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County
City
Town ofSPECULATOR.....
Village

Local Law No.2..... of the year 19..94.....

A local law ...Stating rules and regulations for metering customers of the.....
(insert title)
Speculator Water District

Be it enacted by theBoard of Trusteesof the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County
City
Town ofSpeculator..... **as follows:**
Village

SECTION I : Purposes and Enactment

The purpose of this Law is to insure metered water service is provided for all premises and dwellings within the scope of the present and any future expansions of the water system within the Village of speculator, County of Hamilton, State of New York, under the authority of the General Municipal and Village Laws.

SECTION II: Definitions

General - For the purpose of this Law, certain words or phrases herein shall be interpreted as follows, except where the context clearly indicates the contrary: words used in the singular include the plural, words used in the present tense include the future tense, the word "person" includes a corporation as well as an individual, and the word "shall" is always mandatory.

Specific Words or Phrases - For the purpose of this Law, certain terms or words herein shall be interpreted as follows: "consumer" means any person using, taking or requiring water from the Village of speculator water system or Water Department.

"Dwelling" means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families.

"Premises" shall mean the same as dwelling and is interchangeable for same in this Law, but shall also include any building or structure which uses water.

"Village Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Village of Speculator.

SECTION III. REGULATIONS AS A CONDITION OF CONTRACT

A. The following rules and regulations, as established by the Village Board or as hereinafter amended or modified, are hereby

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made a part of any and all agreements or contracts with each consumer of water furnished directly or indirectly from the water mains of the Village.

B. Each and every consumer of water from the Village water system shall be in all respects bound by and shall be considered to have agreed to the rules, regulations, requirements and schedules of water rates and other charges as hereinafter set forth or amended or modified by the village Board as a condition precedent to the rights of service from said water system.

C. It shall be a requirement of this law that when the Village water system is available for use to any said premises and/or dwelling and said water service is made available by the Water Department, the owner of said premises and/or dwelling shall be connected to the Village water system. All premises and/or dwellings on the Village water system on June 1, 1994, will be subject to the appropriate base rate.

D. All premises using the Village water supply must be charged both an adequate meter approved by the Water superintendent.

SECTION IV. NEW CONNECTIONS TO THE SYSTEM

A. PERMANENT CONNECTION - Applications - Fees

1. Applications - Those desiring permanent connection to the mains of the water system of the Village shall make application for permission to do so to the Village and shall pay to the Village Clerk at the time of making said application a sum of money based on the fee schedule herein established by the Village Board.

2. Fee Schedule - The fees listed in Column one (1) of the fee schedule are for connections which must be made beneath a hard surface street. The fees in Column two (2) are for all other streets.

OTHER THAN SIZE OF TAP		TAPPING FEE SCHEDULE	
		HARD SURFACE	HARD SURFACE
3/4"		\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
1"		\$ 325.00	\$ 275.00
3"		\$ 375.00	\$ 325.00
4"	4" x 4"	\$ 475.00	\$ 425.00
	6" x 4"	\$ 975.00	\$ 926.00
6"	6" x 6"	\$1175.00	\$1075.00
8"	8" x 4"	\$1125.00	\$1025.00
	8" x 6"	\$1300.00	\$1200.00
	8" x 8"	\$1450.00	\$1350.00
10" x 4"		\$1475.00	\$1375.00
10" x 6"		\$1575.00	\$1475.00
10" x 8"		\$1750.00	\$1650.00
10" x 10"		\$2100.00	\$2000.00

The foregoing reference to any installation is where part of the service extending from the distribution main to the curb stop is under the highway. Nothing in this Section shall be construed, however, as prohibiting the Water Superintendent from requesting a greater charge for connections to the Village mains when, in his opinion, conditions or other circumstances are such that a greater charge is merited. It shall be in the discretion of the Water Superintendent to advise the Village Board when such circumstances occur and the Village board shall determine the charges for this service.

B. PERMANENT CONNECTIONS - Installation Approvals - Authorized Representatives - Penalties

1. Service Pipe Installation Approval

The installation of the service pipe from the curb stop to the meter shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent. The curb stop shall remain closed and shall not be opened by anyone other than the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent.

