

CHAPTER 8

WATERWORKS SYSTEM

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8-8-1: AUTHORITY OF CHIEF OPERATOR-WATER DIVISION: The Chief Operator-Water Division is hereby given special police powers within the limits of the Village for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter. (1963 Code, * 17.01)

8-8-2: WATER TAPPING FEES: The following fees for tapping a water main shall be paid by the consumer or property owner to the Village Water Department Clerk, prior to the connection.

A. For making original taps to water mains, including the furnishing and supplying of all cocks, pipes, shut off boxes and shut off valves, excavations and labor therefore, to the property line, for the first fifty feet (50') shall be as follows :

3/4 inch tap	\$1,500.00
1 inch tap	\$2,000.00
Larger than 1 inch	\$250.00 plus time & material

8-8-3: DISCONNECTING SERVICE: Any water consumer may discontinue water service at any time by notifying the Water Clerk. A final reading will be taken and a bill will then be calculated.

8-8-4: APPLICATION: No water shall be turned on for use on or in any premises until an application therefore in writing has been made for that purpose and filed with the Water Clerk of said Village, stating the purpose for which the water is to be used. The applicant shall pay with this application a transfer fee in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60.00) and the appropriate tapping fee.

8-8-5: METERS: The Village of East Alton Water Department shall furnish a water service meter, and is solely responsible for its maintenance. A water consumer shall furnish a suitable location for the installation of a meter used in connection with such water service, which shall be amply protected from the weather and injury from other causes, and shall be at all times readily accessible for the purposes of inspection by the Water Department. The Water Department shall be responsible for the installation of all water service meters.

8-8-5A: TESTING OF WATER METERS: In the event a water customer is dissatisfied with the accuracy of his meter, particularly with the recording of water consumed, he shall be allowed to ask for a testing of his meter. Before testing occurs, the water customer shall deposit fifty dollars (\$50.00) with the Water Clerk and be given a receipt for the same.

Testing Procedure:

1. The meter shall be tested at the East Alton Water Plant with a water operator and the water customer present.
2. Both the customer's meter and a similar type meter (test meter) shall be connected to the test bench.
3. The water operator shall run 50 gallons of water through both meters at the average household consumption rate of 6 gallons per minute.
4. When the measuring tank registers 50 gallons, the water will be shut off and the percentage of accuracy shall be calculated.
5. A meter shall be determined "accurate" if it conforms to the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standards for Cold Water-Current Type. The AWWA Standards consider a meter accurate if the recording of actual water consumption is between 97% and 103% accurate.

If the meter is determined "accurate" by AWWA standards, the test deposit shall be forfeited by the customer to the East Alton Water Fund.

If the meter is determined "inaccurate", the test deposit shall be returned in full and a new meter shall be installed at no cost to the customer at the customer's address. In addition, an allowance shall be made for the prior billing period water consumption. The allowance shall be calculated by taking 100% less the meter accuracy (as determined by the test) and multiplying that number by the billing period water consumption and that number multiplied by the current water rate (per 1000 gallons). The customer's recalculated bill shall not be less than the minimum charge for a normal water billing.(Ord 1045..12-2-86)

8-8-6: Deleted 3/18/1997

8-8-7: OBSTRUCT ACCESS; INJURE PROPERTY: No person shall in any manner obstruct the access to any stop-cock, hydrant or valve, or any public faucet or opening for taking water in any street, alley, public ground or place connected with or part of said water system, nor pile or place any lumber, brick or building material or other article, thing or hindrance whatsoever within twelve feet (12') of the same, or so as to in any manner hinder, delay or obstruct the members of the Fire Department in reaching the same. It shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to interfere with or obstruct the flow, retention, storage or authorized use of water in said water system, reservoir or plant, or any part thereof, or to injure, deface, remove or displace any water main, hydrant, service pipe, shut-off box, public fountain, valve, engine or building connected with said water system, or plant, or to cause, suffer or permit any of said things to be done. Any person who shall perform any act in violation of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and shall in addition be liable for the actual damage done or caused.

