



## **POLICY 2019-1** ***DEDUCT METER POLICY***

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures and policies for the installation of second (deduct) water meters with the intent of more accurately determining water usage.

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### **1. INTENT**

The current "Summer Sewer" credit is based on average water use and not on actual water flowing into the sanitary system. The current credit policy does not take into account residents who travel out of the area during the winter months or distinguish if some of the credited water use is still being discharged onto the sanitary system, resulting in higher treatment charges for the Village that may not be recovered. In addition, this credit is applied to everyone's water bill, whether they use lawn irrigation or not. This could result in uncovered sewer treatment costs of water incorrectly credited with the current policy.

The Deduct Meter program may cost the homeowner money up front; however, it will provide the Village and resident a true and accurate charge for water used in lawn irrigation and other outdoor uses. The Policy would also provide the Village with more accurate calculations to determine how much water is being used for non-sewer uses. This could aid in determining water and sewer rates and if and how severe water restrictions are required in dry or hot weather.

### **2. DEDUCT METER INFORMATION**

A deduct meter is used to measure municipal water not being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The purpose of the meter is to measure the number of gallons of water that should not have a sewer charge. The effect is to reduce your sewer bill. However, there are charges relating to the second meter.

A plumber is required to modify and install a deduct meter after the existing "master meter". These costs will vary widely based on the difficulty and access to each residents plumbing, with higher costs for some residents based on existing plumbing, finished areas or number of outside faucets connected.

An application for a second meter must be made prior to installation. Deduct meters have both an installation and quarterly charge based on meter size. The Village shall charge a \$50 fee for the installation of a deduct meter with a scheduled appointment which would include an inspection of the modified plumbing and a cross connection inspection.

### **3. QUARTERLY DEDUCT METER CHARGE**

The following quarterly deduct meter charge shall be applied, based on the water meter size:

WATER METER SIZE	METER CHARGE	WATER METER SIZE	METER CHARGE
.75 "	\$30.00	2 "	\$78.00
1 "	\$36.00	3 "	\$117.00
1.5 "	\$54.00	4 "	\$168.00

#### **4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- (1) The deduct meters will be owned by the Water Utility.
- (2) All revenue related to the deduct meters will be credited to the Water Utility.
- (3) If a resident does ***not*** install a deduct meter, they would be billed the total water usage as sewer usage, no exceptions.
- (4) Upon adoption of this policy, the current "Summer Sewer" credit shall be discontinued immediately.
- (5) The deduct policy will be applicable to both commercial and residential accounts.

This policy has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hobart, Brown County, Wisconsin, at a regular meeting of the Board, held on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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Richard Heidel, President, Hobart Village Board

Attest:

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Aaron Kramer, Administrator, Village of Hobart, WI

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Mary R. Smith, Village Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Hobart, WI