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§ 64-501 Meters Required.

In order to provide greater accuracy in the measurement of water consumption by customers provided with water service by the Borough of Alburdis, all customers supplied with water service by the Borough, now and hereafter, shall install a water meter in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

§ 64-502 Supervision of Installation; Regulations.

It shall be the duty of the Maintenance Department to supervise the installation of water meters. The Maintenance Department is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be required, in addition to the provisions of this Article, to facilitate the installation and maintenance of water meters.

§ 64-503 Metering New Service.

Every building hereafter constructed or for the first time furnished with water by the Borough shall be metered before water service shall be furnished.

§ 64-504 Meters Furnished.

Water meters acceptable for installation shall be made available by the Borough. Such meters shall be of the same size as the service pipe entering the building in which installation is to be made. With special permission of the Maintenance Department, a meter one (1) size smaller than the service pipe may be allowed for sufficient reason.

§ 64-505 Ownership of Meters.

All meters installed within the water system of the Borough shall be and remain the property of the Alburtis Borough Authority.

§ 64-506 Placement of Meters.

When convenient, the water meter shall be located on the premises of the water consumer in an accessible and unobstructed position within the building connected with a remote reader positioned outside the building. When not otherwise convenient to place a meter within a building or at the option of the owner, a meter box or masonry pit with locked-type cover may be constructed, *provided* the same shall also be connected to a remote reader unless the Borough grants special permission to eliminate the remote reader upon good and sufficient cause shown.

§ 64-507 Authorized Personnel.

No person other than a licensed plumber or an authorized officer or employee of the Maintenance Department shall install, remove, inspect, or change, alter, or interfere in any way with a water meter.

§ 64-508 Protection of Meters; Repairs.

Customer-user shall at all times properly protect the water meter installation from damage by frost or other harm and shall be responsible for the cost of all repairs or replacement of any meter damaged in any way as a result of his neglect. Repair charges shall be payable in full at the time of the next quarterly billing and shall be includable upon such billing.

§ 64-509 Defective Meters.

If a meter fails to register or is otherwise out of working order, such meter shall be replaced or repaired by the Borough. In such event, the current billing shall be estimated and determined by the average quarterly water meter reading for the one year period (four (4) billing quarters) ending on the Last Correct Determination Date. For purposes of this § 64-509, the "Last Correct Determination Date" shall mean the date six (6) months before the last day of the quarter in which the meter fails to register or is otherwise out of working order. (For example, if

the meter is out of working order when attempting to measure water usage for the calendar quarter ending December 31, 2003, the "Last Correct Determination Date" is June 30, 2003.) If readings are not available for the entire one year period, or use of that period is otherwise inequitable, the Borough Manager may make any other reasonable estimate. No deduction shall be allowed from any billing by reason of leakage, but shall be permissible if due to inaccurate and excessive measurement of water consumption by a faulty meter in accordance with the provisions of § 64-510.

§ 64-510 Testing of Meters at Customer Request.

(a) **Request for Test.** If any customer shall doubt the correctness of his meter reading, he may, upon application to the Maintenance Department and upon making a deposit as set forth in subsection (b), have such meter tested. Should such test show such meter to be correct within four per centum (4%), the customer shall forfeit the deposit made. Should such test show the meter to be registering in excess of four per centum (4%) of the accurate amount of flow, such deposit shall be refunded to the customer and the entire cost of such test and replacement of meter shall be borne by the Borough.

(b) **Deposit.** The deposit required for any test under subsection (a) shall be determined as follows:

<u>Size of Meter (inches)</u>	<u>Amount of Deposit</u>
5/8 - 1	\$ 5.00
1 1/2 - 2	10.00
3	15.00
4	20.00
6	25.00
8 or larger	35.00

§ 64-511 Separate Meters for Each Establishment.

In all cases where the service connection serves two (2) or more establishments, firms, or families, a separate meter shall be installed for each if at all possible without the necessity of major plumbing change. Final determination shall be made in each instance by the Maintenance Department.