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**TOWNSHIP OF NEW SALEM**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 1**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH**  
**RULES, RATES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION**  
**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW SALEM WATER SYSTEM**

**BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Trustees, Township of New Salem as follows:**

**SECTION 1. Application for Service**

**Water service shall be furnished only to township residents or adjacent township residents unserved by other water systems by contacting the water service provider.**

**SECTION 2. Initial and Minimum Charges Whether Water Used or Not**

**The rates as shown in the rate schedule in Section 8. of this Ordinance shall be paid by each customer who has signed a User's Contract, beginning at the time the Township makes the service available to the customer.**

**Those customers will pay the minimum rate for not using the service even though they may not be connected to the system, provided the service is available from the Township.**

**There shall be a \$500.00 tap-on-fee for service to each property in which an application and water user's agreement has been filed prior to the established cutoff date or completion of final plans, whichever comes first.**

**The tap-on-fee for service after the cutoff date or completion of final plans whichever comes first, shall be \$1,200.00 for each meter.**

**A \$100.00 deposit shall be made by the user to guarantee payment of water bills. The deposit shall be returned to the user without interest upon termination of water service and all accounts of that user being paid.**

## SECTION 3.

**Township's Responsibility and Liability**

- A. **Ownership, installation and Maintenance.** The Township shall install, own and maintain the complete water system, water mains, and service lines to the property lines or a mutually agreed upon point subject to the Board of Trustees determination that a particular service is economically feasible to install. The Township shall furnish, install and maintain a meter and appurtenances including a shut off valve. The shutoff valve shall be installed on the user's property line or such other point determined by a duly authorized representative of the Township. The meter may be located by the shutoff valve or within the user's premises as determined by Township representative. The meter and shutoff valve must be located at a point where it is readily accessible.
- B. **Refusal of Service.** The Township may at any time refuse additional service(s) to any applicant if in the judgement of the Board of Trustees the capacity of the system will not permit such use.
- C. **Liability.** All water service supplied by the Township shall be upon the express condition that the Township shall not be liable nor shall any claim be made it against it for damages or injury cause by reason of shutting off of water for repair, relocation, or expansion of any part of the system, or failure of any part of the system or for concentration of water for such purposes as firefighting or restricted use of water.
- D. **Use of Water on User's Premises.** The Township shall reserve the right to use the water from user's facilities at any time deemed necessary. No charge shall be made by the user for the use of these facilities and no charge shall be made by the Township for the water used by the Township.

**SECTION 4. User Responsibility**

- A. **Installing and Maintaining Service Lines.** The user shall be responsible for installation and maintenance of service lines between the curb stop and the residence or business. Such service lines must be at least 3/4" in diameter, and must be installed at a minimum depth of five (5) feet. Service lines must have a minimum working pressure rating of 160 psi at 73.4 degrees F and must be constructed of one of the following types of materials: copper, (Type K), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyethylene or polybutylene. Service lines must not be covered until they are inspected and approved by a duly authorized Township representative. The user will not connect any service lines or any plumbing connected with the service line to any other water source. The service must meet any requirements of the State of Illinois, Environmental Protection Agency. Final connection of the residence to the water supply shall be performed by a licensed plumber who shall complete the Plumber Certification that all work meets existing code requirements and that no cross connection exists between the Township water supply and any other water supply.
- B. **Provisions for Location of Meter.** The user shall permit the meter to be located upon their property.
- C. **Easements.** The user shall give such easements and right-of-way as necessary to the Township and allow access for the purpose of construction, repair, maintenance, meter reading, relocation or expansion of the water system. The necessity shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.
- D. **Damage to Township Property.** No user shall tamper, adjust, damage, or in any manner interfere with the components or operations of the water system owned by the Township. The shutoff valve shall be opened only by a duly authorized representative of the Township. Penalty for tampering, damaging, adjusting, or in any manner interfering with the components or operation of the system shall be up to \$1000 payable to the Township, if the penalty is not paid within 30 days after the amount is determined, the Township shall discontinue the water service. The amount of penalty shall be determined by the Board of Trustees. In addition to the penalty the user responsible shall reimburse the Township for the actual cost of repairing any damage arising from the user act. Users shall report any known evidence of tampering, adjusting, damaging, or interference with operation, owned by the Township to the Supervisor of the Board of Trustees. Any malicious act or damage to the system that is not appropriately punishable by the foregoing shall be prosecuted through a court of law.
- If, due to unintentional negligence, damage to the water distribution equipment occurs, the user shall bear the cost of replacement. If damage occurs through no fault of the user, repair/replacement costs will be evaluated by the Board of Trustees on a case-by-case basis.

