

ORDINANCE 1973 - 3

An Ordinance providing for the installation of water lines and taps within the Borough of Lilly.

The Borough of Lilly hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. The following words and terms, as used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(a) The word "customer" shall mean any person, as hereinafter defined, owning any premises receiving water from the Lilly water system.

(b) The word "person" shall mean any natural person, association, partnership, firm or corporation.

(c) The term "service pipe" shall mean that pipe leading from the curb to the premises of a customer.

(d) The word "street" shall mean any street, alley or lane.

In this ordinance, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

Section 2. The Borough Council shall have the charge and management of the water system, and shall make such rules and regulations as they determine appropriate for its use and regulation.

Section 3. The Borough Council shall from time to time appoint a person to serve as superintendent of the water system, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and shall receive such compensation as shall be determined by Council from time to time.

Section 4. The powers and duties of the superintendent shall be as follows:

(a) The superintendent shall have charge of the water system,

exercising general care and supervision thereof, and shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation thereof. He shall see that all the provisions of this ordinance are at all times strictly enforced. As often as shall be required by the Council, the superintendent shall inspect the water lines, the reservoir and all sources of supply, and shall ascertain whether all the facilities of the waterworks are in good working order.

(b) Under the direction of the Water Committee, the superintendent shall employ such labor and assistance, at such rate of compensation as may be fixed or designated by the Water Committee and approved by the Council, as is deemed necessary for the satisfactory operation and maintenance of the water system. He shall keep complete records of employment in the water system and shall prepare the payrolls thereof.

(c) The superintendent shall receive and keep on file all applications from customers and prospective customers.

(d) At any time, on request of the Borough Council or the Water Committee, the superintendent shall make any special report, on any aspect of the water system or its operation.

(e) The superintendent shall annually make a detailed report on the condition of the water system, which shall be published as directed by the Council, for the information of the public.

(f) The superintendent shall perform such other duties as the Council and/or the Water Committee shall direct.

Section 5. For the protection of the water system, the following regulations shall be in force:

(a) No person shall damage, injure, molest, disturb or interfere with any pipe, hydrant, stop cock, reservoir, machinery, tool, or any property belonging to or appertaining to the water system.

(b) No person shall, except with authority from the superintendent or any person subordinate to him in the water system, open, close, interfere with or attach to or connect with any fire hydrant, stop valve or stop cock belonging to the Borough. PROVIDED, HOWEVER; in case of fire the opening and use of the fire hydrants needed in the fighting thereof shall be under the direction of the Fire Chief of the Borough.

Section 6. Whenever any excavation in any of the public streets in the Borough shall be necessary in connection with the extension, tapping, maintenance or repair of any water main or other facility of the water system, the superintendent shall notify the Street Commissioner of the location of the proposed excavation. It shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to furnish personnel to make such excavation and to refill the same, and to restore the street to its previous condition as soon as the work upon the water line shall have been completed.

Section 7. Introduction of Borough water shall not be made into any premises until application shall have been made to the superintendent by the owner of such premises or by his authorized agent. Such application shall be made upon a form to be prescribed by the Borough, and upon such application the applicant shall state fully all purposes for which he shall desire such water, and shall answer fairly and without concealment all necessary questions relating to number of rooms, cisterns, accessibility of neighbors and all possibilities for illegal use of water.

Section 8. No person except an authorized employee of the water system shall tap any main or distributing pipe. Service connections shall be installed by the Borough from the street main to the curb on line of the same, including stop cock and box, and shall be charged to the owner of the property with which the connection is made at the following rate:

Stop cock and box to service lines - \$ 15.00

Section 9. All water and sewer taps shall be paid for in advance at the following rates:

Water tap \$ 35.00

Water tap where line is required under hard-top road \$ 45.00

Sewer, per foot frontage \$ 2.00

Section 10. Every street connection, at the time of making thereof, shall be provided with a separate stop cock and box, at the curb of the sidewalk when practicable, for each property to be supplied. The stop and box at the curb shall be the property of the Borough, placed there for its sole use.

Section 11. Every service line shall have a stop cock inside the premises of the customer, so placed and kept as always to be ready for use. Such stop cock shall control the entire supply of water for the premises and shall drain all the pipes and fixtures thereon. It shall be located as to be secure from frost.

Section 12. Premises intended to be occupied by more than one establishment, firm or family shall be provided with an independent stop and waste conveniently located, for each separate establishment or apartment into which water is to be introduced, so that any portion of such premises which may be separately occupied can be drained without interfering with the supply of water for the other occupants.

Section 13. The service pipe shall be the property of the owner of the premises to which it is connected, and all repairs to the same shall be made at the expense of such property owner, who shall keep his pipes and fixtures in good repair, in such condition as to avoid unnecessary waste, and protected against frost, at his own expense. The property owner shall be held responsible for any waste or damage that may result from any defective service pipe, or other pipe located within the premises, or any fixture.

Section 14. The Borough shall furnish no material or labor for use upon private premises.

Section 15. All service pipe shall be laid at least five (5) feet below the surface of the ground.

Section 16. No person shall extend or cause to be extended any service pipe from one property to another, without special permission having been granted therefor by the Borough Council, and without a stop being placed in such a position that the supply of water for either property can be shut off without closing of the supply of water for the other property.

Section 17. Whenever Borough water is introduced into any premises, or changes are made in any water pipes or fixtures that might affect the supply, the rates or the security against frost, the plumber doing such work shall notify the superintendent of the location and nature of such work, and the superintendent shall thereupon cause such work to be promptly and carefully inspected. No water shall be turned on permanently in any location until the superintendent shall be satisfied that every applicable provision of this ordinance has been complied with.

Prior to such approval of the superintendent, water shall be turned on by the plumber only as may be necessary in order to test his work.

Ordained and enacted this 23rd day of November A.D. 1973.

President of Council

Attest:

Secretary of Council

Approved this 23rd day of November A.D. 1973.

Mayor