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WATER AND SEWER

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6.01 WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

The Village Board, through the Water and Sewer Committee, shall manage the municipal utilities and shall have all of the powers of a utility commission under Wis. Stat. § 66.0805. All records of the utilities shall be kept on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office.

6.02 RIDGEWAY MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY ORGANIZATION. (Am. May 6, 2014; Am. Jan. 6, 2015; Am. June 30, 2015; Am. May 10, 2016).

(1) Rates for Service.

(a) The rates, rules and regulations of the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility (RMWU) shall be those approved by the Village Board and on file and approved by the State Public Service Commission (PSC).

(b) The service charge as granted by the PSC in 1978, is that the owner pays all costs of the service including the repair of street to original condition.

(2) Operating Rules.

(a) All persons now receiving a water supply from RMWU, or who may hereafter make application therefor, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by all rules and regulations as filed with the PSC.

(b) The following provisions of Wis. Adm. Code Ch. PSC 185, are adopted by reference and made a part of these rules as if set forth in full. A violation of any such rules shall constitute a violation of this section and shall be punishable as provided in this Code as seen in Chapter 12.

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(3) Fire Protection. Each year the Village of Ridgeway pays the RMWU for fire hydrant rental based on the number of hydrants and the footage of six inch main and larger. The full increases granted together with all rulings of the PSC are on file with the Village Treasurer.

(4) Minimum Charge Based on Meter Size (Am. 6-30-17). The minimum monthly service charges:

5/8" meter	\$11.60	3" meter	\$57.97
3/4" meter	\$11.60	4" meter	\$93.92
1" meter	\$16.24	6" meter	\$115.93
1 1/4" meter	\$18.55	8" meter	\$150.71
1 1/2" meter	\$31.31	10" meter	\$173.89
2" meter	\$38.25	12" meter	\$197.08

(5) Plus Volume Charges (Am. 6-30-17). The volume charges:

First	10,000 gallons used bimonthly	\$2.70 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	23,333 gallons used bimonthly	\$2.43 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	33,333 gallons used bimonthly	\$1.75 per 1,000 Gallons

Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered.

(6) Late Payments. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. The late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued.

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(7) Disconnection Notice. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code Ch. PSC 185. A \$50 charge will be applied if reconnection is completed within regular work hours. This may increase if reconnection is completed after hours, Sundays or holidays.

(8) Combined Metering. (Cr. May 6, 2014). Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings when metering configurations support such an approach. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

6.03 UNPAID OR DELINQUENT WATER AND/OR SEWER BILLS. (Cr. Aug. 3, 1976; Am. Aug. 1989).

(1) Any unpaid Village of Ridgeway sewer and/or water bills for billing periods shall be placed on the next regular tax roll by the Village Clerk as a special assessment against the property.

(2) All such charges, whether incurred by renters or owners, shall be the responsibility of the owner of the real estate involved and shall be charged back as set forth above against such real estate.

6.04 RIDGEWAY SEWER DEPARTMENT. (Cr. Oct. 5, 1976; Am. Sept. 1, 1981; Am. Dec. 1, 1983; Am. Aug. 1989; Am. June 2, 1998; Am. July 7, 2000; Am. Dec. 4, 2003; Am. March 4, 2014; Am. May 10, 2016).

(1) General Provisions. This sub-chapter is adopted under the authority granted by Wis. Stat. §§ 61.36 and 61.39.

(2) Organization and Control.

(a) Organization. The Ridgeway Sewer was organized in 1976. A grant of \$205,293.00 was received from the State of Wisconsin and a grant of \$280,000.00 was received from FHA. Bonds to FHA were issued for an amount of \$399,000.00 on December 31, 1984, at five (5) percent semi-annual interest, payable April 1 and October 1. The repayment schedule is on file with the Village Treasurer. The PSC requires that a sum of \$21,000.00 be kept in a Depreciation Reserve Fund and that \$40,000.00 be kept in a Special Bond and Interest Redemption Fund.

(b) The management, operation and control of the sewer system for the Village of Ridgeway is vested in the Village Board of Ridgeway. All records, minutes

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and all written proceedings thereof shall be kept by the Clerk of the Village. The clerk shall also keep all the financial records. The Sewer Department is a Utility, but it is not subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of the State of Wisconsin. It does, however, have to abide by the rules of the FHA.

