

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Whereas the contract between Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority has expired and replaced by a new contract under which the Weymouth Township Utilities Authority (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Authority"); and

Whereas water and wastewater billing cycle payments are no longer accepted at the office of the Hamilton Township Utilities Authority; and

Whereas the assumption of additional responsibilities and activities by the Authority made it necessary to review and update the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority Rules and Regulations.

Now, therefore, it is hereby Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

Section 1.6 "Discontinuance of Service"

Section 1.6 subparagraph C. Imposition of Fee for Termination and Restoration of Service is amended as follows;

C.

1. If termination of service is required after written notice to customer and a specified time to cure, customer shall be responsible to reimburse the Authority for the fees and costs incurred by the Authority to terminate the service.
2. If a request is received to reinstate the service, the Customer shall be responsible to reimburse the Authority for the fees and costs incurred by the Authority to restore service.
3. All fees and costs incurred by the Authority to terminate and / or restore service shall be included in the next bill to the customer (or in the final bill in the event of a change in ownership).

Section 1.12 "Bills and Payment" Subparagraph A of the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority is amended as follows.

1.12 Bills and Payment

i) Commencing on March 10, 2023, all payments for water and wastewater (sewer charges) must be submitted by check or money order and are to be either:

a. sent by mail to the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority, P.O. Box 1322, Mays Landing, NJ 08330; or

b. placed into the secure lockbox located on the wall near to the entrance of the Belcoville Fire House located in Belcoville, New Jersey.

ii) No cash payments shall be accepted, nor shall any payments be made in person.

iii) As permitted by NJSA 40:14B-20.2, the Authority shall charge a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for every check returned for insufficient funds, which fee shall be added to the next customer billing statement (or the final bill in the event of a change of ownership).

iv) In the event a customer submits more than one check during a billing year which is returned due to insufficient funds the Authority reserves the right to require all future payments to be made only by a money order.;

It is further Resolved that a copy of this amendment notice shall be posted on the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority webpage together with the days and hours during which the office of the Board Secretary will be available at the Belcoville Firehouse, Belcoville, New Jersey 08330 with the phone number to contact the Board Secretary and the Emergency Contact telephone number.

Section 2.1.B. "Illegal Use of System"

The last sentence of this subparagraph is amended to read;

Any other use of the system including but not limited to illegal connections, tampering with, or bypassing the meter, damaging the meter to prevent accurate reading, and any other action listed in NJSA 2C:20-8 Theft of Services is strictly prohibited and is subject to a penalty and / or fine as provided in NJSA 2C:20-8 Theft of Services.

A new subparagraph C is added as follows;

C. In addition to any fine or penalty imposed by a court having jurisdiction, the customer shall be responsible to make restitution for the theft of water together with reimbursement to the Authority of all fees and costs incurred by the Authority to identify, correct, or eliminate the theft of service, which fees and costs shall be added to the next billing statement (or the final customer bill in the event of a change in ownership).

Section 4.10 "Water Meters"

The last sentence of Subparagraph F is amended to read as follows:

The reinstallation charge is in addition the reimbursement to the Authority for the fees and costs incurred by the Authority to inspect, repair the damage, replace, and reinstall or restore service. All such fees and costs shall be added to the customer's next billing statement (or to the final bill in the event of a change in ownership).

In the event the authority determines there has been a theft of service, the customer shall also be subject to the provisions of Section 2.1.B.

Section 2.10 H is modified as follows:

H. "Authority to be Notified When Water Meter Not Working"

1. The customer shall immediately notify the Authority of damage, injury to or non-working of the meter, as soon as known by the customer.
2. If during the meter reading activity the Authority determines a water meter is not working, the Authority shall determine the cause and shall notify the customer.
3. If during the meter reading activity the Authority determines that the water meter is not readily accessible as required by subparagraph C of this Section 2.10, the Authority shall:

Notify the customer in writing and demand the inaccessibility be corrected.

A. Inaccessibility shall include, but not be limited to;

- i. Locked fence
- ii.. Dog in yard
- iii. No one home to allow access to indoor meter
- iv.. Meter obscured by shrubbery, covered by soil, or is otherwise incapable of being read without removing an obstruction(s).

- B. Make an estimated reading based upon prior usage.
- C. If the inaccessibility shall not have been corrected prior to the next billing cycle the Authority shall make an estimated reading and shall give the customer written notice of termination of service with a specified opportunity to cure.
- D. All fees and costs incurred by the Authority to make return calls to read meters, inspect the condition of the non-accessibility or for any other reason shall be added to the next bill and shall be the obligation of the customer to reimburse the Authority. The fees and costs shall be added to the next bill (or to the final bill in the event of a change in ownership).

Section 4.11 "Public Fire Service" is amended to read as follows:

Section 4.10 B. is amended to add the following sentence.

The Authority reserves the right to provide maintenance through independent contractors or through one or more shared service agreements.

Section 4.10 C. is amended to add the following sentence.

The \$1,000 charge shall be in addition to:

1. Reimbursement to the Authority for the cost of water consumed as determined by the Authority applying the then current rates; and
2. Any penalty or fine which may be imposed pursuant to Section 2.1 B.

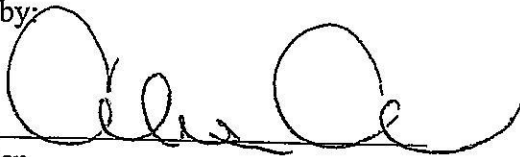
It is further Resolved that all other terms and conditions of the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority Rules and Regulations shall remain in full force and effect unless and until further amended by a resolution adopted by this Board.

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY

Dated: 1/14/24

Fred Adams
Fred Adams, WTMUA Chairperson

Attested by:

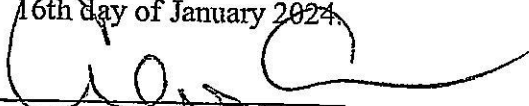


Alisa Owen,
Board Secretary

Dated:

1/16/24

I, Alisa Owen, Secretary of the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Weymouth Township Municipal Utilities Authority at a meeting of that body duly held on the 16th day of January 2024.



ALISA OWEN

BOARD SECRETARY