



# BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT

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## REQUEST FOR OPTIONAL METER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

As owner of the property, I am requesting an optional meter for the sole purpose of measuring the amount of non-sewer discharged water usage. The recorded usage of water on this meter will be deducted from the recorded usage on the master meter at this property, and the difference will reflect the actual usage for determining sewer charges by the Town of Barnstable.

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Please remit this original to: Board of Water Commissioners  
P.O. Box 546  
Barnstable, MA 02630-0546

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|                          | <u>Office Use</u>     | <u>DATE</u>      | <u>INITIALS</u> |       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Town Sewer Connection | Date Received    | ___/___/___     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Irrigation System     | Spacer Provided  | ___/___/___     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Outside Spigots       | Date Approved    | ___/___/___     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swimming Pool         | Acknowledgement  | ___/___/___     | _____ |
|                          |                       | Final Inspection | ___/___/___     | _____ |
|                          |                       | Meter Installed  | ___/___/___     | _____ |

## **OPTIONAL METERING BYLAW**

Adopted at the Barnstable Fire District Annual Meeting of April 26, 1993

The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for a method by which persons in the Barnstable Fire District who are connected to the Town of Barnstable sewer system may separately meter water uses that do not discharge into the Town of Barnstable sewer system, to provide that a property owner is not charged by the Town of Barnstable on uses that do not utilize the sewer system.

### **Section 1 - Definitions**

For the purpose of this Bylaw, the following words are defined as follows:

Commissioners: The Board of Water Commissioners of the Barnstable Fire District.

Domestic Water Use: All water uses that discharge into the Town of Barnstable sewer system.

Meter: A device for measuring water uses that do not discharge into the Town of Barnstable sewer system.

Owner: Any individual, corporation, partnership or entity having ownership of property within the boundaries of the Barnstable Fire District.

Water Department: The Water Department of the Barnstable Fire District.

### **Section 2 - Application and Requirements**

- A. In order for a property to qualify for separate metering, the property must be connected to the Town of Barnstable sewer and the property's plumbing configuration must provide that the inlet of the non-sewered uses can be completely isolated from all other domestic use.
- B. An Owner requesting a separate meter must apply in writing to the Commissioners on a form provided by the Water Department.
- C. The Commissioners shall, within sixty (60) days from its receipt of the application, review the application and respond to the owner in writing.
- D. The Water Department shall determine the size of the meter to be used. The size of the meter, however, shall not exceed the size of the existing water meter on the service line to the property.
- E. The meter shall be purchased from the Water Department. Maintenance and replacement of the meter shall coincide with the Department's maintenance and replacement schedule, and shall be charged to the owner in accordance with rates established from time to time by the Commissioners.
- F. All installation, alterations and connections required to affect the metering of an optional system shall be made by a plumber licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Prior to the installation of the meter, the system shall be inspected and approved by the Water Department and/or the Town of Barnstable Plumbing Inspector.

### Section 3 – Enforcement

The Water Department or its agents and the Town of Barnstable Water Pollution Control Division or its agents may enter any property for the purpose of inspecting the optional metering system to assure its compliance with this Bylaw.

### Section 4 – Miscellaneous

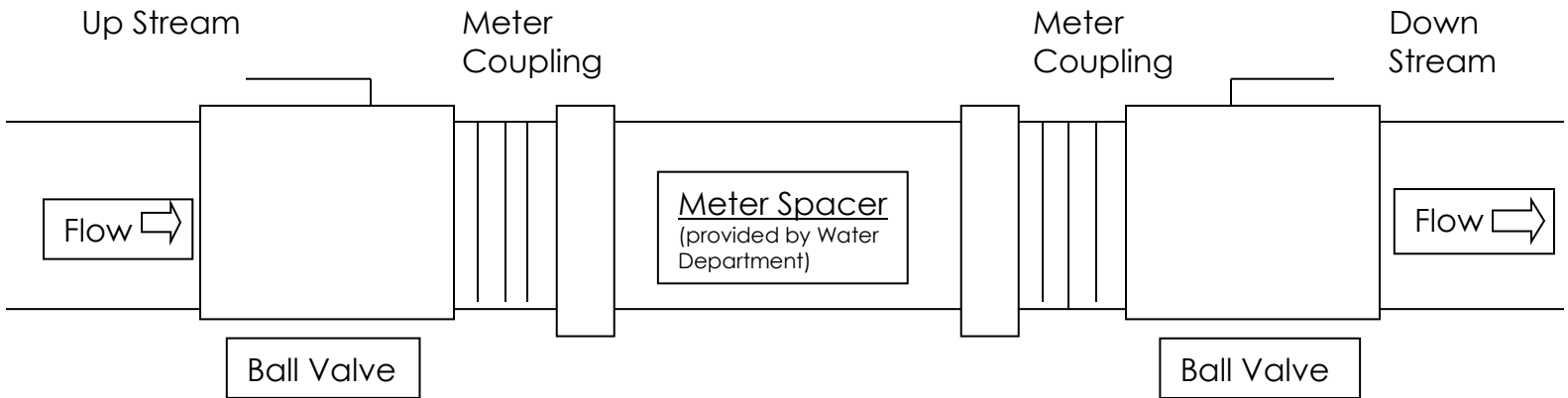
All meters shall be read by the Water Department at the time of its regularly scheduled readings.

### Section 5 – Penalties

Violation of any provision of the Bylaw will result in the immediate removal of the meter from the optional metering system and the property will no longer be eligible for optional metering.

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Due to the operation of the meter, the plumbing for the optional meter must be horizontal (NOT vertical)



If drain is needed for irrigation line, put on downstream side of system.

Installation of the spacer must be accompanied with ball valves before and after the spacer, to comply with the drawing above for final inspection in order to be approved for meter installation.