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2. Water mains shall be installed subject to the following rules and regulations: Plans for all extensions of water mains whether in public, private, easement ways or subdivision, must first be submitted to the District at a meeting and be approved by a majority vote before such extension can be made. Type of pipe to be used shall be submitted with the plans. Extension of all six inch lines shall be no greater than eight hundred feet. All extensions must be no less than eight inches in diameter. The Superintendent shall inspect and approve all the extensions of the mains before they can be covered.

3. The applicant shall provide not less than 3/4" Type K copper pipe from the street main to and through the cellar wall, a stop and waste valve and a water meter. Accredited contractor, approved by the Commissioners, will in all cases lay the service pipe from the street main to and through the cellar wall. **SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ: WATER METER WITH AN OUTSIDE READER.**

4. All water must be metered. The consumer must provide a place for the meter approved by the Commissioners or their agent. The consumer shall not permit access for any purpose whatsoever, except to authorized employees of the District, to the meter or interfere with it. In all cases where the meter is damaged, the consumer shall pay the District the value of such meter or cost of repairs. If a complaint is made by a consumer concerning the operation of a water meter, it will be tested and, if necessary, removed and repaired at the expense of the consumer.

5. The owner of the property supplied will be held responsible for the water bill and other proper charges until he has notified the Water Commissioners, in writing, to discontinue service. When the ownership of the property changes, the full name and address of the new owner shall be given by the seller to the Water District Office at once in order that billing may be properly rendered. New owner is responsible for any unpaid water bill from previous owner

6. Consumers shall maintain in good condition, all pipes and fittings and shall protect the same from freezing. They also shall be responsible for all damage caused by their failure to do so, and shall be responsible from property line through the cellar wall.

7. The Water Commissioners and their agents shall have access, at any reasonable time, to the premises supplied with water to examine pipes and fixtures, to ascertain the quantity of water used, and to shut off the water for nonpayment, or violation of these Rules and Regulations.

8. No person shall, without written permission of the Water Commissioners, connect, cause to be connected, alter or repair any service pipe for the conveying of water from any main or distributing pipe to any house, building, or manufacturing place for any purpose whatsoever. The Water Commissioners reserve the right to shut off the water for the purpose of making repairs or alterations.

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10. In event of a problem from the water main to the meter, and if the property owner requests the District to repair same, the property owner will sign an agreement with the District that they will be responsible for all charges incurred. Under no circumstances shall the work be done unless and agreement is signed by the property owner. **SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ: FROM THE PROPERTY LINE TO THE METER.**

11. These Rules and Regulations may be altered or amended at a District Meeting only upon majority vote.

12. Whoever violates any of these sections shall be punished as prescribed by Section 39G, Chapter 40, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended.

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