2. Authorized Representatives for Connections

No person or persons shall make any connections to the mains of the water system of the village except the duly authorized representatives of the Village of Speculator,

3. Penalty for Unauthorized Connection

Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions shall be subject to a penalty of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense and one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for each additional offense.

C. Permanent CONNECTIONS - Materials

1. Material Standards - All materials used shall be proper and adequate for the type of service intended, shall meet the respective quality standard of the American Water Works Association, and shall receive approval of the water Superintendent prior to installation.

2. Service Pipe Material - Service pipe shall be Type K copper with bronze fittings or copper tube size PVC tubing (CTS) of 200 psi or higher. PVC fittings may be used with prior Water Department approval. The method and manner of placing materials and the general arrangement and progress of the work shall conform to the specifications hereinafter set forth in these regulations.

3. Installation Inspection and Approve; - All connections from the curb stop to the meter location shall be done by the consumer at his or her own cost and expense. The pipe installation procedure and trench backfill is to be inspected by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent. All backfill used to cover the pipe is to be free from logs, rocks and debris. Backfill shall be placed in 12" lifts and tamped for compaction. All installations shall be subject to approval by the Water Superintendent or his/her designated agent before water shall be turned on.

4. Owner's Agent - The plumber, or any other person designated and employed by the owner of the premises, will be considered the agent of such owner while employed in the prosecution of

the work of introducing water into such premises and in no sense as the agent of the Water Department. The Village will not be responsible for the acts of such person.

5. Permits - No work shall be performed until the owner or applicant has the necessary street-opening permit from the Village Clerk and has given the required advance notice to the Village.

D. NEW CONNECTIONS - Service Locations

1. A separate tap and service shall be installed for each premises located on a street in which there is a Village water main. and no connection will be allowed to supply water to another premise or dwelling except with the written permission of the Village Board to install other or additional taps and services.

2. Upon application to the Water Superintendent, and receipt of his or her approval, more than one premise or dwelling may be serviced by a joint meter. Approval for a joint meter shall rest solely in the discretion of the Water Superintendent.

The applicant must show the following: a) The existence of physical conditions on the property which would render the installation of separate meters a hardship.

b) That there will no loss in revenue or water conservation to the Village as a result of the use of a joint meter.

c) That an agreement among the parties who own the premises or dwellings to be serviced by a joint meter, exists.

Said agreement must 1) be in recordable form 2) provide for cancellation only upon four months written notice to the Water Department and all parties 3) provide that upon termination of the agreement all parties agree to pay the expense of installation of individual water meters, including the cost of water meters.

Any grant of said application must provide that a base rate will be paid for each dwelling or premise which is serviced by the joint meter and acknowledge the acceptability of the agreement referred to above.

3. Size of Service Pipe – The minimum size service pipe to be installed shall have a diameter of three-fourths (3/4) inch and in making an application, the applicant shall state the size of the service desired.

4. Location of Connection - No connection of any kind shall be made to the service pipe between the main and the meter except as permitted by the Water Superintendent.

E. PERMANENT Connections - Condition of Service

1. Condition of Existing service - Where an application is made for a connection for which an existing service pipe is provided to the curb box only, all work shall be performed in accordance with these rules, regulations and specifications.

As far as they are applicable, connections shall be made at the curb stop instead of the main. It shall be the duty of the applicant, or his agent, to determine that the portion of the connection previously installed is in satisfactory condition and to make any repairs thereto which may be required by the Water Superintendent or his representative; all of which shall be at the expense of the applicant.

2. Method of Connection - Detailed methods of connection to the existing service pipe shall be in accordance with the instructions of the Water Superintendent or his representative.

3. Fee for Connection - The applicant must pay the charge which was applicable to the service connection previously installed, upon application for such service connection.

4. Where application is made to increase the size of the service pipe or for any other change to be made in said pipe which serves any consumer, the valve corporation stop controlling such service must be closed at the main prior to any withdrawal of water through the reconstructed service pipe.

SECTION V. TEMPORARY CONNECTIONS

A. Application - Those desiring the use of water for temporary purposes other than from temporary connections to the main shall make application therefore to the Village of Speculator, setting forth in detail, the reason therefore and the exact use which is to be made of the water, and the Village of Speculator may issue the necessary permit under such terms and conditions as it may determine.