(c) The Sewer Department of the Village shall have the power to construct sewer lines for public use, and shall have the power to lay sewer pipes in and through the alleys, streets, and public grounds of the Village; and generally, to do all such work as may be found necessary or convenient in the management of the sewer system. The Village shall have power by themselves, their officers, agents, and servants, to enter upon any land for the purpose of making examination or supervise in the performance of their duties under this section, without liability therefor. The Village shall have power to purchase and acquire for the Village all real and personal property which may be necessary for construction of the sewer system, or for any repair, remodeling or additions thereto.

(d) Condemnation of Real Estate. Whenever any real estate or any easement therein, or use thereof, shall, in the judgement of the Village Board, be necessary to the sewer system, and, whenever, for any cause, an agreement for the purchase thereof, cannot be made with the owner thereof, the Village Board shall proceed with all necessary steps to take such real estate easement, or use by condemnation in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes and the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970, if Federal Funds are used.

(e) Title to Real Estate and Personalty. All property, real, personal and mixed, acquired for the construction of the sewer system, and all plans, specifications, diagrams, papers, books and records connected therewith said sewer system, and all buildings, machinery and fixtures pertaining thereto, shall be the property of the Village.

(3) User Rules and Regulations. The rules, regulations, and sewer rates of the Village of Ridgeway hereinafter set forth shall be considered a part of the contract with every person, company, corporation who is connected with the sewer system to the Village, and every such person, company, or corporation, by connecting with the sewer system, shall be considered as expressing his/her or their assent to bound thereby. whenever any of said rules and regulations, or such others as the said Village Board may hereafter adopt, are violated, the services shall be shut off from the building or place of such violation (even though two or more parties are receiving service through the same connection), after notice is given. Service shall not be re-established upon shutoff, except by order of the Village Board, and on payment of all arrears, the expenses and established charges of shutting off and putting on, and such other terms as the Village may determine, and a satisfactory understanding with the party that no further cause for complaint shall arise. In case of such violation, the said Village, furthermore, may declare any payment made for the service by the party or parties committing such violation, to be forfeited, and the same shall thereupon be forfeited. The right is reserved to the Village to change the said rules, regulations, and sewer rates from time to time as they may deem advisable; and to make special rates and

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contracts in all proper cases. This section is established pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0821.

(4) Rules and Regulations for Licensed Plumbers, Users, Etc. The following rules and regulations for the government of licensed plumbers, sewer users and others are hereby adopted and established.

(a) Plumbers. No plumber, pipe fitter or other person will be permitted to do any plumbing or pipe fitting work in connection with the sewer system without first receiving a license from the State of Wisconsin.

(b) Users.

1. Application for Service.

a. Every person connecting with the sewer system shall file an application in writing to the Village in such form as in prescribed for that purpose.

b. Blanks for such applications shall be furnished at the office of the Village Clerk. The application must state fully and truly all the use which will be allowed except upon further application and permission regularly obtained from said Village Board.

c. If the applicant is not the owner of the premises, the written consent of the owner must accompany the application. Persons connected to the sewer system of the Village of Ridgeway are referred to herein as "Users".

d. The application may be for service to more than one building, or more than one unit of service through one service connection; and, in such case, charges shall be made accordingly. If it appears that the service applied for will not provide adequate service for the contemplated use, the Village Board may reject the application. If the Village Board shall approve the application, it shall issue a permit for services as shown on the application.

2. Deposit. Each user shall pay prior to hookup, to guarantee payment of all charges herein, a deposit in cash in the amount equal to the minimum quarterly sewer charge pursuant as hereinafter provided. Said minimum charge to be determined by the type of service by which the property is connected to the mains. Such deposit will be refunded after two years of timely payment of quarterly charges, or when the use moves from the premises, whichever is first, providing all charges are current.

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3. Tap Permits. After sewer connections have been introduced into any building or upon any premises, no plumber shall make any alterations, extensions, or attachments, unless the party ordering such tapping or other work shall exhibit the proper permit for the same from the Village.

4. User to keep in repair. All users shall keep their own service pipes in good repair and protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent any unnecessary overburdening of the sewer system. No charge, however, shall be made for the services for the superintendent in directing where and in what manner the mains shall be tapped, and excavations made in the street for laying pipe.

5. Use only. No user shall allow others or other services to connect to the sewer system through his lateral.

(5) User to Permit Inspection.

