

CAVENDISH MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

BYLAWS

Town of Cavendish, Vermont

Section 1. PURPOSE and AUTHORITY

The following rules and regulations made by the Town of Cavendish, Vermont Municipal Water-System will, upon and acceptance of service, constitute a contract between the customer and the Utility. These rules and regulations supersede any and all coming before them. The customer will be considered to express his consent to be bound thereby, and to take water only for purposes stated in the application and at the established rates.

The terms of these bylaws apply to all Cavendish Municipal Water-System users as a condition of service.

Authority for the organization and operation of the Cavendish Municipal Water System is set forth in VSA T24, Chapter 89.

Section 2. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners shall be appointed by the Town of Cavendish legislative body (Board of Selectmen) as the water system governing body with a membership of five (5) commissioners. The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

Four commissioners who are Cavendish resident property owners and water system users each of which shall serve a term of three years. The four at-large commissioners shall include at least one representative of each of the two villages of Proctorsville and Cavendish.

The fifth commissioner shall be that person serving in the capacity of Cavendish Town Manager. This commissioner position shall be subject to reappointment each year at the annual organizational meeting of the legislative body.

The four three-year terms shall be staggered such that for each of two consecutive years one term expires and every third year two terms expire.

Appointments to the Board of Water Commissioners may include members of the town legislative body itself. All at-large appointees must be legal voters in the Town of Cavendish and users of the municipal water system except as may be otherwise approved by the Board of Selectmen. Water Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the legislative body and may be removed by the legislative body for cause.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Utility** refers to the Cavendish Municipal Water System which, within this document, shall hereafter be referred to as the UTILITY.

- B. **Customer** shall be taken to mean any person, firm, corporation, government, or governmental division who has applied for and is granted service by this utility and is responsible for the service. The customer, unless otherwise expressly approved by the Board of Water Commissioners, is the property owner and is directly responsible for payment of all service billing as a term of such service.
- C. The **Board of Water Commissioners** is the corporate governing body of the Cavendish Municipal water system and will be hereafter referred to as the BOARD.
- D. **Main** means a water pipe, owned, operated and maintained by a the Utility, which is used for the purpose of transmission or distribution of water but is not a water service pipe.
- E. **Water Service Pipe** is the a branch pipe running from the main to the customer curb stop.
- F. **Customer Service Entrance** refers to that portion of pipe from the curb stop to the inlet side of meter.
- G. **Cross Connection** refers to any connection or potential connection to another water source or other source of contamination to the municipal system.

Section 4. APPLICATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE

Applications for service are to be made at the office of the Utility on forms which will be provided by the Utility. Such application shall be made by the owner of the property or his authorized agent. Any pre-existing accounts that the applicant may have with the Utility must be current before an application will be considered by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Any construction/reconstruction/remodeling requiring three or more services will require that plans be submitted prior to connection approval. These plans are to be reviewed by an engineer of the Utility's choice at the applicant's expense. The payment of the engineering fee shall accompany the request for the permit. The Water Commission shall require that two sets of as-built plans be filed at the town office within 90 days of activation of the service line to the project unless an alternate schedule for such submission is approved by the Board. One of the two sets of as-built plans shall be mylar. Such plans shall also be submitted as a .pdf format electronic file.

The Board of Water Commissioners shall take no less than two weeks nor longer than 90 days from their regularly scheduled meeting to act on any applications for service connection. Service connection will be granted only when the Board determines that the system has sufficient reserve capacity to accommodate the peak flow demand requested in the application. In order to expedite the application process, the Town Manager may grant approvals for single family residential connections or small changes to allocations for existing accounts on behalf of the Board. The Manager will report on such approvals at the next Board of Water Commissions meeting.

A. Standard Service Contract

A contract for service between the Utility and customer is established when the service meets the conditions of Section 5 below and is approved by the Board. Any and all applications shall be accompanied by payment in full for connection/allocation

fees or other costs to be borne by the applicant.

B. Fees

Fees for connection/allocation and water rent fees shall be assessed according to a schedule which shall be approved by the Board. Fees for water rents shall be sufficient to provide for: system maintenance; management; operation; planning; testing procedures, and payment of municipal water bonds and other system debt. Connection/Allocation fees are used to finance actual connection costs to the Utility as well as capital improvements to the system and planning for capital improvements. All such fees shall be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted as determined necessary by the Board per VSA T24, Chap. 89 § 3313.

