:

1) An analysis of existing conditions and the development's proposed conditions using the Department's hydraulic computer model of the water distribution system; and

2) An analysis of possible on-site and off-site infrastructure improvements to alleviate any pressure, volume, treatment or storage capacity deficiencies observed during the evaluation of the development's proposed conditions.

(b) The demand analysis shall include a determination of the development's maximum day demand. The development's maximum day demand shall be calculated by multiplying the average day demand by a minimum peaking factor of 2.0. For developments involving phased construction, the calculation shall be based on the maximum day demand of all phases combined. The development's maximum day demand will be benchmarked against the available spare capacity of the water works to determine if a water system extension or connection is acceptable, as determined by the Department.

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(2) If the development is initially denied due to the requirements of this paragraph, then the Owner may enter into negotiations with the Town to remediate deficiencies and/or implement the on-site and/or off-site infrastructure improvements. Any costs to be borne by the Owner that are agreed as a result of such negotiation shall be in addition to the access fees and connection fees otherwise applicable to the development.

(3) The Town will communicate to Owner regarding the results of analyses and system impacts and requirements to facilitate a system connection so that the Owner can make their own determination on how best to proceed with obtaining Town approval for their projects.

(4) Final approval of municipal water system extensions and connections are subject to available water system capacity at the time the subdivision or site development project receives conditional approval by the Planning Board. In the event the project does not obtain final Planning Board approval within one year of the effective date of Water Department approval, Water Department approval shall automatically lapse. However, Water Department approval may be extended for good cause shown as determined by the Department. Any person aggrieved by the determination of the Department on a request to extend the expiration date of a Department approval may appeal that determination to the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days. The Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing, and the Board's decision on the appeal shall be final.

(5) Approvals for water system extensions will be articulated in a development agreement with the Owner of the development. The development agreement will



specify an appropriate allocation of the available spare capacity of the water works to the development. The allocation will be assigned to the property (not the Owner) for the purpose of setting aside available capacity for the full build-out of the development. If required, the development agreement will also specify infrastructure improvements and appropriate cost sharing arrangements, if any, to be completed by the designated parties. Upon acceptance of the extension by the Water Department, the development will be designated as a parcel within the existing service area.

323: The Department shall not be responsible for any damage caused by service interruption or pressure loss in the main pipes or service pipes due to maintenance, repairs, construction, or shortage of supply, or for any reason beyond the control of the Department.

324: The Department shall not be responsible for damage caused by dirty or discolored water which may be occasioned by periodic cleaning of main pipes, service pipes, standpipes, reservoirs, pump houses, or tanks, or by the opening or closing of any hydrants, or for any reason beyond the control of the Department.

325: The Department shall not be responsible for any damage or personal injury caused by contamination due to faulty or deteriorated plumbing within the Owner's premises.

326: The Department shall not be responsible for the installation of a water pipe grounding system or for the maintenance or integrity or continuity of any grounding attachment or connection made to a water pipe system.

327: Except for its intentional or negligent tortious acts, the Department shall not be responsible for any claim or damage to persons or property alleged to have resulted from the provision of service or the failure to provide service and, under no circumstances, shall the Department be responsible for consequential damages arising out of claims of any kind.

328: No connection shall be made to any water main without prior written authorization by the Department after application by the Owner. Connection to water mains, if authorized by the Department, shall be installed in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Owner and approved by the Department. After completion of such projects, the Department shall require the Owner to prepare a set of record plans showing the location, size and depth of all water mains and services.

329: Following authorization of plans and specifications, the Department shall prepare a fee estimate to provide services during the construction of the water mains and services including construction observation and inspection, shop drawing reviews, job meetings, correspondence, and other construction administration tasks. The Owner shall place the value of the fee estimate into an escrow account prior to the construction of the water main service, which the Department shall control and utilize to disburse payments for the aforementioned construction related services. The Department reserves the right to utilize such funds to perform such services using its own personnel, to subcontract such services to an authorized representative, or some combination thereof. The extent of construction related services to be performed by the Department and/or its authorized representative, and the amount of fees to be placed in

escrow by the Owner, shall be at the sole discretion of the Department. Should the escrow account balance become depleted prior to the completion of construction, then the Owner shall deposit additional funds into the account pursuant to a revised fee estimate prepared by the Department for the purpose of providing construction related services for the duration of construction. If the Owner fails to deposit additional funds into the escrow account within 5 business days following receipt of written notice from the Department then the Department reserves the right to suspend all construction services. All costs incurred by the Owner resulting from suspension of construction services shall be the full responsibility of the Owner. The Department shall return unused amounts remaining in the escrow account to the Owner upon final acceptance.