(a) Every user shall permit the Village Board, or their duly authorized agent bearing proper credentials and identification, at all reasonable hours of the day, to enter his/her premises or building to examine the pipes and fixtures, and the manner in which the drains and were connections operate. Users must, at all times, frankly and without concealment, answer all questions put to them relative to their use of the system.

(b) Liability during inspection. While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in sub. (a) above, authorized employees of the Village shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the commercial user, and the user shall be held harmless for injury or death to Village employees, and the Village shall indemnify the user against liability claims and demands for personal injury or property damage asserted against the user and growing out of the inspection operation, except a such may be caused by negligence or failure of the user to maintain safe conditions.

(6) Utility Responsibility. It is expressly stipulated that no claim shall be made against said Village or Village representative by reason of breaking, clogging, stoppage or freezing of any service pipe; nor from any damage arising from repairing mains, making connections or extensions or any other work that may be deemed necessary. The right is hereby reserved to cut off the service at any time for the purpose any permit granted, or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding. Whenever it shall become necessary to ship off the sewer service within any district of said Village, the Village Board shall give notice to each and every affected user within said Village of the time when such service will be shut off.

(a) If the user, or any successor or assigns thereof, shall fail to pay the amount of service charge when due, the Ridgeway Sewer Department has the right, with notice to disconnect service to the user, or successor.

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(b) In addition to the right of disconnection, the Village shall place charges for unpaid sewer bills on the next regular tax roll as a special assessment against the property.

(7) Excavations.

(a) In making excavations to streets or highways for laying service pipe or making repairs, the planks, paving stones, and earth removed must be deposited in a manner that will occasion the least inconvenience to the public.

(b) No person shall leave any such excavation made in any street or highway open at any time without barricades; and during the night; warning lights must be maintained at such excavations.

(c) In refilling the opening, after the service pipes are laid, the earth must be laid in layers of not more than nine inches in depth, and each layer thoroughly rammed or puddled to prevent settling. This work, together with the replacing of sidewalks, ballast and paving must be done so as to make the street as good, at least, as before it was disturbed, and satisfactory to the Village. No opening of the streets for tapping the pipes will be permitted when the ground is frozen.

(8) Tapping the Mains.

(a) No persons, except those having special permission from the Village Board, or persons in their service and approved by them, will be permitted, under any circumstances to tap the mains or collection pipes. The kind and size of the connection with the pipe shall be that specified in the permit or order from said Village.

(b) Pipes should always be tapped on the top, and not within size inches of the join, or with 24 inches of another lateral connection.

(9) Installation of House Laterals.

(a) All sewers (laterals) on private property will be installed in accordance with the Wis. Admin. Code Chs. SPS 380-384.

(b) All laterals will be inspected. The building sewer and/or private interceptor main sewer shall be inspected upon completion of placement of the pipe and before backfilling; and tested before or after backfilling.

(10) Septic Tank and Holding Tank Disposal.

(a) Septage shall only be discharged to the Village's sewerage system by Village of Ridgeway approved and State of Wisconsin licensed disposers and at locations, times, and conditions as specified by the Village Board and Plant Operator.

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Septage discharges to specified manholes may, under special circumstances, be allowed provided discharge rates are restricted as necessary to facilitate mixing, prevent a backup in the receiving sewer and prevent a slug load to the wastewater treatment facility. Discharges may be limited to the normal working hours of the Plant Operator and require written documentation of the discharge to be submitted to the Plant Operator within one working day of the discharge to the Ridgeway sewerage system.

(b) Forms are prescribed for the purpose of documentation of the discharge will be furnished at the Village Hall and will include the following information:

1. Name, address and telephone number of the hauler
2. License Number
3. Type of septage
4. Quantity of septage
5. Estimated quality of septage
6. Location, date, time and feed rate of discharge to the sewerage system
7. Source of Septage
8. Name and address of septage generator
9. Other information as required by the Village of Ridgeway objectives set forth in this Ordinance

(11) Dilution.

(a) Limitations on Wastewater Strength.

1. National Categorical Pretreatment Standards. National categorical pretreatment standards as promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shall be met by all Dischargers of the regulated industrial categories.

2. State Requirements. State requirements and limitations on discharges to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works shall be met by all Discharges which are subject to such standards in any instance in which they are more stringent than federal requirements and limitations or those in this or any other applicable ordinance.