8-8-8: UNAUTHORIZED WATER TURN-ON: No person not duly authorized shall turn the water on at any fire hydrant or service cock, or use water therefrom when so turned on. Any person in violation of this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense and the person so using or wasting water in such unlawful manner shall be liable to pay for the same.

8-8-9: VILLAGE NOT LIABLE: The Village shall provide and maintain water lines and service to the curb stop (the Village main shutoff). Owner shall provide and maintain water lines from the curb stop to the owner's building, dwelling or structure. Therefore, the property owner is liable and responsible for replacement or any maintenance of the water service after the curb stop. The property owner shall be responsible for any damages to Village properties which have occurred during the replacement or maintenance of said water service by the owner. The Water Department shall have the authority to shut off water to a service that is leaking or may otherwise create a hazard. The decision of whether or not such a condition creates a hazard shall be determined by the Water Superintendent or designee.

8-8-10: RATES, CHARGES: The following shall be the rates for water supplied which shall be payable bimonthly:

A. Residential and Commercial Rate:

Usage (gallons)	Water
0	\$6.00
1000	\$6.00
2000	\$12.80
3000	\$19.60
4000	\$26.40
5000	\$33.20
6000	\$40.00
7000	\$46.80
8000	\$53.60
9000	\$60.40
10,000	\$67.20

**The rate for usage in excess of 10,000 gallons shall be \$6.80 per each additional 1,000 gallons.

B. Industrial Rate:

Beginning February 1, 2026:

\$6.80 for the first 500,000 gal/month usage

\$4.15 for each additional 1,000 gal/month usage.

This rate shall increase annually at 3% effective February 1st of each year.

Industrial accounts must use a minimum of 12,000,000 gallons per year, or paragraph A above applies.

C. Bulk Filling Charge:

1-hour operator rate plus \$6.80 per 1,000 gallons for East Alton residents and \$7.30 per 1,000 gallons for non-residents (minimum).

D. Miscellaneous:

1. There shall be a 10% penalty charge added to all bills if same is not paid within 15 days from the billing date.
2. Whenever for any cause a water meter fails to operate, a reasonable estimate of the amount of water supplied during the period such meter fails to operate shall be made by the Water Clerk and/or Chief Operator-Water Division, and the user shall pay a bill based in whole or in part on the estimated amount of water supplied.
3. The Village or its representatives shall have the right of ingress or egress at all times for the purpose of reading meters.

4. The Village reserves the right to make such reasonable changes in rates and in conditions herein established and to establish further rules and regulations from time to time as may be found expeditious or necessary.

5. The rates as stated above are subject to modification by separate Industrial Rate Agreements.

8-8-11: BILLING PROCEDURE: Billing for water service shall be rendered bimonthly (once every two months). If the bill is not paid within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of the bill an additional charge of ten percent (10%) of the bill shall be added to the bill. If the account is not paid within thirty (30) days of mailing, it shall be handled as set out in 8-8-14 of the Municipal Code.

In the event that payment is made by a check or draft which is not honored by the bank, then a ten-dollar (\$10.00) charge shall be added to the amount forthwith.

8-8-12: Deleted (date)

8-8-13: RULES AND REGULATIONS: The following rules and regulations for the consumers of water and plumbers are hereby adopted and established:

A. No water shall be furnished or supplied to any consumer for any purpose whatever, until such consumer shall make application therefore. Such application shall state the location of the premises to be served and the use to which the water will be put.

B. No water consumer may supply water to other families or allow them to take it, except for use on the premises and for the purposes specified in the application, nor after water is introduced into any building or upon any premises shall any person make or employ any other person to make any tap, or connection with the work upon the premises or, for alterations, repairs, extensions, or attachments without a written permit therefore to be issued by the President and/or Chief Operator-Water Division.

