

## CHAPTER 3.12

### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WATER SERVICE

#### Sections:

3.12.000 Rules and Regulations for Water Works. The following codes, rules and regulations are hereby made for the government of the water service of the City of Harlowton.

3.12.010 All property owners desiring to install a new water service connection must make application at the office of the city clerk. They will pay in advance for tapping the street main and for the meter, service pipe and parts. The property owner must furnish a suitable place for the meter so that City Employees have easy access and so that the meter is not exposed to frost damage. If the meter is damaged due to the carelessness of the property owner or any occupants of the property, the property owner must pay the cost to repair or replace the meter. All meters will be installed and under the control of the city.

3.12.020 The service pipe for connecting all premises with the street main and extending from the main to the curb will be put in by the city. The stopcock and the curb stop-cock, with box and cover, will be controlled by the city. Landowners and/or water consumers will not be permitted to use or disturb these stop-cocks. Property owner will be responsible for installing and maintaining the service pipe from the curb stop-cock to the premises.

3.12.030 Water rates and installation fees will be established by the City Council by Resolution. The council will adjust these rates and fees at any time as it deems necessary.

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a. Water charges will be charged-on monthly and are due and payable at that time. Any bills two(2) months or more past due on the last day of the month are delinquent and will be disconnected on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the next month if not paid in full before that date. Partial payment will not be allowed to prevent the discontinuance of service. Service will not be restored until the entire amount of the past due bill, plus a \$50.00 reconnect fee are paid in full.

b. Water bills may be paid at the City office, by mail, or in the drop box at Citizens Bank & Trust/Continental Branch.



3.12.050 The owner of the real property is liable for all water fees and assessments. All charges for the water service shall be assessed to the owner of the real property regardless if the premises are leased or sub-leased. Tenants are not liable for water fee and assessments. Delinquency notice shall be sent to the owner of the real property. Owners shall make such arrangements with their tenants as are necessary for compliance with this ordinance.

3.12.060 Due to the limited capacity of the City water system, between the time that the City fire alarm is activated and a fire is extinguished or the fire danger ceases, consumers and landowners will not be allowed to use sprinklers on their lawns.

3.12.070 The city reserves the right at any time to shut off the water in their mains to repair, maintain and/or replace the City water system and/or its components. All persons having any equipment (boilers, coolers, etc.) requiring water to operate should supply themselves with a temporary alternate source of water.

3.12.080 No person, except a City employee shall under any circumstance, shut off or turn on, the water at the city curb stop-cock.

3.12.090 Pursuant to Montana state statutes, the City Council may amend repeal or enact new municipal codes, rules and regulations for the City water system as it deems necessary.

3.12.100 Aside for failure to pay water bills, any person who violates these codes, rules and regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor offense or municipal infraction, and the City may enforce these codes through the City codes regarding such.