3. Right of Revision. The Village of Ridgeway reserves the right to amend this Ordinance to provide for more stringent limitations or requirements on discharges to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works where deemed necessary to comply with the objectives set forth in this Ordinance.

4. Dilution. No Discharger shall increase the use of potable or process water in any way, nor mix separate waste streams for the purpose of diluting a discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance.

5. Supplementary Limitations. No Discharger shall discharge wastewater containing concentrations [and/or mass limitations] of the following enumerated materials, exceeding the following values:

Material	Concentration (mg/l)	[Mass Limitation lb/Day]
BODs	250	156
SS	200	125
NH ₃ -N	30	19

The Village of Ridgeway may impose mass limitations on Dischargers which are using dilution to meet the Pretreatment Standards or Requirements of this Ordinance, or in other cases where the imposition of mass limitations is deemed appropriate by the Village Board.

(12) Sewer User Charge System.

(a) Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meaning under this Ordinance:

The User Charge System takes precedence over pre-existing agreements inconsistent with the governing regulations of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program.

1. Service Charges shall include all costs associated with repayment of debts incurred for the construction and/or rehabilitation of wastewater collection system and treatment facility.

2. Normal Domestic Strength Wastewater shall mean wastewater with concentrations of BOD₅ and suspended solid no greater than 250 and 200 milligrams per liter (mg/l) respectively.

3. Normal User shall be a user whose contributions to the sewerage system consist only of normal domestic strength waste water originating from a house, apartment, flat, or other living quarters occupied by a person or person constituting a distinct household, business or commercial enterprise.

4. Operation and Maintenance Costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection and treatment facilities. These costs, including costs associated with extraneous (clear water) flows, shall be divided proportionately among the various sewer users.

5. Replacement Costs shall include all costs associated with establishing a fund to accumulate the necessary resources to replace equipment as required to maintain capacity and performance during the (design life of the facility). A separate segregated distinct replacement fund shall be established and used for only replacement of equipment.

6. Sewer Service Charge is a service charge levied on users of the sewerage system for payment of capital expenses as well as the operation and maintenance costs, including replacement of said facilities.

7. Policy. It shall be the policy of the Village of Ridgeway to obtain sufficient revenues to pay the costs of the operation and maintenance of the sewerage facilities, including a replacement fund (i.e. a cash account to be used for future expenditures for obtaining or installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary to maintain the capacity and performance of the sewerage system during the service life for which such facilities were designed and constructed), through a system of sewer service charge as defined in the Section. The system shall assure that each user of the sewerage system pays their proportionate share of the cost of such facilities.

8. Basis for Service Charges. The minimum monthly billing shall be sufficient to pay the billing and customer related administration expenses. The unit price per volume shall be sufficient to pay the remaining annual costs of operation and maintenance, including any replacement fund, of the sewerage facilities. The method for determining the user charges is given in the User Charge System. The Village Clerk has provided the initial estimates of number of users, costs, etc., to calculate the user charges.

The rates in this ordinance, shall be reviewed not less than biennially. Such review shall be performed by the Village Clerk and the Village Auditor. Rates shall be adjusted, as required, to reflect actual number and size of users and actual costs. Users will be notified annually of the portion of service charges attributed to operation and maintenance.

(13) Sewer Service Charges. (Am. June 16, 1998; Am. July 7, 2000).

(a) A sewer service charge is imposed upon each lot, parcel each lot, parcel of land, building, or premise served by the public sewer and wastewater facilities or otherwise discharging sewage, including industrial wastes, into the public sewerage system. Such sewer service charge shall be payable as indicated below:

1. Sewer Fees. The Village hereby increases both the standard and seasonal flat fees and volume rates for domestic strength wastewater per dwelling unit by five percent (5%). The new sewer rates shall be:

a. Standard Fee per Dwelling Unit for Domestic Strength Wastewater: \$25.36 monthly charge.

b. Volume rate: \$4.43 per 1000 gallons of water consumption.

c. Seasonal Fee per Dwelling Unit for Domestic Strength Wastewater: to remain the same, the average of two previous readings.

2. GROUP A is defined as normal or domestic strength wastewater having organic concentrations of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) no greater than 250 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and suspended solids no greater than 200 milligrams per liter (mg/l).