C. Time Frame and Initial Water Rent Fee

Within 90 days of approval of application (season permitting, see section 6 B), installation of said connection shall begin, unless specifically approved otherwise, in writing, by the Utility. Upon completion of installation, or 90 days after application approval, whichever ever comes sooner, the applicant shall be required to pay a prorated water rent fee for the remainder of the current billing period. If said installation is not begun within 90 days following approval of the application, or if applicant withdraws the application, the Utility may elect to withdraw approval, therefore voiding any commitment of system capacity to the applicant. Withdrawal of municipal approval connection/allocation will cause notification to that effect to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. If withdrawal of approval by the Utility takes place, the Utility shall refund to the applicant the amount of the allocation/connection fees actually paid less a charge amounting to 10% of the amount paid. If withdrawal of approval should occur at a time beyond one year from the date of initiate approval, an additional 10% shall be deducted for each year or part of a year beyond the first. These charges are assessed against and deducted from the refund amount in consideration of Utility administrative costs and the resultant unavailability of the specific allocation for the period of time for each requested allocation/connection.

Section 5. AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

A. General

The acceptance of an application shall be contingent upon the availability of capacity and the existence of a water main in the public way, or in a private way or other property upon which the property to be served abuts.

B. Reserve Water Service Capacity Allocation

1) Allocation Flow Basis

All allocations to projects shall be based on the development's water flow design demand as determined by the TOWN using the design flow tables as contained in the Vermont Water Supply Rules current at the time of application. Any differentials between actual flows and development design water flows which may occur are specifically not available to the development owner for re-allocation to another project or a project expansion.

2) Allocation Priorities

Allocation of uncommitted reserve capacity shall comply with the following priority intended to govern the *gross* allocation of reserve water service capacity before the allocation principles are applied to specific projects:

Residential, commercial, institutional and industrial facilities existing within the actual water service area on the date of adoption of this ordinance shall be entitled to first priority in allocation of uncommitted reserve capacity.

Development of new individual (ie. non-tract type) residences within the water service area shall have second priority of uncommitted reserve capacity provided that the development is determined by the BOARD to be in the best interests of the Town of Cavendish and the Utility.

Other new development within the water service area will have third priority of uncommitted reserve capacity provided that the proposed development is determined by the BOARD to be in the best interests of the Town of Cavendish and the Utility.

Allocation of reserve water service capacity shall be made for facilities outside the water service area existing on the date of adoption of this ordinance as last priority. Allocation outside of the existing water service area will generally not be approved unless the BOARD finds that the extension of the water service and the proposed development is in the best interests of the Town of Cavendish and the Utility.

The Board of Water Commissioners reserves the right to limit the amount of water capacity allocation granted any one project or the total amount granted to all projects in any one year. The Board shall determine the amount of capacity that can be reasonably allotted considering all aspects of the system including: rated pumping capacities, storage capacities, system maintenance considerations, needed reserves and other considerations deemed appropriate by the Board.

Section 6. SERVICE CONNECTION METERS

A. Service Connections

All service connections shall be installed by the Utility or under its supervision, and in accordance with its specifications. Such connections/installations shall be made at the expense of the customer in accordance with a schedule of charges on file at the offices of the Utility and the Town Clerk. The cost of pipe, saddle, tap and corporation valve required for the connection to the main is generally included in the standard schedule of fees for connection/allocation referred to above. In the event that a particular connection for some reason requires fittings and pipes that are more costly than the standard, the cost beyond that for the standard materials and fittings shall be borne by the applicant and paid for in advance of installation.

Each living unit constructed after the date of adoption of this ordinance will be required to have a separate service entrance and meter. In certain circumstances,

the Board (the Utility) may elect to grant special exception wherein each living unit of a particular project may have a separate meter while branching off of a common service or other special arrangement as may be approved, in advance, by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Installation of Service

Installations will take place at such time as deemed practical by the Board and/or the Town Manager. Weather and seasonal conditions will be a consideration.

The shut-off (curb stop) valve shall be generally be located at the edge of the road right-of-way and as close to the main line as practical. While the Utility will make an attempt to site the shut-off as conveniently as possible for the customer, the exact siting is at the discretion of the Utility taking into account the practical considerations of adding the new tap to the existing water main configuration, road curbing, sidewalks and other possible obstacles.

