

ORDINANCE NO. 224

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE WATER SYSTEM OF SAID VILLAGE; ESTABLISHING WATER SYSTEM RATES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATING THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PRESCRIBING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CRAIG, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1 RULES AND REGULATIONS PART OF CONSUMER'S CONTRACT

The rules, regulations and water rates hereinafter set out shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who is now or hereafter shall be supplied with water through the water works of the Village of Craig, Nebraska, and every such consumer, by taking water, shall be considered and held to consent to be bound thereby. When any such rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted by said Village shall be violated, the water shall be cut off from the building or place of violation, and shall not be turned on again, except by order of the Water Commissioner, and on payment of the expense of shutting off and turning on such water, and upon such other terms as the Village Board shall determine.

SECTION 2 APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE

Every person hereafter desiring a supply of water must make application therefor to the Village Clerk upon blanks to be designed by him and supplied by this Village for that purpose. Each application by a non-owner occupant of the premises to be supplied shall be accompanied by a service deposit of \$10.00. If a new water connection is desired the application, whether by owner or non-owner shall be accompanied by the tap fee hereinafter specified.

SECTION 3 TAP FEE WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS

For each new water connection to premises within the corporate limits, the tap fee for a three-quarter inch tap shall be \$75.00. If a larger tap is applied for, the tap fee shall be such as the Water Commissioner shall determine on his computation of the cost of pipe and fittings.

SECTION 4 TAP FEE, OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS

For each new water connection to premises outside the corporate limits the tap fee shall be such amount as the Water Commissioner shall determine based on the cost of pipe and fittings.

SECTION 5 TAP FEE; SERVICE RENDERED FOR

In consideration of the tap fee the Village shall furnish the corporation cock and the water meter and shall furnish the material only to tap the commercial main. All other expense in bringing water service to, into and upon premises shall be borne by the application. The stop box shall be located eight feet inside the curb line. The applicant shall furnish a freeze proof meter pit constructed in accordance with the specifications of the Water Commissioner, unless by agreement of the applicant and the Water Commissioner the meter is placed in the basement of the premises. In the event service is requested outside the corporate limits of the Village of Craig, the applicant shall furnish a freeze proof meter pit wherein the water meter shall be placed and such pit shall be constructed inside the corporate limits of the Village of Craig, Nebraska. The meter shall remain the property of the Village and the consumer shall be liable for any damage thereto of which his negligence is the proximate cause, and the negligence of any member of his household or of any employee of his shall be imputed to him.

SECTION 6 SEPARATE TAP AND SUPPLY PIPE FOR EACH PREMISES SERVED

Not more than one separate premises shall be supplied from the same tap or supply pipe without the permission in writing of the Water Commissioner, a signed copy of which shall be presented to the Chairman and the Board at their next regular meeting.

SECTION 7 METER READING

The Water Commissioner shall read or cause to be read every water meter used in the Village at such times as are necessary that the bills may be sent out at the proper time and the bills for water use shall be dated

and sent out at such times as may be directed by resolution by the Chairman and Board.

SECTION 8 WATER RATES

Each consumer shall be charged for the consumption of water as follows:

\$5.00 for the first 4,000 gallons of water or part thereof.

60 cents per each 1,000 gallons used in excess of the 4,000 gallon minimum.

Provided, in the event it is impossible to read the meter or the meter is not working accurately, as the case may be, it shall be considered that the amount of water used shall be the amount used during the corresponding period during the preceding year, if a meter was in operation on said premises during that period and water was used for substantially the same purposes during that period and the period in question. If no meter was in operation on said premises during the corresponding period of the preceding year, or if the purposes for which water was used during said period and the period in question were not substantially the same, the Water Commissioner shall make such charge as he deems reasonable, subject to the right of the consumer after paying said charge to file a claim for refund with the Village Board. The foregoing rates shall not be binding on the Village for water supplied to premises outside the corporate limits, but in each instance where water is supplied to premises outside the corporate limits, the Water Commissioner, subject to the approval of the Chairman and Village Board, shall specify the rate.

SECTION 9 COLLECTION, NON-PAYMENT, PENALTY

All water bills are due on receipt and are delinquent by the 15th of the month and shall be payable at the office of the Village Clerk. If any bill is not paid within ten days after becoming delinquent, a penalty of 10 per cent shall be added thereto, and if ten days elapse and said water bill and penalty are not paid, the water service of the consumer shall be shut off and shall not be turned on again until said bill, penalty and other charges, if any, due the Village shall be paid, together with a fee of \$1.00 for resumption of service.

SECTION 10 ACCESS TO PREMISES

The Water Commissioner and his assistant shall have free access at proper hours of the day and after reasonable notice to all parts of every building in which water is delivered and consumed, to examine the pipes and fixtures and to ascertain whether or not there is any unnecessary waste of water. The term "proper hours" as used in this section means during an hour when the occupants are or may reasonably be expected to be awake, dressed and in condition to receive visitors.

SECTION 11 WATER SUPPLY NOT TO BE CONTAMINATED

No person shall place in or near or around the reservoir, catch basins or any other part of the waterworks system of this Village any dirt, filth or impure substance whatsoever, or any substance or fluid by which water shall be rendered impure, unpalatable, or dangerous for human or animal consumption.

SECTION 12 UNINTERRUPTED SERVICE; LIABILITY OF VILLAGE

This Village shall in no manner be liable for any damages caused by shutting off the supply of water of any consumer while the system or any part thereof is undergoing repairs or extensions or caused by freezing of the main or the breaking of any pipe or service cock, or by a shortage of water due to accident, to circumstances over which this Village has no control, or to an Act of God.

SECTION 13 HYDRANTS, WHERE PLACED, DRINKING FOUNTAINS

No hydrant, except for drinking fountains, shall be placed within the limits of any street, unless such hydrant be securely closed and protected against general use, or except it be placed upon a meter rate, and no drinking fountain which has been erected for public use shall have openings by which it can be used as a source of domestic supply.

SECTION 14 RESTRICTIONS ON USE

The right of the consumer to use water under the

contract provided for in this article is subject to such rules and regulations as the chief of the fire department in this Village may make and subject to such regulations as the Water Commissioner shall make to conserve water for the more urgent needs of the residents of this Village in the event of a water shortage.

SECTION 15 HOUSE BOILERS

All house boilers shall be constructed with one or more air holes near the top of the inlet pipe, and be sufficiently strong to bear the pressure of the atmosphere under vacuum, and shall be connected to the water meter by three-fourths inch galvanized pipe. The stop cocks and other appurtenances must be sufficiently strong to bear the pressure and run off the water in the mains.

SECTION 16 WATER TURNED ON

Water shall not be turned on at the stop box except by the Water Commissioner or his assistant or by his permission, except that any plumber may turn the water on temporarily for the sole purpose of testing the pipes.

SECTION 17 STOP AND WASTE COCK IN BUILDINGS

There shall be a stop and waste cock attached to every supply pipe at a point in the building so as to enable the consumer to shut off water and drain the pipes.

SECTION 18 EXCAVATIONS

In making excavations in streets or highways for the laying of service pipes or making repairs, the planks or pavement, stones, and earth removed must be deposited in a manner that will occasion the least inconvenience to the public and provide for passage of water along gutters. No person shall leave any excavation made in a sidewalk, street or alley open at any time without a barricade, and during the night warning lights must be maintained at such excavation. After the service pipes are laid, in filling the opening the earth must be laid in layers of not more than nine inches in depth,