

# Chapter 4

## Miscellaneous Utilities Regulations

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### **Sec. 9-4-1 Water and Sewer Utilities.**

The waterworks system shall not be combined with the sewage disposal system under Sec. 66.077, Wis. Stats. Each system shall be operated by the Village as a separate public utility.

### **Sec. 9-4-2 Fluoridation of Water Supply.**

The Belleville waterworks shall introduce approximately one (1) to two (2.0) parts of fluoride to every million parts of water being distributed in the Village water supply system.

### **Sec. 9-4-3 Private Well Abandonment. (Revised 00-07-01)**

- a) **All Private Wells to Be Filled.** Except as hereinafter provided, no premises serviced by the public water system of the Village of Belleville shall have a private well. Any private well on such premises shall be abandoned. All abandoned wells shall be filled according to the procedures outlined in Ch. NR 112, Wis. Adm. Code. The pump and piping must be removed and the well checked for obstructions prior to plugging. Any obstruction or liner must be removed. The Public Works Director must be notified one day in advance so that he or she may observe the filling. A well abandonment report shall

be prepared immediately upon completion of the filling of the well and submitted by the well owner to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by that agency.

- b) **Exceptions.** Excepted from the requirements of Subsection (a) herein are the following:
- 1) All wells for which a well operation permit has been granted by the Public Works Director, provided that such wells remain operational and maintained. Well operation permits shall be issued as provided in (c) herein.
  - 2) All wells in use on or before January 1, 1984. With respect to such wells, the requirements of (a) herein shall not apply until ownership of the premises served by such private well is first transferred by sale or gift on or after January 1, 1984. The requirement of (a) herein shall apply six (6) months following date of any such transfer of ownership.
  - 3) Wells in use at the time that public water services are first extended to the premises served by such private well. With respect to such wells, the requirements of (a) herein shall not apply until ownership of said premises is first transferred by gift or sale following extension of public water services to the premises. The requirements of (a) herein shall apply six (6) months following date of any such transfer of ownership.
  - 4) All abandoned wells subject to the requirements of (a) herein at the effective date of this Chapter shall be filled on or before July 1, 1984. All other wells which shall become subject to the requirements of this Chapter following the effective date of this Section shall be filled within six (6) months of the date when such well shall first become subject to the requirements of (a) herein.
- c) **Well Operation Permits.** A permit may be granted to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed five (5) years if the following requirements are met. Application shall be made on forms provided by the Public Works Director. Well operation permits may be renewed upon re-application with the Public Works Director provided the requirements herein shall continue to be met.
- 1) The well and pump installation shall meet or may be upgraded to meet the Standard for Existing Installations described in NR 812, Wis Adm. Code and have a letter from a licensed pump installer or a licensed well driller on file with the Village Clerk stating the well meets NR812, Wis Adm. Code.
  - 2) The well and pump shall have a history of producing bacteriologically safe water evidenced by two (2) samples taken a minimum of two (2) weeks apart the first year of permit. In years two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) of the permit, one (1) safe sample per year must be provided to the Village. All costs of sampling are paid by owner. In areas where the Department of Natural Resources has determined that groundwater aquifers are contaminated with substances other than bacteria, additional chemical tests may be required to evidence safety of the water.
  - 3) There shall be no cross-connection between the well's pump installation or distribution piping and the municipal water system.
  - 4) The well water shall not discharge into a drain leading directly to a Public Sewer Utility unless properly metered and authorized by the sewer utility.
  - 5) The well shall have a functional pumping system and the proposed use of the well water can be justified as reasonable in addition to water provided by the municipal water system.
- d) **Penalties.** Any well owner violating any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction be subjected to a forfeiture of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00. Each day of violation is a separate

offense. If any person fails to comply with this ordinance for more than thirty (30) days after receiving written notice of the violation, the municipality may impose a penalty and cause the well abandonment to be performed and the expense assessed as a special charge against the property.