E. **Specified Uses of Water.** Water Purchased from the Township may be used for ordinary domestic, industrial or farm use upon the premises of the user provided:

(1) No user shall resell or permit the resale of water purchased from the Township.

(2) Each dwelling, apartment, business, and farm located outside and separate from a single-family unit is a separate unit. The user must make application for service for each unit, and each unit shall have a separate cutoff valve, meter and service line, and the user shall pay the minimum monthly rate and other rates and fees herein established for each unit.

For purposes of this section the following definitions apply:

**Dwelling:** Single family living unit.

**Apartment:** Single family living unit that may be an individual living unit or part of a multiple living complex.

**Business:** Business outside and separate from a single-family living unit.

**Farm:** Consists of one single family dwelling and all related farm enterprises served by that meter and service line

F. **Cross-Connections**

(1) **Definitions.** For this purpose of this subsection the following definitions shall apply:

(a) **"Backflow"** shall mean water of questionable quality, wastes or other contaminants enter the public water supply system due to reversal of flow.

(b) **Cross-Connection** shall mean a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenance through which a backflow could occur.

(c) **"Safe air gap"** shall mean the minimum distance of a water inlet or opening above the maximum high water level or overflow rim in a fixture, device or container to which public water is furnished which shall be at least two times the inside diameter of the water inlet pipe; but shall not be less than one inch and need not be more than 12 inches.

(d) **“Secondary water supply”** shall mean an eater supply system maintained in addition to a public water supply, including but not limited to, water systems from ground or surface sources not meeting the requirements of Act No.98 of the Public Acts of 1913, as amended being Sections 325.201 to 325.214 of the Compiled Laws of 1949, or water from a public water supply which in any way has been treated, processed or exposed to any possible contaminant or stored in other than an approved storage facility.

(e) **“Submerged Inlet”** shall mean a water pipe or extension thereto from a public water supply terminating in a tank, vessel, fixture, or appliance which may contain water of questionable quality, waste or other contaminant and which is unprotected against backflow.

(f) **“Water Utility”** shall mean Township.

(2) **Cross-Connections Prohibited.** Cross-Connection of public water supply systems and any other water supply systems or source including, but not limited to, the following are prohibited:

(a) Between a public water supply system and a secondary water supply.

(b) By submerged inlet.

(c) Between a lawn sprinkling system and a public water supply system.

(d) Between a public water supply and piping which contain sanitary waste, or a chemical contaminate.

(e) Between a public water supply system and piping immersed in a tank or vessel which may contain a contaminate.

(3) **Cross-Connection Control Program.** The water utility shall develop a comprehensive control program for the elimination and prevention of all cross-connections, and the removal of all existing cross-connections and prevention of all future cross-connections.

(4) **Connections and Protection Devices.** Any user of the water utility water shall obtain written approval from the water utility of any proposed corrective action or protection device before using or installing it. The total time allowed for completion of the necessary corrections shall be contingent upon the degree of hazard involved and include the time required to obtain and install equipment. If the cross-connection has not been removed within the time as hereinafter specified, the water utility shall physically separate the water system from the on-site piping system in such manner that the two systems cannot be connected by any unauthorized person.

(5) **Piping Identification.** When a secondary water source is used in addition to the water supply, exposed water utility water and secondary water piping shall be identified by distinguishing colors or tags and so maintained that each pipe may be traced readily in its entirety. It will be necessary to protect the water utility water supply at the service connection in a manner acceptable to the water utility.