SECTION VI. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Injury to Mains, Pipes, Etc. - Any person responsible for any injury to any main, pipe, hydrant, or other water facility, shall reimburse the Village of Speculator, in full, for labor and materials and for the loss of water caused thereby. He shall also be responsible for any damage caused by such escaping water.

B. Responsibility for Trench - In the case of any excavation for the introduction of any water pipe or connection under the authority of a permit from the Village Board, the owner will be held responsible for the trench opened. Public safety and convenience shall be duly regarded and conserved by the construction of such bridges across open trenches as may be required to ensure safety to the public. Red lights, barricades and all such means of protection against accident must be provided. Before trenches are backfilled, materials and workmanship shall be inspected by the Water Superintendent or a representative and approved in writing. Nothing herein contained shall relieve the liability and responsibility for the owner's or contractor's compliance with any and all federal, state and local statutes, rules or regulations concerning work.

C. Service Pipe Maintained - The owner of property into which water is introduced by a service pipe will be required to maintain in working order, at his or her own expense, the said service pipe from the curb stop to the meter on or for his or her premises, including all fixtures therein provided for delivering or supplying water for any purpose. In case such services and fixtures are not so kept in repair, the Village Board or its agent may cause to have made all necessary repairs and renewals or parts thereof. The expense of such work and all materials and labor required shall be paid by the property owner, D. Stop and Waste Ball Valves - Inside the basement wall of the building or crawl space or the wall line into which the service pipe extends, an approved stop and waste ball valve with plumbing fittings, must be conveniently located in order to

drain the meter, or in such other convenient place as the Water Superintendent may approve. See additional sections in this code, and refer to drawing "Typical House Connections" for the arrangement of components and the intended layout for the pipe/valve/meter installation.

E. Inspectors May Enter Premises - The Water Superintendent, Village Board, or employees of the Water Department, upon presentation of proper credentials, may enter upon any premises where water is being supplied by the Water Department or upon any premises when application is made for a permit to connect plumbing with the water pipes, for the purpose of installing, reading, removing or repairing meters, or for inspecting the plumbing and fixtures of theater.

F. Change of Pressure - The Village of Speculator or the Speculator Water Department shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any kind to property or persons which may arise from or be caused by any change either in increase or decrease, in pressure of water supplies from any cause whatever, including negligence on the part of the Water Department, its agents, servants or employees.

SECTION VII. GENERAL REGULATIONS

A. Fire Hydrants - Except in cases of fire no person or persons shall take water from the fire hydrants of the Village for any purpose whatsoever without having obtained a special permit from the Village, which permit shall be conditioned in accordance with the circumstances involved, at the discretion of the Village and in case of fire, said fire hydrants shall be opened and water shall be taken therefrom only by Village employees, active members of the Fire Department, or by special permission from the Village Board, the Water Superintendent or the Fire Chief. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine and penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the first offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each additional offense.

B. Leaks, Damage to Service Line - The consumer is required to notify the Water Superintendent of any leak occurring in or damage to the service line, in which case the water will be turned off at the curb stop and will remain turned off until the leak is repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. If pipe has been damaged between the curb and the meter by the customer or his/her agent, the expense of the repair shall be the obligation of the owner/agent. The repairs to the service line between the main and the curb stop shall be an expense of the Village. If the service pipe is galvanized iron, it is the option of the Water Superintendent to require its replacement with copper service pipe between the main and the curb stop at the expense of the Village and from the curb to the premises at the expense of the owner. In all cases, repairs shall be made in conformity with the specifications for new services insofar as they may be applicable. Nothing in this section shall be construed as violating any agreement entered into between consumers served through improved and accepted services and the Village, nor is it to be construed as affecting any future agreements similar to the ones heretofore executed.

C. Control - The Water Superintendent shall have control or the installation, maintenance, repair and adjustment of taps, mains, curb boxes, service pipes and meters. The village shall not be responsible for breaks, obstructions, or intermissions in service arising from any cause whatsoever except that they may

take such steps as are reasonable upon proper notification to make such repairs as may be necessary to restore service from the main to the curb stop. Charges for such repairs are to be made in accordance with Section IV. A.

