

GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT

WARNING

Water Use Ordinance Amendments

Members of the Grand Isle Consolidated Water District are hereby notified and warned that Amendments to the Water Use Ordinance were approved by the Board at the June 10, 2020 Regular meeting and will become effective August 12, 2020. Amendments were changes to the following sections as noted below:

Amend 6.00, Disconnection as follows

6.01 In addition to any other remedies, the District shall be empowered to disconnect water service to a User, after notice, when payment of a valid bill or charge is delinquent as provided by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 129. The District shall administer the ~~Articles~~ provisions of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 129 as it deems in the best interest of the water system and its operation.

NEW SECTIONS:

6.02 Users may request to permanently terminate water service. New charges shall cease upon approval of the request by the District Board of Commissioners. Charges already incurred remain due. The meter shall be removed and returned to the District, and the District may sever the connection to the Building Service Line at the Curb Stop. Provided that there is no change in ownership, and at least one year has elapsed, a User may request reconnection by paying a reconnection fee equal to the debt service amounts that would have accrued during the period during which they were not connected. In all other cases, a new connection application and fee are required in accordance with section 7.00 of this Ordinance.

6.03 The District may permanently terminate water service if a property or the water service becomes abandoned. Abandonment may be evidenced by factors including but not limited to notice from the User to the District, failure to make any payments for a period of at least one year, or by allowing the property to proceed to a tax sale. Notice of intent to permanently terminate water service shall be mailed to the last known billing address and posted at the service address at least 30 days prior to terminating water service. New charges shall cease upon approval of the termination by the District Board of Commissioners. Charges already incurred remain due and continue as a lien against the property. The meter shall be removed and returned to the District, and the District may sever the connection to the Building Service Line at the Curb Stop. A new connection application and fee are required in accordance with section 7.00 of this Ordinance in order to reconnect.

6.04 If a property is occupied by a rental tenant, the District shall follow Vermont Public Utility Commission Rule 3.302(C) [or equivalent successor rule] allowing the tenant to assume temporary responsibility for current water charges to avoid disconnection. The property owner remains ultimately responsible for any unpaid charges.

District members may petition the Board to hold a vote to ask the District Membership for approval of the amendments listed above.

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