VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE

ORDINANCE NO. O-2018-08

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 450 OF THE BELLEVUE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO WATER METERS

Section 450 – Article IV. Water System –

§ 450-34. Meters.

[Amended 2-25-2004]

A.

Required. No lateral, or any other means of connection to the water system, shall be allowed unless said connection is metered.

B.

When installed. Meters must be installed prior to activation of the water service at the property line or upon grant of occupancy permit, whichever occurs first. Once the meter is installed, all applicable meter and service charges will commence even if no water is being drawn through the meter.

C.

Location of meter. It shall be the duty of the owner of any premises to provide a location for a water meter and to maintain such location and passageway thereto clean and sanitary and free from any obstruction or any conditions of a hazardous nature. No connection for water meters shall be installed in any location not easily accessible or which is or may be unclean, unsanitary, or in any manner unsafe to utility employees in the discharge of their duties.

D.

Number of meters permitted. Except as provided for below, only one meter shall be permitted per building. Exceptions:

(1)

Duplexes. Duplex structures consisting of two separate living units are allowed one meter for each living unit.

~~(2)~~

~~Second meters.~~

(~~a)~~

~~Second meters are meters used for purposes of separately accounting for water which has no means by which to enter or infiltrate the sanitary sewer system. Allowance for second meters shall be strictly limited due to water conservation needs identified by the Central Brown County Water Authority (CBCWA), of which the Village is a Charter Member, and whose goals are incorporated into the CBCWA Water Conservation Plan, and by the legal restrictions imposed on the Village Water Utility by the State Public Service Commission (PSC). In any event, permits for second water meters shall be issued at the sole discretion of the Village Administrator if it is determined that water usage is essential to the economic livelihood of the requesting entity, and in all instances on a case-by-case basis. They may only be permitted using the following guidelines:~~

~~[1]~~

~~Businesses that use water as a primary element of their manufacturing and/or commercial processes.~~

~~[2]~~

~~Agricultural purposes.~~

~~(b)~~

~~Prior to installation of a second meter, the Village will inspect plumbing to verify that the service cannot be diverted for uses in which it would be discharged into the sanitary sewer system.~~

~~(c)~~
~~In keeping with the CBCWA Water Conservation Plan and PSC guidelines for water sales and service, by June 1, 2004, the Village shall have completed a review of each currently existing second water meter in use. At that time, if the Village Administrator determines a second water meter is not essential to the economic livelihood of the entity using said second water meter, the holder of said meter may request that the Village remove the meter, at which time the Village will reimburse the holder the cost of said second water meter, or the holder may leave the second meter in place, at which time the Village shall charge the holder the normal water rate for its customers~~.

E.
Meter removal and termination of service.
(1)
No water meter, once installed, shall be removed unless the water service to which it is attached is abandoned or modified to ensure that unmetered water cannot be obtained from it. Based on an inspection of the premises, the Village shall determine what method of abandonment or modification is acceptable, and shall not remove the meter until the work is completed.

(2)
If water and/or sanitary sewer services are being abandoned because the structure they served is being demolished, said services must be permanently abandoned by disconnecting and capping the services at the property line prior to commencement of any demolition work. It is the responsibility of the property owner to arrange for the abandonment and pay the cost thereof.[1]
[1]:
*Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. **1**, General Provisions, Art. **II**).*

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Bellevue, Wisconsin, this 8th day of August 2018.

APPROVED:

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Steve Soukup, Village President

ATTEST:

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Karen M. Simons, Clerk/Treasurer