D. Curb Stop Violations - Service shall be controlled at the curb stop and water will be charged for as long as the curb stop is open. The water shall be turned off and on only by employees of the village or duly authorized representatives and only upon filing the proper notice with the Village Board. Violations of this rule shall be sufficient cause for discontinuing service in addition to which a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed for the first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each additional offense..

E. Liability - The Village of Speculator shall not be liable for any damage which may result to consumer's plumbing, appliances or other fixtures from shutting off of water mains or service pipes for any purpose whatsoever, whether or not previous notice has been given. No deduction from the service charge will be made for periods when the service is shut off. In cases where coils or other devices are installed in heating furnaces or separate heating devices for the purpose of providing domestic hot water, approved check and relief valves must be installed at the expense of the owner on the supply or feed pipe between the meter and the source of heat. This is not only to be installed at the expense of the owner but also at his peril. The Village of Speculator assumes no responsibility for the proper operation and function of said valves.

The Village shall not be held liable for any damage sustained by reason of its failure to supply water to any owner at any time or for any cause, and it reserves the right to control the amount of water supplied in the event that the supply becomes short for any reason. It especially reserves the right, at any time it is considered necessary, to prohibit the use of water for the sprinkling of lawns or gardens or for any other purpose.

F. Special Equipment - In cases where boilers or other special equipment are supplied with water, a suitable valve or other device must be installed, at the expense and peril of the owner to prevent collapse or explosion in case the water is shut off in the street mains.

G. Service Guarantee - The Village of Speculator does not guarantee service from the main to the meter or through the house: or through any piping, valves or connections therein.

H. Interpretation - The Village of Speculator shall be the sole judge as to the meaning of these rules and regulations. Its interpretations shall be final and binding upon all applicants for water service and upon all takers and users of water.

1. Property Transfers - In the event of a property transfer, the current owner must notify the Village Clerk one week prior to the final transfer of property. The Water Department will then read the meter and the water usage will be billed accordingly.

SECTION VIII. Meters

A. Ownership - All meters are to be furnished by the Village and are to remain the property of the Village. All meters to be used within the limits of the Village of Speculator will be furnished by the Village, and the cost thereof and the expense of installation thereof shall be paid by the property owner, however, said meters shall remain the property of the Village.

The foregoing shall also apply to all meters outside the Village of Speculator where the service has been extended by the Village.

B. Fees - The fee for furnishing, installation, and maintenance of meters shall be according to the current market price for the following size meters - 3/4", 1", and 2".

C. Required Size of Meters

1. Meters shall be of the size determined by the requirements of each particular installation and shall be adequate for delivering and measuring accurately the peak loads which they may be required to handle.
2. In case of installations having three-fourths inch service pipes, the requirements of subsection 1. of this section will be deemed to have been met where the meter is of five-eighths inch size with three-fourths inch connections.
3. In the case of installations having service pipes larger than three-fourths inch, the requirements of Subsection 1. of this section will be deemed to have been met when the meter is of the same size as the service pipe.
4. Where the service pipe is larger than three-fourths inch, a meter of smaller size than service pipe may be used.
5. In all other cases which are not specifically covered by this section, the judgment and discretion of the Water Superintendent of the Village of Speculator is final and binding.

D. Location - The service connection and the plumbing in the building to be served shall be so arranged that the meter can be placed in a horizontal position not more than three (3) feet from where the service pipe enters the building. The meter must be within clear view at all times and the location easily accessible for reading, inspection, and repair.

