COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND ENABLE THE TOWN OF LEONARDTOWN, IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INSTALL A CURBSTOP(OR EQUIVALENT DEVICE) ON A PROPERTY OWNER'S WATER SERVICE LINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of the current standard specifications for water and sewerage construction, water services were in some cases installed without curb stops and/or through neighboring property(ies) and

WHEREAS, from time to time, Leonardtown desires that a curb stop or cut-off valve be installed in order to terminate water service 1) due to lack of payment by the property owner for delinquent service charges or 2) when a property owner refuses to repair a leak in his/her water service line and

WHEREAS, from time to time, property owners desire to have curb stops or cut off valves installed to facilitate plumbing repairs or suspend their use of services,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, this 12th day of April 1993, the Town adopts the following policy.

Section 1. Delinquent utility accounts

After an account is determined to be delinquent and notice has been given to the property owner, a curb stop or other equivalent device shall be installed by the Town or its agents, with the cost to be borne by the affected property owner.

Section 2. Leaks in water service lines

If the town confirms a water leak in a property owner's service line, the town will notify the property owner and grant him/her a maximum of 30 days to repair the leak. If the leak is not repaired within the specified time, the town shall install a curb stop in order to terminate service and/or make the required repairs, with the cost to be borne by the affected property owner.

Section 3. Curb stop requested by a property owner

If a property owner requests installation of a curb stop, the town or its agents, at the town's discretion, will perform the installation with the cost to be borne by the affected property owner. If the property owner prefers to contract with a third party to perform the installation, s/he must obtain an approved permit from the town and agree to have said installation inspected by the town.

Section 4. Payment of charges

The charge to be made for an installation and/or repair provided in accordance with Section 1, 2 or 3 shall not be less than the actual cost the Town incurs and shall be in addition to any applicable reconnection charges. Water service will be restored after payment of all outstanding service, installation, repair and reconnection charges.

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