The Utility shall inspect all service entrance installations to verify that the installation is constructed in accordance with Utility specifications. All residential service entrances shall be 3/4" diameter CTS or PE pipe with minimum 200 psi rating.

B. Ownership And Maintenance Of Service Pipe

All new service pipes, up to and including the curb-stop, within the limits of the highway or right-of-way, shall be owned and maintained by the Utility. All fittings and service pipe attached to the outflow side of the shut-off valve (curbstop) and thereafter [to the building], shall be installed, owned and maintained by the customer. Such installation shall be made in conformance with the specifications of the Utility as to pipe size, pipe specifications, material and method of installation.

For all existing services the liability of the Utility shall end at the curbstop regardless of location.

C. Interior Valving

Every service must be provided with an operable quarter turn ball valve on each side of the water meter installation. Such valves and meters shall be protected from freezing. The cost of these valves shall be borne by the customer.

D. Meters

Ownership of all residential water meters used by the Utility for measurements upon which charges will be determined, shall be supplied by and owned by the Utility,

- 1) General - All water sold by the Utility shall be on the basis of meter measurements or as otherwise provided for in its rate schedules as determined by the Board. The Utility may install meters whenever deemed expedient.
- 2) Meter Installations - All meters shall be set at the building, as near as possible to the service entrance, usually within six feet of the penetration through the foundation. The customer shall provide and maintain a clean, dry, warm and accessible place therefore. The owner is responsible for having the meter installed by a Vermont Licensed plumbing contractor in a face-up horizontal

position or as otherwise may be specified by the Utility and the meter manufacturer. All meter installations shall be equipped with an approved back flow prevention device. A remote reader device shall be located in a place to be determined by the Utility. This location will generally be near the electric meter but, in all cases, shall be easily accessible in all seasons. The initial cost of the meter and back flow prevention device in services up to, and including 3/4 inch, shall be borne by the Utility. The cost of subsequent installation and/or replacement of the meters or backflow prevention devices shall be born by the property owner. Meters and back flow prevention devices larger than 3/4 inch shall be paid for by the developer prior to installation. There shall be absolutely no tap, tee or spigot fixture permitted before (upstream of) before the meter. All water supplied by the utility must flow through the meter and no water flow shall be diverted in any way before the meter.

Meters in locations within flood hazard areas must be installed so that the meter itself is located at least one foot above the 100 year flood elevation.

Remote reader devices shall be mounted on the exterior surface of the building in an area which is protected from damage and easy to access during all seasons. The mounting will be no less than three and one half feet and no more than six feet in height above the ground level. Remote readers must not be placed in locations where snow and ice accumulations may occur, where snow plow piles may inhibit ready access or vegetation blocks access.

Meter locations shall be provided by the owner of the property in a place with protection against all injury including heat and freezing. In the case of a damaged meter, the property owner shall immediately notify the utility and the Utility shall forthwith ascertain the cause and extent of such injury, and shall assess against the account of said owner a charge for the amount necessary to return such meter to first-class operating condition or replace it as may be necessary. The entire cost of service line repairs, whether due to freeze-up or other causes, shall be the sole responsibility of the customer.

- 3) Mobile Homes - New or replacement mobile homes; which are not on foundations, shall provide an enclosed area, below ground level, which will protect the metering device and service entrance pipe from freezing. Minimum dimensions for this area shall be at least three feet in diameter. The meter location must be readily accessible and the location of the meter and its protective housing shall be approved by the Utility before a new service is turned on by the Utility.
- 4) Meter Accuracy - In any case where the accuracy of registration of any meter is challenged by any customer, said meter shall be tested on the following basis only: The customer shall sign an agreement to pay for the work of removing, testing and replacing such meter. If tests show that such meter is accurate within 3% for such meter, the customer shall be held liable for the cost of such removal and test. If the meter tests above the limits specified, the Utility shall assume all costs of such removal and test and shall adjust the most recent quarterly bill in question in an equitable manner. A meter may be replaced by the Utility at any time and at it's sole discretion.
- 5) Inspection - Inspection of the water entrance and interior meter installation may be made by a qualified person or persons, pending proper notification and

appointment with the customer.