330: Where the Department elects to maintain ownership of a water main located on private property, the Owner shall grant the Town an easement sufficient to provide access by the Department to the water main and Town-owned appurtenances.

331: The Department reserves the right to refuse or disallow the installation of a water main extension where it determines that service demand does not warrant the cost of installation or where the extension will tend in any way to constitute discrimination against other Owners.

332: The Department may discontinue service without notice for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Misrepresentation by the Owner in his application for service or other fraudulent procurement of service.
- (2) Use of water for purposes other than described by the Owner in his application for service.
- (3) Willful waste of water.
- (4) Tampering with Department property.
- (5) Abandonment of premises by the Owner.
- (6) Cross connection or unauthorized connection to the Department's service pipe or main pipe with any fixture or supply source in violation of the provision of these Ordinances.
- (7) Failure to maintain plumbing and fixtures in good repair that could, in the Department's judgment, result in damage to persons or property.
- (8) Failure to install, maintain or repair a backflow prevention device within the period specified by the Department.
- (9) Failure to prevent contamination of potable water.
- (10) Unauthorized use of private fire protection system.

333: The Department may discontinue service with written notice postmarked at least twelve (12) days in advance of the proposed discontinuation date for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Refusal of reasonable access to the Owner's premises for inspection of Department property or to a Department-owned meter;

- (2) Any refusal or neglect to comply with any rule or regulation of the Department;
- (3) Owner's failure to comply with terms of payment agreement entered into between the Owner and the Department; and
- (4) Discontinuance to tenants shall only be accomplished in accordance with the provisions under RSA-38: 31.

Service may also be discontinued with notice, in circumstances the Department may determine appropriate.

## ARTICLE IV

### AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS

401: Any Town or Department personnel or authorized representative of the Department, bearing proper credentials, shall be permitted at reasonable times to enter upon all properties within the Town for the following purposes:

- (a) To inspect the extent, nature, construction, maintenance or operation of private facilities or facilities proposed to be accepted by the Department to determine if such facilities comply with the provisions of this ordinance and other adopted standards, regulations, codes, laws, and approved plans;
- (b) To determine if the conditions therein comply with the statements pertinent to the application for connection to the distribution system;
- (c) To inspect or repair service connection;
- (d) To carry out any provision of this ordinance which requires access to a property for its proper execution.

402: Any authorized representative of the Department shall have the right of access at any reasonable time to an Owner's premises for the purpose of meter reading, repair or replacement of meters, fixture count or any other legitimate purpose.

## ARTICLE V

### WATER RATES DEFINED

501: The Board of Selectmen shall establish, and afterwards amend as required, a schedule of water rates to be billed to all units connected to the distribution system.

502: Water bills are payable to the Town of Meredith on a timely basis as may be determined by the Selectmen. In the event that the Department is unable to read a meter because of the absence of the occupant, the billing shall be based upon the amount of water used during the previous billing period. In the case of meter failure or removal, charges for water consumption shall be based on an average of the amount registered over similar periods preceding such unmetered service. The Department shall periodically bill Owners for water service in accordance with the water rate and fee schedule. The Department may render bills either monthly or quarterly.

503: If a bill for water service is not paid within sixty (60) days after the due date, the Department reserves the right to disconnect the service after ten (10) days from the date of mailing a disconnect notice to the Owner addressed to him at the address on file at the Department's office. Reconnection shall not be made until all previous charges for water including any interest or penalties have been paid in addition to the disconnection and reconnection fees.

504: All unpaid charges for water shall create a lien on the property accordance with the terms of Revised Statutes Annotated 38:22.

505: Revenues received from the collection of user charges and connection fees shall be kept as a separate and distinct fund and shall be used to defray the costs of operating, maintaining or upgrading the water works. Any surplus existing in the fund may be applied, at the discretion of the Selectmen, to the reduction of user charges for subsequent billing periods.

