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ORDINANCE #2021-16

Introduction: June 28, 2021

Adoption:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE CODE, PART II – GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 351 ENTITLED “WATER” BY AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 351-9 ADVISING CUSTOMERS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO HAVE UTILITY SIDE LATERAL WATER SERVICE LINE(S) REMOVED BY THE WATER UTILITY IN CONNECTION WITH RETIREMENT OR DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE AND AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 351-11 TO REQUIRE MASTER METERS ON MULTI-FAMILY AND MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Township of South Orange Village (the “Village”) Water Utility finds that customers often request that the Village Water Utility retire or discontinue water service to a structure, building or location; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of retiring or discontinuing water service requires removal of the utility side lateral water service line running from the water supply main up to and including the curb stop to avoid potential underground digging hazard in the event of future construction or redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such retirement/discontinuance, customers do not realize that there are charges that must be borne by the customer associated with the removal of utility side lateral water service line running from the main up to and including the curb stop; and

WHEREAS, the Village Water Utility wishes to make clear the obligation of customers that requests to retire or disconnect water service carries specific charges as set forth in the Schedule of Values as set forth and revised annually by the water system operator - American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of South Orange Village Water Utility finds that requiring installation of master meters when constructing multi-family and multi-unit buildings may be beneficial for water conservation, tracking lost water in the system and accurate metering of water consumption by a customer.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village, a municipal corporation of New Jersey located in Essex County thereof, that Chapter 351 of the Code of the Township of South Orange Village (the “Code”) be amended and restated as follows:

SECTION I:



Section 351-9, "Requested Discontinuance of Water Service" is hereby amended and restated by the addition of the following subsection:

C. To avoid any future digging or construction hazard, should a Customer wish to have water service abandoned or retired (as may be required for a demolition permit), or should a Customer wish to have any utility side lateral water service line abandoned or retired, the Customer shall contract with and be responsible for payment to the Water Utility for the removal of the utility side lateral water service line running from the main up to and including the curb stop.

Section 351-11, "Water Meters; Installation; Rental; Maintenance" is hereby amended and restated by the addition of the following subsection:

E. Any structure, building or location where, as of September 1, 2021, pipes, service lines or other water infrastructure has not been connected to the curb box and/or where new construction or repurposing/rehabilitation of existing structures, buildings or locations under common ownership, and consisting of four or more Residential Customers or four or more Commercial Customers, such location shall install a master water meter. Sub-metering shall be permitted and the charges by the Customer to tenants shall not exceed the cost incurred by the Customer for providing the utility commodity as determined on an annual calendar basis. The resale of water for a profit is prohibited. Any person who violates the section shall be subject to punishment as set forth in § 1-15 and § 1-17 of this Code.

SECTION 2:

Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3:

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

SECTION 4:

On passage, this ordinance shall be codified.

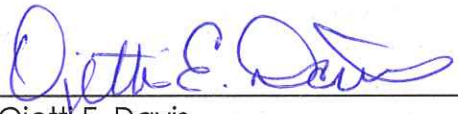


Introduction – First Reading

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown						
Coallier	X		X			
Haskins		X	X			
Hartshorn Hilton			X			
Jones			X			
Zuckerman			X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was introduced on first reading by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held on June 28, 2021.


Ojetti E. Davis
Acting Village Clerk

Adoption – Second Reading

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown						
Coallier						
Haskins						
Hartshorn Hilton						
Jones						
Zuckerman						



CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted on second reading by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held on July 26, 2021.

Ojetti E. Davis
Acting Village Clerk

Adopted:

Sheena C. Collum

Attest:

Ojetti E. Davis