NORTH BEACH WATER DISTRICT PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 08-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NORTH BEACH WATER DISTRICT, PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the North Beach Water District (District) has established a water supply and distribution system and has adopted rules and regulations governing service; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to modify its policy regarding responsibility as it pertains to leaks on the property side of the water meter; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the North Beach Water District, Pacific County, Washington as follows:

1.01.070 Waste of water prohibited.

It is prohibited for any person to waste water or allow it to be wasted. Waste of water is defined as: applying water to a landscape in sufficient quantity to cause significant runoff of that water to impervious areas or to allow significant overspray onto non-landscaped areas; applying water to a landscape in sufficient quantity to cause substantial puddling of that water at the ground surface; allowing leaking valves, pipes, closets, faucets, or other fixtures; or allowing any pipes or faucets to run open to prevent the service from freezing or for any other reason. Customers may, during emergencies and to prevent property damage, take measures inconsistent with this section to resolve the emergency provided; they take all reasonable measures to resolve the emergency within 48 hours.

1.01.075 Responsibility for repair of service pipe.

- A. The service pipe from the meter box extending into the customer's property, including pipes or plumbing inside buildings, belongs to the customer and it is the customer's responsibility to maintain, repair, and or replace those pipes. The service pipe, meters, meter setters, meter box, or valves located in the meter box and extending back to the main belongs to the District and it is the District's responsibility to maintain those pipes, meters, meter setter, meter box, and valves. The customer will not in any way render the meter box inaccessible to District personnel. The property owner assumes all responsibility on their premises for water furnished by the District. All service pipes, fittings, and equipment belonging to the customer must be kept in good repair and protected from freezing at the property owner's expense.
- **B.** The District has no obligation to notify customers of a suspected leak on their premises. To provide excellent customer service and promote good relations between the District and its customers, District personnel will notify customers of

any suspected leak on their premises. The District assumes no responsibility for any expenses incurred by the customer in determining if a leak is present.

In the event customers are notified of or become aware of water waste as defined in Section 1.01.070, they shall repair or remedy the waste of water within 48 hours. Failure to do so shall be a violation of this section and Section 1.01.070. The District has the authority to terminate that customer's water service without notice until waste of water is corrected.

C. In the case of a leak in the service pipe, the customer may be entitled to an adjustment on their water bill provided that an adjustment may be requested upon written application within a fourteen (14) day period of receipt of the billing in question. Failure to take plumbing system winterization precautions or repair a leak in a timely manner (48 hours) may constitute a forfeiture of the leak adjustment. After the complete and satisfactory repairs and with documentation of satisfactory repair, reduction in fees shall be limited to one-half of the excess water usage billing as determined by the District to be associated with the billing period in question, and excludes the monthly service charge. The adjusted rate for the month in which the leak was detected shall be equal to the average of the water charges of the three-month period consisting of the same month from the previous year as the month the leak was discovered, and the month before and after the previous year. Said three-month average shall be the adjusted rate for the month in which the leak was detected. A leak adjustment shall be available to the customer once every five years.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of North Beach Water District, Pacific County, Washington at its regular meeting held on June 20, 2011.

Brian Sheldon, Commissioner Position #1

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