#### **Sec. 9-4-4 Cross-Connection Control.**

- a) **Cross-Connection Defined.** A cross-connection shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two (2) otherwise separate systems, one (1) of which contains potable water from the Village of Belleville water system, and the other, water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one (1) system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.
- b) **Cross-Connections Prohibited.** No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross-connection. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village of Belleville may enter the supply or distribution system of the Village, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Village Board of the Village of Belleville and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Sec. NR 111.25(3), Wis. Adm. Code.
- c) **Inspections Permitted.** It shall be the duty of the Public Works Director to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross-connection with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Public Works Director and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Upon presentation of credentials, the Public Works Director shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by a connection to the public water system of the Village of Belleville for cross-connection. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Sec. 66.122, Wis. Stats. On request, the owner lessee or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the Public Works Director any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on the property.
- d) **Discontinuance of Water Service.** The Public Works Director is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this Section exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wis. Stats., except as hereinafter provided. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross-connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. If it is determined by the Public Works Superintendent that a cross-connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety or welfare and requires immediate action, and a written finding to that effect is filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer and delivered to the

customer's premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall then have an opportunity for hearing under Ch. 68, Wis. Stats., within ten (10) days of such emergency discontinuance.

- e) **Adoption of State Plumbing Code.** Ch. H 82, Wis. Adm. Code, (the State Plumbing Code) is hereby incorporated by reference. This Section does not supersede the State Plumbing Code and the Village Building Code, but is supplementary thereto.

### **Sec. 9-4-5 Collection of Water Utility Charges.**

- a) **Bill.** A bill shall be prepared and submitted monthly to the owner or occupant of each lot or parcel or real estate in the Village to which water has been furnished by the Village during the preceding month period. Each bill for water utility charges shall be dated, shall clearly reflect the amount due, and shall be sent to the owner or occupant at the property address. (Rev. 04-06-03)
- b) **Delinquent Bills.**
- 1) All water utility charges shall be payable within twenty (20) days following the date of the water utility bill. A late payment charge of three percent (3%) but not less than fifty cents (50¢) will be added to bills not paid within twenty (20) days of issuance. This one-time three percent (3%) late payment charge will be applied only to any unpaid balance for the current billing period's usage. This late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than twenty days (20) after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next ten (10) days, service may be disconnected. (Rev. 04-06-03)
  - 2) The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall collect delinquent water bills and late charges in the same manner as collection of general Village taxes. Delinquent bills and all late charges and penalties shall be a lien on the real estate to which the water was furnished. All delinquent bills and charges that have accrued during the preceding year and are not paid by the first of November in any year, including the delinquent bills, charges and penalties, shall be added to the tax roll as a delinquent tax against the property served with statutory penalties added. All proceedings in relation to the collection, return and sale of property for delinquent Village taxes shall apply to said assessment.
  - 3) Non-receipt of any bill described in this Section shall not release the owner of the property from liability for any of these charges. In any case where the owner or occupant of the property is responsible for the non-receipt of the bill, the provisions herein described for late charges, penalties and disconnection shall apply. In those instances where the Village is responsible for the non-receipt of the bill, the Village may, in its discretion, grant the owner or occupant an extension of the payment period and may waive the late payment charges.
  - 4) A charge will be made for processing checks that have been returned for insufficient funds.

### **Sec. 9-4-6 Connection Charges.**

When a customer connects to a Village-constructed utility service at a future time, such customer shall be charged a connection charge equal to the original pro-rated cost of construction plus an amount equal to the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for each year after the original date of utility construction.

*Cross-Reference:* Section 9-2-36.

### **Sec. 9-4-7 Utility Customers Outside the Village.** (Rev. 04-06-03)

Utility customers residing outside the corporate limits of the Village of Belleville shall be billed at the regular rates for service plus a twenty-five percent (25%) surcharge for sewer service.

### **Sec.9-4-8 Additional Clear Water Deduct Meter** (Rev. 97-3-3)

- a) **Purpose.** The Village of Belleville Sewer utility shall, upon request by a customer, install a Clear Water Deduct Meter to measure clear water received by the customer and not discharged into the sanitary sewer system.
- b) **Ownership and Cost.** Clear Water Deduct Meters shall be owned and serviced by the Village sewer utility as part of the Village's sewer utility facilities. The cost for installation and rental of a Clear Water Deduct Meter shall be approved by the Village Board as part of the sewer use rates and charges. The customer shall pay the installation and rental charge, but shall not be charged any sewer use charge for water measured by the Clear Water Deduct Meter.
- c) **Water Use Rates Apply.** The customer shall be charged for water use measured by the Clear Water Deduct Meter in accordance with the rates set forth in the current regulations and rate order promulgated by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission governing the Village of Belleville water utility.