- 6) No Disturbance To Meter - No person, except personnel authorized by the Utility shall disconnect any meter, or place, replace, move, remove or disturb any meter in any manner whatsoever, provided, however, that this article applies only to the meter itself and not to any connecting fixtures or pipes, and provided, further that this article shall not be construed to render the Utility liable for any portion of any service. When the Utility determines that a meter and/or remote reader has been disturbed, disabled or tampered with, the Utility may initiate water service shut-off procedures and may charge the customer for a reasonable estimate of water used based on the circumstances known to exist as well as the cost to repair the meter and its appurtenances.

Section 7. WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS

The Utility will determine the capability of the system to support any extension of its mains. The cost of extending the public water system shall be borne by the developer. In addition, the developer shall be required to pay the cost of any engineering, inspection and record drawing required by the Utility. The Utility shall have oversight of all aspects of the extension.

When a developer installs a waterline in proposed streets or rights of way in anticipation of an extension of the public water system, the cost of the connection shall be borne by the developer.

Upon completion of the waterline, the submission of stamped, as-built engineer drawings by a Vermont licensed Professional Engineer and professional testing results, and its acceptance by the Board, the waterline may become incorporated into the Cavendish Municipal Water System.

Section 8. DEPOSITS

When deemed necessary, the Utility may require a deposit to guarantee payment of current water bills. Such deposit shall not exceed the estimated amount of two billing periods, it may not be used as payment, in full or in part, of a delinquent bill while the customer still requires service in the same location for which said deposit was paid.

No deposit shall be refunded until the customer has established suitable credit worthiness at the sole discretion of the Utility. No deposit shall be refunded at any time when there is a balance due to the Utility.

Section 9. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

Discontinuance of service procedure shall be defined in VSA T24 § 5143.

When the Utility dispatches an employee to effect a shut-off occasioned by delinquency and, upon arrival at the place of service, arrangements are made with the business office for payment of charges due, service may be continued, but continuance of service will be subject to a charge indicated in the schedule of rates on file at the offices of the Utility and Town Clerk. The Town Manager shall prepare and maintain an Administrative Directive providing procedural guidelines pursuant to the disconnection of Municipal water service.

Section 10. BILLING

1. Meters are read quarterly and a corresponding bill is sent out within 30 days of the nominal reading date. The four regularly scheduled meter reading dates are: September 1st, December 1st, March 1st and June 1st. Although the readings are targeted for the quarterly dates identified above, actual date of meter reading may reasonably occur within one week of a target date. This margin allows for reading target dates which may occur on a weekend or other non-regular work days, allows reasonable accommodation for system emergencies, adverse weather conditions, special work projects and staff scheduling difficulties. Further, it generally takes more than one day for reading the meters of the entire system.
2. Special meter readings can be performed when required or requested, however, a fee for such special readings will be levied (see fee schedule).
3. When the system meter reader cannot gain access to a property or cannot access the meter due to a dog or other animal being kept nearby the meter or remote reader device, or if the remote (exterior) reading device does not appear to be properly functioning, an invoice may be rendered, utilizing estimated usage based on historical information for that connection. Any usage above the estimate used in such case will carry forward and be included in the next billing.
4. A connection which has been inactive for three or more consecutive quarters may apply for inactive status subject to the approval of the Board of Water Commissioners. Inactive connections will be valved off at the curbstop valve by a system employee subject to a turn on/turn off fee. A special inactive flat rate (see fee schedules) will be utilized for billing such accounts while officially on inactive status. The account will be subject to a turn-on/turn-off fee when service is requested to be resumed and the valve is turned on.
5. Special fees assessed for particular purposes (see fee schedule, eg. Shut-off / turn-on) will be included in the amount due for the next bill or may be billed separately at the discretion of the Utility.
6. Services temporarily shut-off for less than one year will pay the established base fee.

Section 11. CROSS-CONNECTIONS

No actual or potential cross-connection between the public water supply system and any other supply or other source of contamination shall be allowed. In addition, no connection capable of causing back-flow into the public water supply system through plumbing-fixtures, appliances, or waste outlets, or having direct connection to waste drains will be permitted. If cross connection occurs, owner is responsible to correct the condition immediately or the Utility will discontinue service.

Section 12. GENERAL SERVICE CONDITIONS

No customer or any other party shall obtain water from any hydrant or other fixture of the Utility without the express prior consent of the Utility.

All customers shall maintain, at their own expense, the plumbing and fixtures within their own premises in good repair and protect them from freezing. If not maintained properly and resultant damage to the municipal system occurs, the responsible customer(s) will be held responsible for costs to the Utility caused by such poor maintenance or failure to protect against freezing.

