

RESOLUTION NO. 14

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 8

Be it resolved by Whatcom County Water District No. 8, a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, situate in Whatcom County, that the following Rules and Regulations shall be applicable for the operation of said Water District.

Section 1, Definitions

- A. District. District means Whatcom County Water District No. 8 or any Water District employee or agent representing the Water District in the discharge of his duties.
- B. Commission. Commission means the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District No. 8.
- C. Engineer. Engineer means the Consulting Engineer for Whatcom County Water District No. 8 or any authorized employee of the Consulting Engineer.
- D. Superintendent. Superintendent means the Superintendent of Whatcom County Water District No. 8 or any authorized employee of the Water District performing work on behalf of the Superintendent.
- E. Premises. Premises means a continuous tract of land, building or group of adjacent buildings under a single control with respect to the use of water and responsibility for payment therefor. Subdivisions of such use or responsibility shall constitute a division into separate premises as herein defined.
- F. Mains. Mains means water lines designed or used to serve more than one premise.

- G. Standard or Permanent Mains. Standard or Permanent mains means mains conforming to the standard specifications of the District with respect to materials and minimum diameter.
- H. Sub-standard Mains. Sub-standard mains means mains not conforming to the standard specifications of the District with respect to materials and/or minimum diameter.
- I. Standard Specifications. Standard specifications means those standard specifications for water works construction which have been adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District No. 8.
- J. Service Connection. Service Connection means that portion of the District Water Supply System connecting the supply system on a premises to the District distribution main including the tap into the water into the main, the water meter and appurtenances and the service line from the main to the meter and from the meter to the property line.
- K. Primary Connection. Primary connection means a primary connection is a service connection for the personal use of the proprietor of a premises occupied by other buildings, residences, summer cottages, tent camps, trailer site or similar habitations.
- L. Secondary Connection. Secondary connection means a connection to a separate habitation maintained for rental purposes by a primary service customer.



Bills for water furnished at the secondary service rates will be presented to the primary service customer renting the habitation on each premises. Each secondary connection or group of secondary connections shall be associated with primary service on the same premises.

## Section II, Application for Service

All applications for water connections must be made on forms supplied by the District and the applicant must agree to conform to all rules and regulations established by the Commissioners. The applicant shall place a stake marked "Water Meter" at the property line adjacent to the main where the meter connection is requested and the District will install the meter as close as practical to this location.

All connection fees, and hook-up charges shall be paid in advance; however, all present users, both private and commercial, of the Birch Bay Water Company water system shall be connected to the Whatcom County Water District distribution system without connection fee or hook-up charge to said user.

### Section III, Use of Water

It shall be unlawful for any person supplied with water from the District's water supply system to use the water for purposes other than those named in the application upon which rates for water are based or for any other purposes than that for which his application provides.

### Section IV, Refusal of Service

The District reserves the right to refuse to connect or render service to a premises, when such connection will adversely affect the service to other customers.

### Section V, Waste of Water Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to waste water or allow it to be wasted by imperfect or leaking valves, pipes, faucets, or other fixtures or to allow any pipes or faucets to run open to prevent the service from freezing or for any other reason.

### Section VI, Damaging or Interfering with Water System Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully disturb, break, deface or damage any fire hydrant, water meter, gate valve, water pipe or other waterworks appurtenance.

It shall be unlawful for any person to open, close, turn or connect with any fire hydrant, valve or pipe belonging to the District unless authorized by the Superintendent in writing; provided this rule shall not apply to members of Fire Departments duly authorized to operate fire hydrants while acting in such capacity.

### Section VII, Sprinkling During Fires Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly use water for a lawn or garden sprinkling or irrigating purposes on any premises during the progress of a fire or conflagration within the service area of the District water system.

#### Section VIII, Cross Connections Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to install or maintain a cross connection between any private water supply and the municipal water supply system for the District. Any such cross connection or inter-connection is hereby declared a nuisance and may be abated at once without notice by the Superintendent by disconnecting such cross connection or disconnecting the premises from the District water supply system.

It shall further be unlawful to maintain any plumbing arrangement or interconnection whereby in the judgement of the Superintendent the District water supply system may be contaminated.

This rule does not apply to the interconnection of the District water supply system with the water supply system of the City of Blaine or any other water supply system where approved by the Commissioners.

#### Section IX, Other Prohibited Acts

It shall be unlawful for any person:

1. To use any material not conforming to the Districts Standard Specifications.
2. Connect any premises with the District's water system.
3. To connect or attach any wire conveying a ground current or other electrical current to any water pipe, water main or conduit attached to or forming a part of the District water system.
4. Connect to his service pipe, either on or off his premises, any pump or other means of obtaining more volume or pressure than that supplied by the District unless permission is received in writing from the District.

#### Section X, Emergency Interruption of Service

In case of an emergency or whenever the public health, safety, or equitable distribution of water so demands, the District may



reduce or limit the time for, or temporarily discontinue the use of water. Water service may be temporarily discontinued for purposes of making repairs, extensions, or doing necessary work. Before so changing, reducing, limiting, or discontinuing the use of water, the District shall notify insofar as practical, all water consumers affected. The District shall not be responsible for any damage resulting from interruption, change or failure of the water supply.

#### Section XI, Access to Premises for Inspection

Authorized employees of the District shall have access at reasonable hours of the day, to all parts of premises or within buildings thereon to which water is supplied from the District water system for the purpose of checking conformity to these regulations.