(6) **Private Water Storage Tanks.** A private water storage tank supplied from the water utility water supply system shall be deemed a secondary water supply unless it is designed and approved for potable water usage.

(7) **Elimination of Existing Cross-Connections.** Within one year from the effective date of this Section all existing cross-connections to the water utility water supply systems shall be eliminated. The expenses of such elimination shall be those of the owner of the property on which such cross-connections exist.

(8) **Inspection.** The water utility or any representative thereof shall have the authority to inspect any premises to determine the presence of any existing cross-connection and to order the elimination of such cross-connection.

(9) **Discontinuance of Water Service.** The water utility shall discontinue water service after a reasonable notice to any person owning any property where a cross connection in violation of this Code exists or where the user refuses to allow an inspection to determine the presence of a cross-connection. The water utility may take such other precautionary measures as necessary to eliminate any danger of the contamination of the water utility water supply system. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such cross-connection has been eliminated.

**SECTION 5. Extension of Mains**

**A. Determination of Who Pays Expense of Extension.** The Board of Trustees shall first determine if an extension of the water main is economically feasible based on estimated costs of the extension and the number of existing potential users that will use water along the extension. If the extension is economically feasible then the Township may install and pay the cost of the extension at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. If the Township elects not to pay the cost of extending the water main, then the person or persons desiring water service shall install the extension at their own personal expense upon written consent by the Board of Trustees. The Township shall not pay for any extensions to an undeveloped area such as a subdivision being developed unless there are sufficient existing residents or businesses to make the extension economically feasible.

**B. Requirements if Extension is Installed by Someone Other than the Township.**

- (1) The Township must approve all plans and specifications for any extensions.
- (2) Before any extensions are installed, the plans and specifications must be reviewed and approved by the State of Illinois, Environmental Protection Agency.
- (3) Ownership, rights-of-way, and title must be conveyed to the Township for all extensions installed by anyone other than Township. The Township will maintain the mains thereafter.
- (4) No extension will be permitted if, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the system does not have the necessary capacity to serve the proposed extension.

**SECTION 6. Change of Occupancy.**

**A. Notice to Township.** Any user requesting a termination of service shall contact F&C with the request date of termination.

**B. Responsibility for Payment of Services Already Consumed**

Responsibility for Payment for Water Consumed prior to the date of Termination shall be with the Property owner as well as the user.

**C. Charges for Change.** There shall be no charge for transferring the water service to the subsequent user.

**D. Snowbird Clause.** If you are absent from our residence for a period of 30 consecutive days, and no water will be used, you may request the Snowbird Account Policy, wherein charges for service will be billed at a monthly rate (currently \$44 per month but subject to change)

**SECTION 7. Payment of Bills.**

- A. Date Due.** The meters will be read by the Township/F&C Solutions on or about the first day of each month. If weather conditions or other circumstances prevent the reading of meters, then the Township/F&C Solutions will estimate each water bill. The bill is due by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month and will be delinquent if not paid by due date listed on the bill. Bills will be paid to New Salem Water Service, 34 West Side SQ. #103 Macomb, IL6145. (309)-863-1021
- B. Penalties for Late Payment.** There will be a (10%) penalty added to each bill that is unpaid after the due date. If any bills remain unpaid after 30 days after mailing, the water supply to the property affected will be shut off by the Township/F&C Solutions and the service will not be restored until the delinquency and penalty is paid in full. In addition, a \$100.00 shutoff fee will be incurred and a \$100.00 reconnect fee will also apply to cover the cost if F&C Solutions has to make two trips if necessary.

**SECTION 8. Rate Schedule**

The following shall be the rates for water supplied by the Township:

The minimum monthly bill will be as follows:

outlet meter with 1000 gal. water: \$52.50

The monthly bill will be computed on the following rate schedule:

Each additional 1000 gal. increments: \$8.75 p/1000 gal. with an annual increase of 3% on the 1000-gallon increment price.

These rates remain in effect with ongoing potential review based on rate changes established by the seller.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of New Salem Township this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 and replaces Ordinance No.2023-4



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Township Clerk

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Supervisor