No service entrance may be modified without the prior express approval of the Utility and any approved modifications shall be inspected by the Utility before being put into use. All service entrances are required to have adequate back-flow prevention devices installed and to be properly maintained by the customer.

All persons having direct pressure water devices, including but not limited to hot water tanks, or secondary systems supplied by automatic feed valves, should have installed and maintained in good operating condition appropriate vacuum, temperature, and pressure relief valves or cutouts in the water system and/or secondary system to prevent damage to the water device or secondary system, or their appurtenances, should it become necessary to shut-off the water main or service, or should a system pressure failure occur for any other reason. Water service supplied to any customer not providing such protective devices will be strictly at the risk of the customer. The Utility will not be held liable for damage resulting from the lack of or failure of such protective devices.

No customer shall utilize any service pipe or interior plumbing as the building electrical ground, unless such grounding is in accordance with Section 250-26 Paragraph C of the National Electrical Code.

Employees of the Utility having proper identification shall have access by prior arrangement to all premises supplied with water, at all reasonable hours, to permit the inspection of plumbing and fixtures, to set, remove or read meters, to ascertain the amount of water used and manner of use, to make a determination as to leaks and to enforce these Rules and Regulations.

There shall be no tampering with Utility property. No valve, shut-off, meter, remote reader, hydrant or standpipe, which are the property of the Utility, shall be operated, opened, closed or otherwise manipulated or removed by other than persons authorized by the Utility.

Fire hydrants may not be used for any purpose other than the extinguishment of fires or for such other purposes as may be agreed by the Utility and the municipality or municipal fire department or owner of a private hydrant. In no case shall fire hydrants be opened by any person other than an agent of the Utility or a duly authorized representative of the municipality or owner with express written authorization of the Board of Water Commissioners.

Repair of leaks in user owned plumbing are the owner's responsibility and should be fixed as soon as possible. When it is determined that a significant leak is present in a user owned pipeline such as service entrances, the repair of such leaks is viewed as a plumbing emergency and repair work must be undertaken by the owner immediately. Such user leaks should be quickly reported to the utility so that the utility is made aware of the cause of unusual system demand.

If a leak is investigated by the Utility, and it is found that the actual location of the leak is on the users side of the curbstop (shut-off) valve, the Utility shall notify the user as soon as possible. It is then the owners responsibility to have it repaired on an immediate basis. The Utility reserves the right to shut off supply to a service with a severe leak until appropriate repairs are made. When a leak is investigated by the Utility and determined to be on the

users side of the curbstop, the user may be billed for the costs of any excavation and labor spent by the Utility in its exploratory work. In certain instances, if in the opinion of the Board or the Town Manager, it seems most practical for the Utility to effect repair after the exploratory work has shown the leak or problem to be on the users side, said work may be performed at the user's expense. Said work will generally be performed only if the user has agreed to have the Utility perform the work and has agreed to financial responsibility for same.

Section 13. NO LIABILITY FOR INTERRUPTED OR UNSATISFACTORY SERVICE

If, by reason of temporary shortage of supply or for the purpose of making repairs, extensions, connections, or placing or replacing meter, or for any reason beyond the control of the Utility, it becomes necessary to shut off water in a main or service, the Utility will not be responsible for any damages occasioned by such shut off and no adjustment of rates will be allowed unless the interruption is in effect for a continuous period in excess of ten days, in which case a proportional adjustment of rates will be made. Notice of shut-off will be reasonably given when practicable, but nothing in this rule shall be construed as requiring the giving of such notice.

The Utility will not be responsible for damage caused by discolored water or unsatisfactory water service which may be occasioned by cleaning of pipes, reservoirs or stand pipes, or the opening or closing of any valves or hydrants, or any abnormal condition, unless caused by the lack of reasonable care on the part of the Utility. The Utility will not be responsible for meeting unusually high water quality standards for specialized or industrial customers.

The Utility will attempt to maintain standard system pressures not exceeding 175 p.s.i. and will not be required to render service where normal system pressures may be expected to fall below 20 p.s.i. In the event that a prospective customer desires service with the full understanding that normal system pressures may fall below that limit, service will be rendered only upon completion of a limited service contract. Where a customer feels that the system pressures within the above range are higher than his plumbing or apparatus can endure, it shall be the responsibility of the customer to install a suitable domestic water pressure reducing device.