E. Installation

1. Prior to the installation of a meters the owner will be required to construct and/or install at their own expense, all pipes, valves and fittings involved in placing the meter in the waterline. All work is to be done in accordance with the plan adopted by the Village Board.
2. The plumbing shall consist of those detailed items shown in the drawing labeled "Typical House Connection" which is part of this code. Any deviation from this layout must be approved by the Water Superintendent or a designated agent.
3. It is the intent of the Village to provide in accordance with the aforementioned fee schedule, the meter, the meter yoke with one ball valve shut off on the inlet side of the yoke and one dual check valve on the outlet side of the yoke assembly.
4. Due to an estimated water pressure of 90 psi the Water Department may recommend the owner provide protection from higher pressure for the plumbing components within their home or business. The Water Department may recommend the installation of a pressure reducing valve with integral strainer. This is to be located immediately after the meter/yoke assembly. Immediately after the reducing valve, the owner is to install one inline tee (T) with a stop and

waste valve, off the said tee, for the purpose of draining the household plumbing, should the need arise. Immediately after the tee assembly, in the waterline, install an inline ball valve with waste. This ball valve is to be provided by the owner, and maintained in working order at all times.

Said connection, plumbing, reducing valve, and meter locations may be altered after inspection and determination by the Water Superintendent due to hardship, undue expense or inconvenience.

F. Access to Premises - The Water Superintendent, Water Department employees, or agents of the Village of Speculator, upon presentation of proper credentials, may enter, at any reasonable time to examine the meter and its connections and to determine the quantity of water used and the method and manner of its use. The hours between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. shall be considered reasonable hours for this purpose. They may enter the aforesaid premises to inspect, examine or record the plumbing fixtures of the water service, or where application is made for a permit to connect plumbing with water pipes.

G. Repair of Meters - Damaged meters shall be repaired by the Village of Speculator at the customers expense, except where the damage is caused by ordinary wear and tear.

H. Interference with Meters

1. All persons are forbidden to interfere with or remove a water meter from any service. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine and penalty of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the first offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each additional offense.

2. No seal placed by the Village for the protection of any meter, valve, fitting or other water connection shall be tampered with or defaced. It shall not be broken except on written authorization from the Water Superintendent. Where the seal is broken, the Village reserves the right to order the meter removed for testing at the expense of the consumer.

3. Whenever a seal on a water meter shall be found to be broken, it shall be presumptive evidence that it was broken by the owner or occupant of the premises in which it is located. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine and penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each additional offense.

4. Damage to Meters - Any damage which the meter may sustain, resulting from the carelessness of the owner, his agent or tenant, or from neglect of any of them to properly secure and protect the same, including any damage that may result from allowing said meter to become frozen, or to be injured by hot water or steam from a boiler or hot water tank, shall be paid to the Village by the owner of the premises.

SECTION IX. TESTING OF METERS

A. It is the policy of the Village to make periodic tests of all meters on one inch size and smaller without specific charge to the consumer. There shall be, however, no obligation upon the Water Department to make these tests nor shall the failure to do so give rise to the assumption that the meters are in any way out of order or incorrectly registering.

1. Any municipal meter shall be taken out and tested upon the complaint of the consumer and upon payment of a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) If upon testing, the meter is not within three per cent of being accurate, it shall be repaired or replaced and the thirty dollar fee refunded to the consumer.

2. If there should be a disarrangement of the meter, or a faulty registration of the quantity of water consumed for the current period, the correct amount shall be taken to be that of the registration plus the deficiency, or leave the excess, that subsequent readings of the meter shall indicate, If it is found that the meter is stopped or failed to register, the quantity of water consumed shall be taken to be the same as that of the corresponding period of the previous year and the bill rendered accordingly.

SECTION X. COSTS OF REPAIRING METERS

A. Where repairs are necessitated by the normal deterioration of the meters through use, the cost of repairing such meters shall be borne by the Village.

B. Where repairs to the meters are necessitated by neglect on the part of the consumer, such as damage done by freezing, or by hot water backing through the meter, or by actual breakage, the consumer shall be charged for the cost of the repair work; such cost, however, shall not exceed the cost of purchasing a new meter of the same size.

SECTION XI. FROZEN WATER SERVICES RESPONSIBILITY

The Village Board does not assume responsibility for frozen services, notwithstanding the fact that the installation of any service which may subsequently become frozen had been installed and/or approved by the Water Superintendent or designated agent. In an emergency situation, the Village can instruct customers to let their water run. If so instructed, the Village will allow a ten dollar (\$10.00) credit on the next bill. The credit given shall not reduce the customer's bill below the minimum semi-annual charge.

