

VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE

LOCAL LAW NO. § OF 2025

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 297 OF THE VILLAGE CODE (WATER)

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Washingtonville, Orange County, New York ("Village Board") as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this article is to modify the rules governing the installation and use of water meters in the Village to allow residents to install a second water meter for outdoor usage that will not incur sewer fees if used for such purposes. The Village has found that there is a desire to allow multiple meters. The purpose of this law is to set forth the rules and regulations to govern the laws concerning outdoor meters.

Section 2. Authority.

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law § 10.

Section 3.

Chapter 297 of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 297-2. Definitions.

OUTDOOR METER — A secondary water meter installed on a property that regulates water usage only for outdoor uses that do not discharge its water into the Village's sewer system.

§ 297-21(G). Meters and reading devices; installation and inspection fees.

G. Notwithstanding anything in this Chapter to the contrary, solely upon the request of a Customer, the Village may approve and install an Outdoor Meter at a property to be used solely for outdoor uses of water.

- (1) Each property may have only one Outdoor Meter.
- (2) The Outdoor Meter will be installed by the Village at the expense of the Customer, including but not limited to both the cost of the physical meter and the cost of manpower for installation.
- (3) Any Outdoor Meter must satisfy the requirements of Chapter 297, Article II, concerning cross-connection controls.

- (4) A Customer must ensure that no water being metered by an Outdoor Meter is used for indoor purposes.
- (5) Water provided to Customers through an Outdoor Meter shall be charged at the same water rents as the primary meter, as set forth in §§ 296-24 –25.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in either this Chapter 245 or Chapter 297, water provided through an Outdoor Meter that complies with the terms of this subsection shall not incur sewer rents set forth in Chapter 245, Article II.
- (7) Sewer rent exemptions provided in subsection (6) above shall be provide only after a Customer obtains a final inspection and building permit for the Outdoor Meter.
- (8) Any property with an Outdoor Meter that is found to be using water metered by the Outdoor Meter for indoor purposes or who otherwise tampers with or alters the metering of water to the property in a manner designed to benefit the property owner/occupant or cause detriment to the Village shall be subject to penalties as set forth in § 297-28.
- (9) Upon a conviction of a violation under this Chapter, the Village may revoke its permission for the Outdoor Meter and uninstall such meter at the Customer's sole expense.

All other provisions of Chapter 297, including the remaining definitions in § 297-2, and § 297-21(A)–(F), remain otherwise unchanged.

Section 4. State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(26) & (33), this Local Law is classified as a Type II action and requires no further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Section 5. Severability.

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 6. Code Preparation.

The Village Code preparation contractor is authorized, without further action of the Village Board, to correct typographical errors, numbering and other related technical changes that do not affect or alter the substantive provisions of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective date.

This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