505A: Revenues received from the collection of access fees shall be kept as a separate reserve within the distinct fund and shall be used to defray the costs of maintaining or upgrading the water system infrastructure. Any surplus existing in the fund may be applied, at the discretion of the Selectmen, to the reduction of user charges for subsequent billing periods.

506: The Water Department budget shall be divided by the total annual water usage volume to determine a local user rate based on cubic feet of water consumed. The cost per cubic foot as set forth in the appendix shall be applied to the amount consumed at each individual service to determine individual user charges.

507: When the ownership of property changes, the full name and address of the new Owner shall be given to the Department by the former Owner in order that bills may be properly rendered to the property. New Owners shall have no right to the use of water at the premise until such notice has been given and any outstanding bills due of the former Owner are paid in full.

508: Where there is more than one unit in a building supplied with water, the Department shall require that the Owner sign the application for service and assume responsibility for payment of all charges for water service rendered to the property.

509: All water passing through a meter shall be charged to the Owner whether it is used or wasted unless otherwise exempt from payment by the Selectmen. The Owner shall make payment for all water registered by the water meter regardless of leaks or the manner in which the water was used.

510: Charges for service furnished under the terms and conditions of this Ordinance or any other agreement between the Department and an Owner shall continue to the end of the term specified or until such time as the Department receives reasonable notice from the Owner of a desire to terminate water service.

511: The Department shall require a deposit, in an amount equivalent to a billing period minimum charge, before furnishing service. The deposit shall be applied toward payment of the first billing.

512: Retention of the deposit by the Department shall not constitute a waiver of its rights to otherwise enforce collection of payment in accordance with the Ordinance.

513: Turn-on and turn-off fees, as set forth in the water rate and fee schedule shall apply where any water service is provided.

514: In instances where an improved property is connected to the distribution system and water service has been terminated for any reason, the minimum charge, as set forth in the water rate and fee schedule, shall remain in effect.

515: If a meter is found not to register, a bill for the period of non-registration shall be estimated based upon consumption recorded prior or subsequent to the period of non-registration, and any other pertinent information supplied by the Owner or known to the Department.

516: In the event that the Department cannot readily and safely gain access to the meter for the purpose of obtaining the meter reading, the Department shall make its best estimate of the consumption, which might be registered by the meter since the last reading date. The estimate shall be as valid as if the meter reading had actually been determined, and the Owner shall be billed according to the estimate for the period of non-registration. However, there shall be no more than two (2) consecutive estimated bills. After the second estimated bill has been prepared, the Owner shall be required to provide safe and ready access to the meter in accordance with this Ordinance.

517: Any payment received later than thirty (30) days after the due date shall be subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the water rate and fee schedule.

518: The Owner shall not transfer his obligation to pay for service to any person or tenant by lease, contract, agreement, or otherwise and acceptance of any third party payment shall not constitute a waiver of this prohibition.

519: Failure to receive a bill shall not discharge the Owner of the obligation of payment or the consequence of non-payment.

520: When an Owner cannot pay a bill in full, the Department shall continue to serve the Owner if the Owner pays a reasonable portion of the bill as determined by the Department and the Owner agrees to pay the balance of the outstanding bill in reasonable installments. All payment agreements shall be confirmed in writing.

521: Whenever the institution on which it is written does not accept a check or draft presented for payment, the Department as specified in the water rate and fee schedule shall impose a charge.

522: When the Department is requested by the Owner to connect or disconnect service for any reason, the Owner shall pay a charge as specified in the water rate and fee schedule for such service if performed during the Department's regular working hours or, if performed outside the Department's regular working hours, the Owner shall pay all labor, equipment and material costs incurred by the Department in providing such service.

## ARTICLE VI

### PENALTIES

601: The Department shall serve any person found to violating any provisions of this Ordinance with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease said violation.

602: Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Section 601 shall be fined an amount not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day such violation exists.

603: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable to the Department for any expense, loss or damage incurred by the Department by reasons of such violation.

604: No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment that is part of the distribution system. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charges of disorderly conduct.

605: Failure to obtain the proper permits for or to have a service connection inspected shall result in a double connection fee and, at the discretion of the Department, may require the uncovering of the service connection to facilitate proper inspection. The Owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with the proper inspection.



