

## Chapter 13

### WATER UTILITY



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**13.01 Management of the Water Utility** The water utility of the village is governed by the village board pursuant to Wis. Stats..

**13.02 Rates, Rules, and Regulations (1)** GENERALLY. The rates, rules, and regulations of the water utility shall be those approved by the village board, and shall be on file with and approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC).

(2) OPERATING RULES. All persons applying for or receiving a water supply from the utility or who may hereinafter make application thereof shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by all rules and regulations as filed with the PSC.

(3) PSC RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE. All applicable PSC rules and regulations which are currently in existence or as subsequently amended are incorporated herein by reference. Copies of all current PSC rules and regulations shall be kept on file in the office of the administrator.

**13.03 Issuance of Permit** Upon the filing of a properly executed application together with the permit fee, as set from time to time by the villageboard, the plumbing inspector

shall ascertain whether a proposed connection to the water utility fulfills the rules and requirements of the water department of the City of Madison, which is furnishing water to the water works system of the village. In the event that the rules and regulations of the water department of the City of Madison are complied with in the installation of the connection, then the plumbing inspector shall issue a permit for the connection; otherwise the plumbing inspector shall deny the same.

**13.04 Payment to the Village of Return on Investment** The village water utility shall pay to the general fund out of net annual earnings, after paying operating costs, maintenance, depreciation and taxes, a return on the net investment of the general fund of the village as allowed by the PSC in the water utility or such lesser percent as may be earned in each calendar year, provided, however, that the village board may by resolution or ordinance provide for the use of such earnings for improvements and extensions of the water utility.

**13.05 Private Wells (1) PURPOSE.** The purpose of this section is to prevent unused

and/or improperly constructed wells from serving as a passage for contaminated surface or near-surface waters or other materials to reach the usable ground water.

**(2) COVERAGE.** All private wells located on any premises which are served by the village water utility shall be properly filled and sealed. Only those wells for which a well operation permit has been granted by the plumbing inspector are exempt from this requirement.

**(3) WELL OPERATION PERMIT.** A permit may be granted to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed three years if the following requirements are met: (a) The well and pump installation meet the requirements of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and a well-constructor's report is on file with the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or certification of the acceptability of the well has been granted by the private water supply section of the DNR.

(b) The well has a history of producing safe water and currently produces bacteriologically safe water as evidenced by three samplings two weeks apart.

(c) The proposed use of the well can be justified as being necessary in addition to water provided by the public water system.

(d) No physical connection exists between the piping of the public water system and the private well.

**(4) METHODS OF ABANDONMENT.** Wells to be abandoned shall be filled and sealed according to the procedures outlined in the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**(5) REPORTS AND INSPECTION.** A well abandonment report must be submitted by the well owner to the DNR on forms provided by that agency. The report shall be submitted

immediately upon completion of the filling of the well. The filling must be observed by the village's designated representative.