



Rural Water District #6
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Rules And Regulations

These Rules are issued in compliance with provisions of the Rural Water Districts Act of Oklahoma (82 Okl. St. Ann Sections 1301-1321), and the By Laws of the District and are designed to govern the supplying and taking of water service in a uniform manner for the benefit of the District and its members. They are subject to change from time to time. However, all such changes must be approved by the Board of Directors and mortgage holder if applicable. If a provision of the Rules conflict with a provision of the rate schedule, the provision of the rate schedule will prevail. If any portion of these Rules shall be declared invalid by competent authority, such violation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

Threats or Aggressive Behavior

Threats or aggressive behavior toward District employees or Board members will not be tolerated.

Any member who threatens or acts aggressively toward any District employee or Board member may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and/or may have his/her membership revoked upon majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Definitions

The following expressions when used herein will have the meaning stated.

APPLICANT: Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other agency owning land located within the District, applying for a water service membership.

APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE MEMBERSHIP: The contract between the consumer and the District, pursuant to which water service is supplied and accepted.

BOARD: The Board of Directors of Rural Water District #6, Okmulgee County.

CONNECTION OF SECOND STRUCTURE: The structures shall be connected with an enclosure consisting of a roof, floor, and walls before it would be considered one dwelling or business. Anything less would require an additional membership.

CONSUMER: Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other agency receiving water from the District's facilities and owning or occupy land located within the District in favor of which one or more memberships have been approved.

ILLEGAL CONNECTION: Any unauthorized use of District's water, including serving additional dwellings and/or businesses. Make or cause to be made any connection between any pipelines, meters or other equipment in such a manner as to prevent any installed metering device from registering properly, or otherwise use water without the consent of the water district. To remove, alter, tamper with or knowingly allow such to any water line meter, meter seal or other equipment belonging to the district.

POINT OF DELIVERY: The point of delivery shall be at the meter, unless otherwise specified in the application for water service.

SERVICE: The term service when used in connection with the supplying of water shall mean the availability for use by the consumers of water adequate to meet the consumer's requirements. Service shall be considered available when the Board approves the membership application, regardless of whether or not the consumer makes use of it.

General Rules

1. The supplying and taking of water will be in conformance with these Rules and the applicable rate schedule.
2. Applicants for service shall make application to the District. All new applications and relocation applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. No application or relocation will be approved without receipt of membership fee and/or relocation fee ***and a copy of filed deed as proof of ownership.***
3. Before installing an extension, the Board may require that the applicant is in readiness to accept service.
4. All new applicants for membership shall provide the District with a completed Plumbing Inspection Certificate and County D.E.Q. approval of applicant's sewer system prior to meter installation. In the case of transfer of ownership, if no final septic inspection is on file at the DEQ office or our office, a walk over by the District shall be necessary and the fee for this must be paid by the applicant.
5. A standard service membership is for the sole use of the applicant or consumer, and does not permit the extension of pipes to transfer water from one property to another, nor to share, resell, or sub-meter water to any other consumer. If an emergency or specific situation should make such an arrangement advisable, it shall be done only on specific written permission of the Board for the duration of the emergency.
6. The District, through its Board of Directors, may make specific water service contracts with the Federal Government, the State of Oklahoma, or agencies thereof, school districts, and municipal corporations, differing from stipulations set out in the rate schedule and Rules. Such contracts must receive approval of the mortgage holder.
7. Representatives of the District shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter upon consumers' premises to read and test meters, inspect piping, and to perform other duties for the proper maintenance and operation of service, or to remove its meters and equipment upon discontinuance of service by consumers.
8. The District will make all reasonable efforts to supply continuous uninterrupted service. However, it shall have the right to interrupt service for the purpose of making repairs, connections, extensions, or for other necessary work. Efforts will be made to notify consumers who may be affected by such interruptions, but the District will not accept responsibility for losses, which might occur due to such necessary interruptions.
9. The District does not accept the responsibility for losses, which might occur due to interruptions to service, caused by storms, strikes, floods or other causes beyond its control.
10. The District will install and pay for all water service pipes (except for private fire protection) from its mains to the meters on property along which the main is installed. In addition, the District will install and pay for the meter and meter setting. The meter will be installed on the premises to be served, or a point designated by the District and the consumer.
11. There shall be no cross-connections made or maintained between the water system of the District or any other system (private or otherwise) and all new structures constructed within the District shall prior to service connections, comply with the plumbing standards of the State of Oklahoma. In addition, all sewage disposal systems shall comply with the standards