## ARTICLE VII

### WATER EMERGENCY

701: In accordance with the provisions of RSA38: 26 and RSA 47.17,XV, whenever an emergency exists by reason of a shortage of water due to inadequate supply, limited treatment or distribution capacity or failure of equipment or material, the Town Manager and/or the Selectmen are authorized to restrict or prohibit the use of water from the water system. Such restriction and/or prohibition of the use of water from the water system shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure the use of water is regulated in a manner the Town Manager and Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Meredith. The Town Manager and Selectmen may use reasonable means to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever they have determined that a water supply shortage exists.

702: Declaration of Emergency. A water emergency exists whenever the Town Manager and/ or the Selectmen makes a written determination that the water system is unable to, or is in jeopardy of becoming unable to, supply the full commercial, domestic and residential needs of the users of the water system, including needs for adequate fire protection.

703: Issuance of Notice of Emergency. Upon the Town Manager's or Selectmen's determination that a water emergency exists, the Town Manager or Selectmen shall issue a written emergency notice declaring the emergency and setting forth with particularity an order restricting the use of water from the water system. Such order may (1) restrict water usage during certain periods during the day or week according to any orderly and nondiscriminatory scheme, and (2) prohibit usage not essential to public health and safety. The order as issued may be revised from time to time, as the Town Manager or Selectmen deems necessary. The use of water for firefighting, health, sanitation, medical purposes and other essential uses shall not be restricted. However, domestic water use conservation practices may be implemented. Notwithstanding the authority granted by Section 701 of this Ordinance, any order imposing restrictions in the use of water shall not apply to any person obtaining water from sources other than the public water supply, unless it can be shown that the use of such water affects the public water supply. Written notice restricting the use of such water shall be given to the person in control of the same, and may be effective forthwith.

704: Publication and/or Posting of Notice. The written emergency notice provided for in Section 703 above shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Meredith within seventy-two (72) hours after the issuance of such notice. In addition to publication as provided for in the previous sentence or in place of such publication in the event that no newspaper of general circulation within the Town of Meredith exists, the written emergency notice shall be posted in five (5) prominent places within the Town. The emergency notice shall be in full force and effect upon publication or posting of the notice in accordance with this paragraph. Substantial compliance with this sub-section shall be sufficient to implement the effect of the emergency notice.

705: Immediate Threat to Public Health or Safety. Whenever a sudden or unexpected event so reduces the availability of water or water pressure as to create an immediate threat to public

health or safety, the emergency notice provided for in the preceding sub-section may be given by any reasonable means, including electronic means. The water emergency and any restriction and/or prohibition of water usage promulgated therewith shall be in full force and effect upon the giving of such notice.

706: Length of Emergency. A duly proclaimed water emergency shall continue and the terms of the restriction and/or prohibition of water uses as set forth in the written emergency notice shall be in force for thirty (30) days or until such time as the Town Manager shall be caused to be published a notice that the emergency has ended, whichever is shorter, unless the Selectmen, by resolution approved by a majority of all its members, extends the emergency notice.

707: Appeals of Water Emergency Declaration. Any person aggrieved by a declaration of water emergency by the Town Manager or Selectmen shall have the right to present the matter to the next regular or special meeting of the Town Selectmen or any emergency session of the Selectmen called to discuss the water emergency. The Selectmen may exempt such aggrieved person, in whole or in part from compliance with such order upon showing such order creates an immediate threat to such person's health or safety. A ruling by a majority vote of the Selectmen with regard to such appeal shall be final and binding. Until and unless the action of the Town Manager is modified or revoked by action of the Selectmen, all water usage shall be bound by the terms of the emergency notice issued by the Town Manager and /or Selectmen.

708: Penalty. Any person or business who, in any manner, directly or indirectly, violates or permits others under his/her control to violate any terms of a duly issued written emergency notice shall be guilty of a violation. Each separate day of water use in violation of such emergency notice shall constitute a separate offence and each separate prohibited water use in excess of one (1) on the same day shall constitute a separate offence. Violation of this Article shall be punishable by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offence.

## ARTICLE VIII

### VALIDITY

801: The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision and to that end; all provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

802: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, recording, and publication as provided by law.