C. The Village reserves the right to shut off water at any time in the mains for the purpose of repairing, cleaning, making connections with or extensions to same, or for the concentrating of water in any part of the Village in case of fire; and for restricting the use of the water in case of deficiency in supply. No claim shall be made against the Village by reason of the breaking of any service pipe or service cock, or damage arising from shutting off of water for repairing any part of the water system, or from failure of the water supply, or by increasing the water pressure at any time, or from concentration or restricted use of water as above.

8-8-14: RIGHT TO TURN OFF WATER:

A. **TERMINATION OF WATER SUPPLY:** For violation of any of the foregoing rules or for the non-payment of water bills, the Village may turn off the water upon the following conditions :

1. The Village shall personally serve upon a resident, who is above the age of fourteen (14) years, a written notice that the water service will be terminated and the reason thereof. In the event that the resident cannot be located, the notice shall be attached to the entrance of the premises and a

copy of same shall be supplied to the Treasurer. There shall be a fifteen-dollar (\$15.00) fee for each termination notice that is served.

2. The notice shall contain the information that the resident may ask for a hearing before the Treasurer of the Village of East Alton, provided he does so within five (5) days of either being served or the notice being posted on the entrance. The request shall be in writing and be given to the Water Clerk who shall immediately notify the Treasurer, and a hearing shall be held within two (2) working days of the notice of request for hearing. The decision of the Treasurer shall be final.

3. In the event no request for hearing is filed with the Water Clerk, and five (5) days passes from the time of the service of the notice or it being posted on the entrance way as set out above, then the water service shall be terminated without further notice. (Ord. 1042, 1986)

4. That once the water is shut-off, disconnection fees are sixty dollars (\$60.00) for the first offense and will increase to one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) if there is another offense within twelve months. A third offense within the twelve month period will result in a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) reconnection fee, which shall be paid plus all delinquent bills and/or other penalties.

B. AFTER WATER SHUT-OFF : After the water has been turned off from any service pipe on account of non-payment of water bills, or violation of rules, the same will not be turned on until all delinquent bills and penalties are paid, together with expense of turning off and on such water, which is indebted to the Village on account of water consumed, material or repair.

8-8-15: SEPARATE STOP-COCK REGULATIONS: No owner or plumber shall be permitted to conduct water pipes into any two (2) or more distinct premises or tenements unless separate and distinct stop-cocks shall be placed on the outside of such premises along the sidewalk opposite the same, nor shall any pipe be allowed to cross lots or buildings to adjoining premises.

A. Every Apartment, house, or tenement must have a separate meter and stopcock. As provided in 8-8-5.

B. All applicable fees, charges, and applications must be made as provided by 8-8-2 and 8-8-4.

C. Property owners electing, as of this date, who have multiple residence's without separate stopcocks may elect to take full responsibility for all water bills incurred by occupants, to avoid installation of separate stop-cocks. The owners will be billed directly for all water charges to the premises. In the event that said property's water is terminated per 8-8-14 then the owner will be responsible for compliance to above before water is turned back on to property.

8-8-16: SPRINKLING RESTRICTED: The right is reserved to suspend the use of lawn fountains and hose for sprinkling lawns and gardens, whenever public exigencies require it.

8-8-17: REVENUE ACCOUNTING:

A. Delivery to Treasurer. All revenues and moneys derived from the operation of the Waterworks

System shall be delivered to the Treasurer immediately after receipt, or at such other intervals as may from time to time be directed by the Board of Trustees.

B. Water Operations Fund. The Treasurer shall receive all such revenues from the Waterworks System and all other funds and moneys incident to the operation of such system as the same may be delivered to him and deposit the same in an account designated as the "Water Operations Fund of the Village of East Alton, Illinois" and he shall administer the fund in every respect in the manner provided by Sections 11-129-1 to 11-129-8 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

C. Records. The Treasurer shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper books, records and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the Waterworks System, and at regular intervals shall cause an audit to be made by an independent auditing concern of all financial transactions of the system.

8-8-18: PENALTY: Any person who shall violate any of the rules and regulations provided for in Section 8-8-13, respecting the regulations for consumers of water and plumbers shall, upon conviction, in addition to the enforcement of the forfeiture and liabilities therein contained, pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).