SECTION XII. RATES AND CHARGES

Water shall be charged to all consumers of water, as herein defined, in accordance with the rate schedule established by resolution of the Village Board. After said rate schedule has been legally adopted by the Village Board according to due process of law, refer to the Village of Speculator Water Department Official Rates.

SECTION XIII. SEASONAL CUSTOMERS

It is the Intent of this section of this Local Law to give the owner/customer as many options as is possible to allow for ease of public water use, with respect to seasonal/recreational use demands.

A. A seasonal customer is one who has his/her water turned on and off for one or more quarters in any one year. Seasonal customers must have water turned off and meter removed, and then water turned on and meter installed, by an authorized agent of the Village Board.

B. It is understood that certain seasonal buildings within the Speculator Water District are not wintered to protect the

water meter and accessories from freezing. They may also have insufficient space for required plumbing fixtures as before listed in this law. Therefore, in lieu of providing continual heat for the water meter and accessories, or in lieu of major reconstruction to provide plumbing space for the seasonal dwelling, the customer shall have the following options.

1. Temporary removal of meter and water service - The customer can request that the Water Department remove the individual meter from the dwelling for the winter, which is considered the cold weather season, and the water service be turned off at the curb stop at that time. Said period shall not exceed seven months. The customer must make application with the Village Clerk in order to allow twenty-four (24) hours notice and so that the operation occurs during regular business hours for the Water Department to shut off the water at the curb and to remove the meter. A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) must be paid to the Village Clerk at the time of application. Said fee is for turn off and turn on of water service and disconnect and reconnect of the water meter.

2. Temporary removal of meter with continued water service - the part time use of water during the winter season shall be permitted providing that the customer complies with the following:

a. completes an application for water meter removal as in Section IX, Part B, Section 1.

b. a straight tall piece pipe will be installed in place of the meter at the time of meter removal, in which case the water will be turned on after meter removal at the curb stop by the Water Department. The water can then be turned on and off at the curb stop by request for turn on/off service described previously in this law. The customer can turn his/her own water on or off for start up or draining purposes providing that they have their own in-line curb stop or other type of shut off in their lateral line. At no time is the customer to operate the curb stop owned by the municipality. If a straight tall piece pipe is installed to allow intermittent water use, an established rate based upon the annual water rate will be charged, in addition to the meter removal fee. This same fixed rate is to be paid at the time of the meter removal application.

3. Inground Meter Pit Setter - The owner shall have the option to purchase an inground meter pit setter, pipe, fittings, and accessories. These units must meet Water Department specifications. The unit assembly, along with parts and accessories must be ordered and shipped to either the owner or his/her agent. Prior to exercising the aforesaid option, an application must be completed and returned to the Village Clerk's office.

a. Capital Project - Special Conditions - The Capital Water Project has made provisions on certain long lateral lines for inground meters and pit setters. This will place the meter in an inground vessel at or near the curb stop, with outside meter reading components. A specific number of these units have been planned to be included within the capital project. The owner desiring an inground meter pit setter for convenience or financial reasons may do so by application at the Village Clerk's Office.

SECTION XIV. METER BILLS

A. Bills for metered water shall be payable semiannually. In each instance, meter bills if not paid within thirty days, shall be subject to penalties and interest in accordance with New York State Village Law or General Municipal Law governing same; namely, the Village will charge 5% interest after thirty days and one-half of one percent for each subsequent month or part of a month that the bill remains unpaid. Failure to receive a bill shall not act as a waiver of said penalty nor shall it relieve the consumer of any responsibility for said bill. In case of inability to read the meter, an estimated bill will be submitted to the consumer.

B. Abatements - No abatement of the charges for water rents shall be allowed due to the vacancy of any premises supplied with water.

C. Unpaid charges - all charges for water, service pipe installation, repairs, damages caused by carelessness or neglect, penalties, etc., shall be made against the premises supplied, and the owner of the premises shall be held responsible for such charges; if not paid, shall be a lien on the property benefited. All such unpaid charges shall be added to the next general tax against property. Failure to pay within 90 days shall result in shut off of service ten days after service of a registered letter stating same.

SECTION XV. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any section of this Local Law shall be held invalid, unconstitutional, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof.

SECTION XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.