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Order no. FY23-035

On September 21, 2022, the Greenfield City Council, on a motion by Councilor Golub, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE CITY COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR WEDEGARTNER, AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD CHAPTER 415 - WATER, AS WRITTEN IN THE STRIKETHROUGH ATTACHED HERETO.

AND FURTHER AMEND THE CODE, CHAPTER 415 WITH THE FOLLOWING GLOBAL CHANGES:

CHANGE “TOWN” TO “CITY”

AND FURTHER AMEND THE INDEX OF THE CODE, AND FURTHER THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE NUMBERING OF THE ORDINANCE BE PERMITTED IN ORDER THAT IT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NUMBERING FORMAT OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD.

The motion was passed and so declared by the City Council President.

A true copy,

ATTEST: _____

Kathryn J. Scott,
City Clerk

CC: Mayor
Accounting
Assessor
Treasurer/Collector
DPW

File, 2023, True Copy, 035 Amend Code of City of Greenfield Ordinance Chapter 415 – Water

Chapter 415. Water

§ 415-10. Classes of permit applications; fees.

Application fees shall be reviewed periodically by the Director and set forth in City's Water and Sewer Customer Services Policy.

A. There shall be two classes of water permit applications:

- (1) Residential: living units that use water for domestic purposes.
- (2) Nonresidential and water main construction and/or extension.

§ 415-11. Limitations on scheduling connections.

B. In general, new water service connections will not be scheduled on Friday and days immediately preceding or following holidays; July 4, November 11, or the day following when said holidays occur on Sundays or the day preceding if said holidays occur on a Saturday; also the third Monday in April, the last Monday in May, the first Monday in September, and the second Monday in October.

§ 415-14. Owner's responsibility for new service.

The owner is responsible for the installation of a new water service line from the main to the owner's place of use. This work shall include tapping of the main for services over 2 inches in diameter, installation of the service and associated valves, etc., installation of the water meter, and site restoration. Services 2 inches and smaller shall be tapped by the City.

§ 415-23. Notice of abandonment of water services; charge.

The owner of a building that is to be demolished or abandoned shall give the Department of Public Works 48 hours notice of the date on which the owner scheduled to have the water service to the building permanently disconnected at the main. An application to disconnect water service shall be filed with the DPW. The disconnection shall be done by a qualified contractor at the owner's expense and must be inspected by the DPW prior to backfilling.

§ 415-25. Work done by owner; meter provided by City.

D. The City will provide, deliver and back charge owners for water meters 1.5 inches and smaller. The owner shall install the provided meter. When new services are installed requiring water meters larger than 1.5 inches, the meter must be supplied and installed by the owner. The meter shall meet City specifications and must be inspected and sealed by the City of Greenfield.

§ 415-37. Leaking services.

Upon the detection of a leak in the water service line, the City will repair or replace the service at no cost to the owner from the water main to the curb box. The owner is responsible for repair or replacement of the service from the curb box to the building.

§ 415-39. Galvanized lines.

If a galvanized line is leaking, the entire stretch (house to curb or curb to main) must be replaced, not repaired.

§ 415-41. Thawing of frozen service lines.

The City will thaw a service frozen between the main and the house to the discharge side of the meter for services less than 100 feet in length. The City may hire a contractor to perform this work. There is no charge for the first thawing. If the service freezes a second time, the City will charge for labor and equipment.

§ 415-67. Purchase, installation and ownership.

The meter and associated materials shall be supplied and installed by the Town and remain property of the Town. If the service is larger than 1.5 inches, the owner shall be responsible for the purchase and installation of the meter and the meter shall become property of the Town at the time the water service is turned on. The owner shall provide a shutoff valve at the meter inlet. This shall be the first fitting inside the service building. On the discharge side of the meter the owner will place the appropriate backflow prevention device and then a stop valve in order to facilitate the removal of the meter. There shall be one meter per service and one service per building. Condominium owners, see § 415-78.

§ 415-72. Access to meters.

Authorized employees of the City shall have access to primary meters for reading, testing, repairing, and calibrating. The property owner shall maintain the water meter and entrance valve free from rubbish or other materials which may obstruct access by City employees. The City shall have the right to shut off water in accordance with §415-62 if the owner refuses access to the water meter.