Whenever the Owner of any premises supplied by the District water system restrains authorized District employees from making necessary inspections, water service may be immediately discontinued.

#### Section XII, District Employees to Work on Mains and Service Connections

Only employees of the District or qualified contractors duly authorized by the District shall be allowed to do any work in connection with the District mains or service connections.

#### Section XIII, Location from Sanitary Sewage Facilities

All mains, service lines and other waterworks appurtenances which carry water shall be located sufficient distance, both horizontally and vertically, from any sanitary sewage facility to prevent contamination. All locations of waterworks facilities, both public and private, which are connected to the District water system are subject to the approval of the District.

#### Section XIV, Ownership of Mains and Service Connections

The ownership of all mains, service connections and appurtenances

in public streets or utility rights-of-way shall be vested solely in the District.

The District will operate and maintain all mains in public streets or utility rights-of-way. In no case shall an Owner, agent or employee of any premises have the right to remove or change any part thereof without the approval of the District.

#### Section XV, Service Connections

Every separate premises supplied by the District must have its own separate service and the premises so supplied will not be allowed to supply water to any other premises. The District may require individual buildings on any premises to be separately metered.

Service connections shall be installed by the District upon payment of the Hookup Charge and Meter Installation Costs. The meters will at all times remain the property of the District and the District will maintain it free of cost except for willful or careless damage. Any change in the location of the meter after the original installation is made will be at the expense of the customer.

Present users of the Birch Bay Water Company system may have a meter installed on the existing service line upon payment of the Meter Installation Cost and no Hookup Charge is required.

The Owner of a premises shall install a shut-off valve for each building connected to the service line at <sup>a</sup>point approximately 24" from the building.

#### Section XVI, Hookup Charge

A hookup charge ~~of~~ must be received by the District before water service will be made available to the premises.

The hookup charge shall be the total cost for installing a service connection to the <sup>property</sup> ~~center~~line, including meter and all necessary fittings. Hookup charge will be as follows:

3/4"	\$225.00
1"	\$275.00
Over 1"	Time and materials plus 15% overhead, but in no case less than \$275.00.

These charges may be revised periodically to reflect changes in material and labor costs.

#### Section XVII, Connection Charge in Lieu of Assessment

Any application for service for <sup>a</sup>premises which has not paid its proportionate share of the construction cost for the main will be subject to a connection charge in lieu of assessment.

#### Section XVIII, Water Rates - Inside District Boundary

The following schedule is the minimum monthly charge based upon meter size for all consumers.

3/4" Meter, 700 cubic feet or less	\$5.00
1" Meter, 1,300 cubic feet or less	\$9.00
1 1/4" Meter, 1,400 cubic feet or less	\$9.50
1 1/2" Meter, 1,500 cubic feet or less	\$10.50
2" Meter, 1,600 cubic feet or less	\$11.50
Secondary Service*, 400 cubic feet or less	\$2.50
Unmetered residential services	\$5.00 per month

Water consumed in excess of the above minimums shall be charged at the rate of \$.50 per 100 cubic feet.

- \* Secondary service rates shall apply for the six months period beginning April 1 and ending October 1 to each unit maintained for rental purposes by a primary service customer.

#### Section XIX, Water Rates Outside District Boundary

Charges for the use of water outside the legal boundaries



of the District shall be as provided in Section XVIII plus a 50% surcharge.

This surcharge, however, will not pertain to premises lying outside the District boundary which were connected to the Birch Bay Water Company system prior to January 1, 1970.

#### Section XX, Shut-Off Charge

All customers will be billed on a 12-month basis unless they specifically request service for a lesser period of time, but in no case shall the minimum length of service be less than six months. If a customer requests service for less than 12 months, the following charges are applicable:

Turn off - \$15.00 each time

Turn on - \$15.00 each time

#### Section XXI, Water Bills - When Due

Monthly and bi-monthly statements of charges for water service shall be due and payable at such place or places designated by the District on or before the 15th day after the statement has been mailed and shall be delinquent thereafter. The statements shall cover service charges for the period shown thereon and shall be issued and forwarded by mail to the customer as soon as practical after said service period. The District may, by act of its Board of Commissioners, terminate water service to any user who is delinquent in payment of water charges. Notice of intent to terminate service for non-payment shall be mailed to the user at least 15 days prior to actual termination. Water service shall not be turned on again until all charges are paid or a satisfactory arrangement for payment of delinquent charges has been made with the District.

Section XXII, Change in Occupancy

The District shall be notified in writing by the seller of any property indicating names and addresses of the new owner and the date of change of properties being served by the Water District. The District shall bill the owner of record of properties served by the District's system. Any charges for water service, hook-up charges or repair costs of the District to the user which becomes delinquent shall constitute a lien against the property being served.

Section XXIII, Main Extension

A. Utility Local Improvement District

A water main can be installed to serve properties lying within the legal boundaries of the District by the formation of a Utility Local Improvement District as prescribed by State Law.

B. Developer Extension

A water main may also be installed at the expense of the owner provided that all such construction shall be done in accordance with the District's "Standards and Specifications for Developer Extensions to the Water Distribution System".

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Water District No. 8, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 20 day of January, 1970.

WHATCOM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 8

Robert J. Sandberg  
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COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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Secretary of the Board