Section 14. WATER CONSERVATION

When necessary to conserve the water supply, the Utility may restrict the use of water by its customers. A water conservation notice will be posted and advertised as may be appropriate to the circumstances.

A. WATER SAVING DEVICES

The use of water savings devices is encouraged at all existing and future service locations of the Cavendish Municipal Water System.

The following device characteristics shall be required in all new construction. Toilets shall use less than 3 ½ gallons per flush - shower heads shall restrict the flow of water to 2 ½ gallons per minute or less; faucets shall restrict the flow of water to a maximum of 2 ½ gallons per minute.

Section 15. FLUCTUATION OF PRESSURES BY CUSTOMER APPARATUS

No customer shall install or use a water consumption apparatus which will affect the Utility's pressure or operating conditions so as to interfere with the service of another customer. Where a customer has or proposes to install an apparatus which requires water in sudden and material quantities, impairing the pressure to the detriment, damage, or disadvantage of other customers, the Utility reserves the right to require such customer to install devices or an apparatus which will confine such fluctuation of demand and pressure within reasonable limits determined by the Utility.

If the customer, after receiving written notice from the Utility, fails to present an acceptable remedial plan within a time limit set by the Utility, service will be discontinued.

Section 16. PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

The Utility may render a special service to private property for private fire protection purposes.

Applications shall be made by owner of the property or his authorized agent and will be subject to all the provisions, contained herein. Connection charge for such service shall be as determined by resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners and approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The applicant must furnish a complete and correct drawing or set of drawings prepared by a Vermont licensed professional engineer showing the location of the premises to be supplied, together with location of all valves, pipes, hydrants, tanks, sprinkler heads and other appurtenances on the premises at time of making the application. The plans will remain the property of the Utility. All final designs must be submitted. An engineer of the Utility's choice may be called in to review the plans for the Utility at the applicant's expense. The cost of engineer review shall accompany request for permit.

The applicant also agrees to furnish the Utility with an engineer's drawings showing revisions to piping or appurtenances whenever the same are made as well as any test results.

The annual charge for private fire protection service, initial connection and quarterly billing shall be made in accordance with the schedule of rates on file at the office of the Utility.

The Utility expressly reserves the right to determine the necessity for and the advisability of, granting any application for this special service and the system's ability to accommodate the peak demand of the special service. The Utility has the exclusive right to determine the size of the service pipe which will be granted, which will take into consideration the size of the street main, the available pressure on the main, and the nature and capacity of the fire protection equipment within the building.

Section 17. NOTICE OF SERVICE (ON AND OFF)

When requested by the customer, twenty-four (24) hours notice shall be required for letting on water or turning off water to any service, and such service shall take place only during the regular business hours of the Utility. Notice and hours restrictions may be waived in order to respond to emergency circumstances, however the municipal service for same may be subject to a service surcharge.

Charges for this service will be as established by the Board of Water Commissioners.

Section 18. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

When ownership of real property which has connection to the Cavendish Water System is transferred, the Utility must be given at least five (5) business days notice of impending transfer of ownership. This will allow time for the meter to be read after which a special bill will be generated. This will serve to close out the account of the old owner and to give the initial reading for the opening of the new owner's account.

Section 19. EMERGENCY

Water may be let on or off to any service at any time when, in the opinion of the Utility, a condition of emergency or great need exists. However, such act of emergency let on or off shall not grant excuse or forgiveness for any existing or new charges or other liability assessed against the subject property.

Section 20. ADOPTION

The authority to adopt these bylaws is granted the legislative body of the Town of Cavendish per VSA T24, Chapters 59 and 89. A public hearing on these bylaws was held at the Town of Cavendish Municipal Building on Monday, July 11th, 2016 following advertisement and posting in five places within the municipality.

These bylaws are adopted by the legislative body (Board of Selectmen] of the Town of Cavendish this 11th day of July, 2016 and shall become effective September 11th, 2016.

Cavendish Board of Selectmen

Robert W. Glidden, Chair

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These Cavendish Municipal Water System By-laws are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office at 37 High Street in Cavendish. Questions concerning this ordinance may be directed to the Town Manager, Town of Cavendish Municipal Offices, 37 High Street, Cavendish, VT 05142 or call (802) 226-7291.