

PROVINCETOWN WATER AND SEWER BOARD
REGULATIONS FOR HOOK-UPS IN TRURO
TO THE PROVINCETOWN WATER SYSTEM
ADOPTED ON APRIL 29, 1999

Water hook up regulations

1. 1. Legal Authority/Statement of Purpose

The Provincetown Water and Sewer Board, pursuant to its authority under Chapter 483 of the Acts of 1907 and Chapter 439 of the Acts of 1952, and in consultation with the Boards of Selectmen of Town of Provincetown and Truro, Hereby establishes the following regulations for new and expanded water service from the Provincetown Water System, in order to better manage the water resources of that System within the level permitted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and to help achieve a reduction in unaccounted for water to the industry standard of 15%.

2. 2. Definitions

“New Service” shall refer to a property which is not hooked into the Provincetown Water system for water services as of the effective date of these regulations.

“Expanded Service” shall refer to a property hooked into the Provincetown Water system as of the effective date of these regulations which is subdivided and/or is proposed to increase in its use as measured by Title V of the State Sanitary Code.

“The Towns” shall refer to the Towns of Provincetown and Truro.

“The Provincetown Water System” shall include all pipes within Provincetown serviced by the Provincetown Water Department and the Truro water main running southerly from the Provincetown – Truro border along Route 6A (Shore Road) to the Route 6-6A junction and from the southerly along Route 6 ending at the hydrant in front of the Truro Central School.

3. 3. Policy and Procedure

3.1 3.1 Applicability of Regulations. All new and expanded services from the Provincetown Water System shall be subject to the prior approval of the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board pursuant to these regulations.

3.3 Restrictions of Hook-ups

3.3.1 Statement of Purpose. Whereas, the supply of water to the Provincetown Water System is limited, it is a public necessity to permit connections only where there are no alternative sources of potable water supply. The Truro Board of Selectmen has previously recognized this in its adoption of Policy Memorandum #24 on September 23, 1997, which it established “in order to control an increasing reliance upon the Provincetown Water Line, reduce the potential impact of increased density and increased nitrogen loading along the water line corridor, and to reduce these impacts upon abutters.” Accordingly, the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board hereby establishes the following criteria.

3.3.2 Criteria for Hook-ups. Any property owner desiring to obtain new water service or to expand existing service, must be able to meet one to the below requirements before an application will be accepted and approved by the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board.

- (1) (1) Exiting Dwelling With a Well: In the event the existing well fails, the property owner(s) must be unable to obtain potable water via a private well, in compliance with existing Title V regulations. Notwithstanding, a flushing well may also be required, if feasible, for non-potable uses such as flushing toilets, washing cars, and/or irrigation.
- (2) (2) New Construction: The property owner(s) must be unable to obtain potable water via a private well, in compliance with existing Title V Regulations.

- (3) (3) Non-Conforming Building Lots: The property owner(s) cannot establish a wellhead in compliance with existing Title V regulations because of non-conforming lot size. In no case in which the building lot has been configured to preclude the installation of a well on the property shall the Water and Sewer Board be required to provide water to said lot.
- (4) (4) Configuration of Land: When topographical characteristics do not lend themselves to establishing a wellhead in compliance with existing Title V regulations. Notwithstanding, in no case where the building lot has been intentionally configured to preclude the installation of a well on the property, shall the Water and Sewer Board be required to provide water to said lot.
- (5) (5) Contamination: When tests substantiate the presence of contaminants not meeting public health standards for portable water, and the property owner(s) is unable to obtain potable water via a private well, in compliance with existing Title V regulations.

3.3.3 Application Procedures. Any property owner(s) seeking either to obtain new water service or to expand existing service must follow procedures established by the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board.

3.3.3.1 In accordance with Policy Memorandum #24 adopted by the Truro Board of Selectmen on September 23, 1997, applications for new or expanded service for properties in Truro shall be subject to prior approval of the Town of Truro Board of Selectmen, before being forwarded to the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board for its consideration.

3.3.4 Applicability of Water Use Restrictions. Where water restrictions are imposed upon users residing in Provincetown, those same restrictions shall apply, on the same basis, to water users in the Town of Truro. The Provincetown Water System shall assess and bill all users for all surcharges, fines, or other fees attributable to violations of such restrictions. The Provincetown Water Department shall bill such water users at a rate established from time to time by the Provincetown Water and Sewer Board.

3.4 Responsibility and Ownership

3.4.1 The Town of Provincetown shall be responsible for the repairs, maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of the existing capital facilities. For the purposes of this regulation, "capital facilities" shall mean water storage tanks, pump stations and appurtenances, water mains, gates, hydrants and appurtenances in public ways.

3.4.2 The water service lines from the public street water main to the individual buildings and the individual water meters are the responsibility of the property owners for installation, repairs and maintenance. Meter installations, repairs and maintenance must be approved by the Provincetown Water Department to ensure meter accuracy.

3.4.3 All water mains that are in private streets are the responsibility of the owners of those private streets. The Town of Truro will assist the Town of Provincetown Water Department in providing access to public/private ways and properties as part of their leak detection surveys and efforts.

4. Expansion of the System

4.1 4.1 The Provincetown Water System as defined above may not be expanded in Truro from its present configuration (also defined above) without the express consent of the Boards of Selectmen of the Towns of Provincetown and Truro.

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Water Rates for March 15, 2003 through March 14, 2004

The Provincetown Water and Sewer Board held a public hearing **Monday March 3, 2003** in the Second Floor Meeting Room, Senior Center, Grace Gouveia Building, 26

Alden Street, Provincetown MA 02657 and then and there amended the water rates charged by the Provincetown Water System for the period March 15, 2003 through March 14, 2004 as set forth below.

March 15, 2003 through November 15, 2003: *Peak Period Pricing*

0 to 15,000 gallons for the period \$50.00 Minimum Charge
16,000 to 40,000 gallons for the period \$7.50 per additional 1,000 gallons
41,000 to 100,000 gallons for the period \$12.00 per additional 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons for the period \$16.00 per additional 1,000 gallons

November 16, 2003 to March 14, 2004: *Off-Peak Period Pricing*

0 to 15,000 gallons for the period \$50.00 Minimum Charge
16,000 to 40,000 gallons for the period \$5.00 per additional 1,000 gallons
41,000 to 100,000 gallons for the period \$7.00 per additional 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons for the period \$9.00 per additional 1,000 gallons

Miscellaneous fees

Turn on/turn off \$15.00, \$80.00 after hours
Meter testing \$50.00, Waived if meter over-registers
Flow tests \$50.00 Hydrant or fire services
Mark-out \$25.00
Leak detection \$25.00 Per hour or portion thereof

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