803: In instances of conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance and other applicable state or local codes, ordinances or regulations, the more stringent requirement shall apply.

804: Following a duly noticed Public Hearing this Ordinance was adopted by vote of the Meredith Board of Selectmen on 10-18-2010. The Ordinance shall be in effect thirty (30) days after acceptance. The Board of Selectmen may waive any section of this Ordinance, after a public hearing in particular circumstances for good cause shown.

TOWN OF MEREDITH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Charles Palm, Chairman

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Peter Brothers

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Colette Worsman

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Miller Lovett

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Nathan Torr

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Kerri Parker, Town Clerk

Service Permit, Rates and Fees

Book\_\_\_\_\_ Service #\_\_\_\_\_

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

MEREDITH WATER DEPARTMENT

MEREDITH, N.H. 03253

Application: Connection to Municipal Water System:

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Commerical\_\_\_\_\_ Residential\_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor's Cert.of Insurance: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map No: \_\_\_\_\_ Roadway Opening Permit: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Backflow Device Installed: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ Inspected by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant will adhere strictly to all rules, regulations and ordinances of the Meredith Water Department. Work done prior to permitting and/or inspection will result in double fees and may result in additional penalties as specified in the Water Ordinance.

No connection shall be covered until inspected. Any connection that has been covered prior to inspection shall be uncovered at the Owner's expense.

When a check valve is used, it makes a closed system. A pressure relief valve must be installed to protect against pressure build up caused by water expansion from a hot water heater or boiler. Bodily injury may occur if a pressure relief valve is not installed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE

FEES: ( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Connection Fee No: Units: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Meter Cost  
( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Access Fee

Total Collected: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (receipt attached)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved/Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Orig: Finance  
Cc: Water Dept.  
Planning and Zoning  
Copy of Receipt Attached

**MEREDITH WATER DEPARTMENT  
WATER RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE**

Effective January 1, 2011

**RATES and FEES:**

ACCESS FEE  
Per equivalent Unit \$4,000.00

CONNECTION FEES:  
Per new meter connected, includes inspection \$100.00

Digging, Blasting, Fill and Pavement Costs Resident/Applicant

Material, Equipment and Any other Additional Costs Resident/Applicant

METER FEES:  
3/4 - 5/8" Meter (Residential/Living Units) Cost plus 25%  
1" Meter  
1-1/2" Meter  
2" Meter  
3" Turbo Meter

**FIXED QUARTERLY CHARGE – (\$ per Quarter)**

|            |             |           | Year   |        |        |
|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
|            |             |           | 2011   | 2012   | 2013   |
| Meter Size | Rate Ratio* | Base Rate | 24.13  | 26.61  | 27.56  |
| ¾          | 1.00        |           | 24.13  | 26.61  | 27.56  |
| 1          | 1.40        |           | 33.78  | 37.25  | 38.58  |
| 1 ½        | 1.80        |           | 43.43  | 47.90  | 49.61  |
| 2          | 2.90        |           | 69.98  | 77.17  | 79.92  |
| 3          | 11.0        |           | 265.43 | 292.71 | 303.16 |
| 4          | 14.0        |           | 337.82 | 372.54 | 385.84 |
| 6          | 21.0        |           | 506.73 | 558.81 | 578.76 |

Per AWWA Manual M2

**CONSUMPTION RATES – \$ per hundred cubic feet per quarter (\$/ccf/q):**

| Year | Usage Blocks |             |           |
|------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
|      | 0-10 ccf/q   | 11-50 ccf/q | >50 ccf/q |
| 2011 | 4.57         | 4.57        | 4.57      |
| 2012 | 5.04         | 5.04        | 5.04      |
| 2013 | 5.22         | 5.22        | 5.22      |

**IRRIGATION RATES**

**Fixed Quarterly Charge – (\$ per Quarter) – Same as all other accounts above.**

**Consumption Rates – Two Times consumption rates above.**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Usage Blocks</b> |                    |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|             | <b>0-10 ccf/q</b>   | <b>11-50 ccf/q</b> | <b>&gt;50 ccf/q</b> |
| <b>2011</b> | 9.14                | 9.14               | 9.14                |
| <b>2012</b> | 10.08               | 10.08              | 10.08               |
| <b>2013</b> | 10.44               | 10.44              | 10.44               |

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES:**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Scheduled Call-Outs during working hours                   | \$50.00/hr. |
| Unscheduled Call-Outs, 2 hour minimum                      | \$75.00/hr  |
| Inspections  | \$50.00/hr  |
| Meter Bases(freeze plates), first occurrence per account   | N/C         |
| Subsequent occurrences – material \$25 plus Call Out cost. |             |
| Meter Testing, first unit per account                      | N/C         |
| Subsequent units \$50 unless unit is defective, then N/C   |             |
| Backflow Device Testing, each                              | \$75.00     |

For other information or charges please refer to the Meredith Water Use Ordinance.

