

Freeburg Municipal Authority

Water Service Rules and Regulations

Resolution 2026-1

Meter Rules & Regulations

1. Determination of Metering – The Municipal Authority shall determine when and where meters shall be installed.
2. Size, Installation and Ownership
 - a. The Municipal Authority shall determine the meter size, based on water service requirements indicated by the applicant and shall furnish and install all meters. All meters and connections there to shall become Municipal Authority property and shall be maintained by the Municipal authority at its expense, except as modified herein below.
 - b. The customer shall provide the Municipal Authority access to the meter at all reasonable times for the reading, inspection and testing thereof, and repairs thereto, as may be necessary from time to time.
 - c. No customer or a customer’s agent, servant or employee shall remove, disconnect, tamper with or attempt to effect repairs to a meter.
 - d. A charge of an amount as established, from time to time, by resolution of the Municipal Authority for installation and reinstallation of a water meter during the Municipal Authority’s normal weekday business hours is hereby imposed. The charge shall be imposed upon the owner of the premises at the time of installation or reinstallation.
 - e. A charge of an amount as established, from time to time, by resolution of the Municipal Authority for installation or reinstallation of a water meter outside of the Municipal Authority’s normal weekday business hours, including evenings, weekends and holidays, is hereby imposed. The charge shall be imposed upon the owner of the premises at the time of installation or reinstallation.
3. Location of Meters
 - a. The Municipal Authority shall determine the location and placement of all meters.
 - b. When a meter is installed within a building, the customer shall provide, at the customer’s expense, an installation space and piping connections, complete with stops and valves with drains, the design and construction of which shall be approved by the Municipal Authority.
 - c. When a meter is installed outside a building, it shall be places in a brick or concrete pit with a suitable iron cover or other approved meter box and shall be build inside the property lines by the customer, complete with approved stops or valves, with drains, all provided at the customer’s expense. The size and

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dimensions of the pit or box shall be approved by the Municipal Authority and shall give adequate access to the meter to permit its installation and removal.

- d. Each customer unit, whether single-house, double-house, row-house or of any other designation or type, and whether owner or tenant-occupied, shall have a separate meter, except as permitted otherwise by the Municipal Authority.
- e. Multi-unit buildings served through a single service line and not adaptable for such separate meter installation in the judgement of the Municipal Authority; such as apartment building and office buildings, may have a single meter if approved by the Municipal Authority; however, the charge for service shall be made on the same basis as if an individual meter were installed for each and every separately occupied unit of the premises.
- f. If a remote meter readout addition is desired by the customer, but deemed unnecessary by the Municipal Authority, the entire cost of the instrument and the installation thereof shall be paid by the customer.

4. Protection of Meters

- a. The customer shall protect the meter against damage due to freezing, hot water, negligence and other causes. The Municipal Authority shall repair any loss or damage to the meter at the customer's expense. If payment therefore by the customer is not made within 10 days of the billing.
- b. Where hot water or heating systems or boilers are so constructed that there is a possibility of hot water being forced back through the meter, the customer shall protect the meter by installing a check valve on the outlet side of the meter and shall, for his own protection, insert a safety valve in connection with the hot water or heating system. The Authority will not be liable for any damage due to the failure of customer's safety valves.

5. Meter Replacement

- a. The Municipal Authority may test or replace a customer meter at any time after notification.
- b. Working meters replaced by customer requested will be at the customer's expense.

6. Leaks and Defective Plumbing

- a. The Municipal Authority will not be liable for any damages resulting from leaks or broken pipes or from any other cause occurring to or within any house or building, and it is expressly stipulated by and between the Municipal Authority and the customer and between that no claims shall be made against the

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Municipal Authority on account of the bursting or breaking of any main or service pipe or any attachment to said waterworks.

- 7. Meter Pods
 - a. The Municipal Authority shall determine the location of all meter pods.
 - b. When a meter pod is installed on the outside a building, the customer shall provide the Municipal Authority access to the meter pod at all reasonable times for the reading, inspection and testing thereof, and repairs thereto, as may be necessary from time to time.
 - c. The customer shall protect the meter pod against damage due to impact, weed trimming, shrubs and provide safe access to the meter pod.
 - d. If there are repairs needed to the meter pod due to damages, the customer will be responsible for all expenses.
 - e. If the meter pod location must be changed due to a fence being installed causing an inaccessible or unsafe location, the customer will be responsible for all expenses for the meter pod move.

SCHEDULE A: Water Rates and Charges

A. Metered Water Rates – Effective 1/1/2026	
Quarterly Consumption up to 7,000.00	\$160.00/quarter
Usage over 7,000 to 14,000	\$13.50/1,000 gallons
Usage of 15,000	\$16.00/1,000 gallons
B. Water Connection Fee	\$1,000.00 per connection
C. Shut Off Fee	\$50.00
D. Turn On Fee	\$50.00
E. Water Meter Replacement	\$350.00
a. Water meter must be replaced upon property transfer	
F. Water Meter Horn replacement with labor	\$450.00
G. Water Meter Horn Only, provided by MA	\$350.00
H. Meter Pod Relocation	\$100.00
I. Call Out for Water issue, not found to be a MA responsibility	
a. Cost to be determined by operator rates and time	

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- 8 Savings Clause. All other water system Rules and Regulations shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted and amended.

- 9 Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Finally, resolved and adopted, this 12th day of February, 2026 by the Freeburg Municipal Authority of the Borough of Freeburg, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

FREEBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

By: Wanda Kantz

Secretary

By: [Signature]

Chairperson