specified by the D.E.Q. of Oklahoma. Representatives of the District, the State, and local Department of Environmental Quality shall have the right at all reasonable hours to enter upon consumer's premises for the purpose of inspection and enforcement of these provisions. Violation of this provision shall constitute cause for disconnection of consumer's service.

METERS

1. Meters will be furnished, installed, owned, inspected, tested and kept in proper operating condition by the District, without cost to the consumer. A complete record of tests and histories of meters will be kept. Meter tests will be made according to methods of American Waterworks Association by the District, as often as deemed necessary by its Board of Directors.
2. Service meters whose errors do not exceed two (2%) percent fast or slow shall be considered as being within the allowable limits of accuracy for billing purposes. The percentage of error will be considered as that arrived at by taking the average of the error at full load and that at ten (10%) percent load.
3. Meter tests requested by consumers will be performed without cost to the consumer if the meter is found to be in excess of two (2%) percent inaccurate. Otherwise the consumer for whom the requested test was made will be charged a fee for the test. This charge will be determined by the Board.
4. Meters shall be set in accessible places on the outside of buildings, approximately eight feet inside the property from the District's main line, except where otherwise directed by the District.

Consumer's Responsibility

1. The consumer shall be responsible for any damage to the meter installed for his / her service for any cause other than normal wear and tear.
2. It shall be the consumer's responsibility to anticipate changes of occupancy, and to have his / her membership transferred to the new consumer as prescribed in the By Laws. Until the membership is formally transferred, the original holder shall be responsible for payment of service. All charges levied against a membership must be paid before the membership can be transferred, or service resumed where there has been a suspension.
3. All main line extensions necessary to bring water to a customer's property will be the expense of the customer. After the amount of charges is determined by the District, these charges will be collected in advance of construction and deposited into a construction account until construction has been completed. These funds will then be transferred into the District's operating account. All main line extensions will be constructed by the District or their assigns.
4. An applicant owning property with road way and/or section line frontage must give the District an easement for the purpose of waterline installation along the full frontage before meter is installed.
5. All extensions for more than two water taps to serve two or more parcels of land must have plans drawn up by the District's Engineer at the applicant's expense and must comply with the District's Developer Requirements.
6. The Water District will cause members meters to be read monthly and mail a bill to member listed on the account around the 1st of each month. Payment of the bill is to be made not later than the 16th day of the month. Bills not paid OR with balances of that equal to the minimum charge will be assessed a late charge after the 16th of the month. If member is not prepared for service and meter cannot be installed, member will be billed the minimum each month. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR BILL BY THE 10TH OF THE MONTH,**

CONTACT OUR OFFICE. Failure to receive bill does not relieve the customer of his responsibility to pay.

7. The reconnection charge for restoration of service, if reconnection is authorized and approved under the provisions of the By Laws of the District, after each suspension of service because of delinquent payment or for other infraction of these Rules, shall be the unpaid amount charged to date against the consumer's account, plus a sum to cover the reasonable cost of labor necessary to make such reconnection. This fee shall be determined by the Board.
8. In the event an applicant whose water requirements are found to exceed the District's ability to supply it from existing plant without adversely affecting service to other consumers to any reasonable extent, the District will not be obliged to render such service, unless and until suitable self-liquidating financing is arranged to cover necessary investment in additional plant or waterlines.

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