**ACCESS UNIT FEE SCHEDULE**  
**BASED ON N.H. CODE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES – Env-Ws 1008.03, February, 2008**  
**EQUIVALENT UNIT CHART**

|                         |   | No.<br>Units | Unit of Measure     |
|-------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|
| AIRPORTS                |   | 0.017        | per person          |
| APARTMENTS              | 1 Bedroom or Studio                                 | 0.750        | per 2- bedroom      |
|                         | 2 or more Bedrooms per Apartment                    | 0.500        | per bedroom         |
| BARS, LOUNGES           |   | 0.067        | per seat            |
| BED & BREAKFAST         | Guests  | 0.200        | per guest - note    |
|                         | Employees   | 0.033        | per employee        |
| CAMPS                   | With central comfort station – site                 | 0.150        | per site (3 p/site) |
|                         | - dump station                                      | 0.067        | per site            |
|                         | Recreation trailer parks w/3way hookup              | 0.200        | per site            |
|                         | Construction camps                                  | 0.167        | per site            |
|                         | Day Camps (no meals served)                         | 0.050        | per site            |
|                         | Dining facility                                     | 0.010        | per site            |
|                         | Residential Youth Recreational Camp - Camp          | 0.083        | per person          |
|                         | - Meals   | 0.010        | per person/meal     |
| CATERERS                | Function Rooms                                      | 0.040        | per patron          |
| CHURCHES                | Sanctuary Seating                                   | 0.010        | per seat            |
|                         | Church Suppers                                      | 0.040        | per seat            |
| COUNTRY CLUBS - PRIVATE | Dining Room   | 0.033        | per seat            |
|                         | Snack Bar   | 0.033        | per seat            |
|                         | Locker & Showers                                    | 0.067        | per locker          |
| DAY CARE CENTERS        |   | 0.033        | per person          |
| DENTIST                 | Chair   | 0.033        | per chair           |
|                         | Staff member  | 0.117        | per staff person    |
| DOCTORS OFFICES         |   | 0.833        | per doctor          |
| DOG KENNELS             |   | 0.167        | per kennel          |
| DWELLINGS               | Per 2 Bedroom                                       | 1.000        | per 2 Bedrooms      |
|                         | Additional bedroom                                  | 0.500        | per add'l BR        |
|                         | Rooming houses/with meals                           | 0.200        | per room            |
|                         | Rooming houses/without meals                        | 0.133        | per room            |
|                         | Senior Housing (55 or older)                        | 0.417        | per 2 BR unit       |
| FACTORIES               | Light industry (without cafeteria or showers)       | 0.067        | per person          |
|                         | Light industry (cafeteria no showers)               | 0.083        | per person          |
|                         | Heavy industry (cafeteria shower)                   | 0.117        | per person          |
|                         | Warehouses  | 0.067        | per person          |
| FIRE STATIONS           | Without full-time emp. floor drains or food prep.   | 0.017        | per person - note   |
| FOOD SERVICE            | Cafeteria or Eat in, plus toilet and kitchen waste  | 0.133        | per seat            |
|                         | Cafe or Eat in, paper svc.+ toilet and kitch. waste | 0.067        | per seat            |
|                         | Ice cream dipper                                    | 0.333        | per dipper          |
|                         | Kitchen waste only                                  | 0.010        | per meal served     |
|                         | Bars and lounges – seat                             | 0.067        | per seat            |
|                         | - employees   | 0.117        | per person          |
|                         | Function rooms                                      | 0.040        | per seat            |
| GYMS                    | Participant   | 0.033        | per person          |
|                         | Spectator   | 0.010        | per person          |

|  |   |       |                                 |
|--|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| HAIRDRESSERS   | Chair   | 0.500 | per chair                       |
|  | Operator                                      | 0.117 | per person                      |
| HOSPITALS  | Beds  | 0.667 | per bed                         |
|  | Employees                                     | 0.117 | per person                      |
| HOTELS & MOTELS  | Room w/ 2 or more double beds                 | 0.667 | per room                        |
|  | Room w/ only 1 double bed                     | 0.333 | per room                        |
|  | Employees                                     | 0.033 | per person                      |
| INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN<br>HOSPITALS<br>LAUNDROMATS, COIN<br>OPERATED<br>MANUFACTURED HOUSING<br>PARKS |   |       | See Residential                 |
|  |   | 1.667 | per machine                     |
|  | Site minimum                                  | 1.000 | per site min.                   |
|  | Bedrooms per site                             | 0.500 | per bedroom/site                |
| MOTELS, see HOTELS   |   |       |                                 |
| NAIL SALONS  | Customer                                      | 0.017 | per person                      |
|  | Employees                                     | 0.117 | per person                      |
| NURSING HOMES  | Beds  | 0.417 | per bed                         |
|  | Employees                                     | 0.117 | per person                      |
| OFFICE BUILDINGS   | Without Cafeteria                             | 0.050 | per person                      |
|  | With Cafeteria                                | 0.067 | per person                      |
|  | Unspecified office space                      | 0.050 | per 100 sq. ft.                 |
| PICNIC PARKS   |   |       | See Recreational Facilities     |
| RECREATIONAL FACILITIES  | Toilet waste only                             | 0.017 | per person                      |
|  | With showers and toilets                      | 0.033 | per person                      |
| RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS<br>other than Hospitals   | Beds  | 0.450 | per bed                         |
|  | Employees                                     | 0.117 | per person                      |
| RESTAURANTS  | Seats   |       | See food service                |
|  | Employees                                     |       | See food service                |
|  | Function Rooms                                |       | See food service                |
| SCHOOLS  | Boarding                                      | 0.333 | per person                      |
|  | Day   | 0.033 | per person                      |
|  | Day with Cafeteria                            | 0.050 | per person                      |
|  | Day with gyms showers & cafeteria             | 0.083 | per person                      |
| SENIOR HOUSING (55 or older)   | 2 Bedroom Unit                                | 0.417 | per 2 BR unit                   |
| SERVICE STATIONS   | Islands                                       | 0.250 | per island                      |
|  | Employees                                     | 0.117 | per person                      |
| SHOPPING CENTERS – Stores  | Large Dry Goods                               | 0.017 | per 100 sq/ft.(stand alone)     |
|  | Large Supermarket w/ meat, no garbage grinder | 0.025 | per 100 sq/ft.                  |
|  | Large Supermarket w/ meat and garbage grinder | 0.037 | per 100 sq/ft.                  |
|  | Small Dry Goods                               | 0.333 | per store (in shopping cntr)    |
| SKATING RINKS (See gyms)   |   |       |                                 |
| SKI AREAS  | Without Cafeteria                             |       | see recreational facilities     |
|  | With Cafeteria                                |       | see recreational facilities     |
| SWIMMING POOLS   |   |       | see recreational facilities     |
| TENNIS COURTS  |   |       | see recreational facilities     |
| THEATRES   |   | 0.010 | per auditorium seat             |
| TOWN HALLS   |   | 0.017 | per seat for total seating cap. |
| TOWN OFFICES   | Employees                                     | 0.050 | per person                      |
|  | Transients                                    | 0.017 | per person                      |
| TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS (See  |   |       |                                 |



Camps)

WAREHOUSES (See factories)



ARTICLE VIII

VALIDITY

801: The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision and to that end; all provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

802: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, recording, and publication as provided by law.

803: In instances of conflict between the provisions of this Ordinance and other applicable state or local codes, ordinances or regulations, the more stringent requirement shall apply.

804: Following a duly noticed Public Hearing this Ordinance was adopted by vote of the Meredith Board of Selectmen on 10-18-2010. The Ordinance shall be in effect thirty (30) days after acceptance. The Board of Selectmen may waive any section of this Ordinance, after a public hearing in particular circumstances for good cause shown.

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