Flat Fee: Quarterly: \$ 76.08 / Unit

Variable Rate Charge: \$ 4.43 / 1000 gallons

3. GROUP B is defined as wastewater having organic concentration of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BONS) greater than 250 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and/or suspended solids (SS) greater than 200 milligrams per liter (mg/l). The minimum Category B charge will be based on a concentration of 250 mg/l BOD₅ and 200 mg/l SS. Group B would be users connected to the system and found to be discharging wastewater with a concentration greater than mentioned above.

Flat Fee: Quarterly: \$ 76.08 / Unit

Volume Charge Base: \$ 4.43 / 1000 Gallons

Surcharge:

BOD₅: (Additional charge if greater than 250 mg/l) \$ 0.27/lb

BOD₅

SS: (Additional charge if greater than 200 mg/l) \$ 0.34/lb SS

NH₃N: (Additional charge if greater than 30 mg/l) \$.76/lb NH₃-N

Flow: \$.57/1000 gal.

4. GROUP C is defined as septage which has organic concentrations of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) greater than 250 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and/or suspended solids (SS) greater than 200 milligrams per liter (mg/l). It will be assumed that holding tank wastewater have a BOD of 600 mg/l, a S.S. of 1,800 mg/l and NH₃N of 45 mg/l and septic tank wastewater will have a BOD of 5,000 of mg/l, S.S. of 15,000 mg/l and NH₃N of 150 mg/l.

HOLDING TANK WASTEWATER

Dumping Fee: \$ 25.00 /Load

Minimum Volume Charge: \$ 22.50 / 1000 Gallons

Surcharge:

BOD₅: (Additional charge if greater than 600 mg/1) \$ 1.40/lb BOD₅

SS: (Additional charge if greater than 1800 mg/1) \$ 0.95/lb SS

NH₃-N: (Additional charge if greater than 45 mg/1) \$ 3.20/lb NH₃-N

SEPTIC TANK WASTEWATER

Flat Fee: \$ 25.00 /Load

Minimum Volume Charge: \$ 181.30 / 1000 Gallons

Surcharge:

BOD₅: (Additional charge if greater than 5000 mg/1) \$ 1.40/lb BOD₅

SS: (Additional charge if greater than 15,000 mg/1) \$ 0.95/lb SS

NH₃N: (Additional charge if greater than 150 mg/1) \$ 3.20/lb NH₃-N

(b) Reassignment of Sewer Users. The Village of Ridgeway will reassign sewer users into appropriate Sewer charge categories if wastewater sampling programs and other related information indicate a change of categories is necessary.

(14) Mandatory Hookup.

(a) The owner of each parcel of land adjacent to a sewer main on which there exists a building useable for human habitation or in a block through which such system is extended, shall connect to such system within 200 days of notice in writing from the Village. Upon failure to do so, the Village may cause such connection to be made and bill the property owner for such costs. If such costs are not paid within thirty (30) days, such notice shall be assessed as a special tax lien against the property, all pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 281.45 provided, however, that the owner may within thirty (30) days after the completion of the work file a written option with the Village Secretary stating that he cannot pay such amount in one sum and ask that there be levied in, not to exceed five (5) equal installments and that the amount shall be so collected with interest at the rate of 15% per annum from the completion of the work, the unpaid balance being a special tax lien, all pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 281.45.

(b) In lieu of the above the Village Ridgeway at its opinion may impose a penalty for the period that the violation continues, after ten (10) days written notice to any owner failing to make a connection to the sewer system in an amount of \$20.00 per month for each residential unit equivalent payable quarterly, for the period in which the failure to connect continues, and upon failure to make such payment said charge shall be assessed as a special tax lien against the property, all pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 281.45.

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(c) This section ordains that the failure to connect to the sewer system is contrary to the minimum health standards of said Village and fails to assure preservation of public health, comfort, and safety and said Village. Penalty to be as great as the average residential user costs (per residential unit equivalent) plus 20% for administrative cost.

(15) Maintenance of Services. All sewer services within the limits of the Village from the street main to the property line and including all controls between the same, will be maintained without expense to the property owner. Exception to this is when the services are damaged a result of negligence or carelessness on the part of the property owner, a tenant, or an agent of the owner, in which case they will be repaired at the expense of the property owner. All sewer services from the point of maintenance by the system to and throughout the premises must be maintained free of defective conditions, by and at the expense of the owner or occupant of the property. When any sewer service is to be re-laid and there are two or more buildings on such service, each building shall be disconnected from such

(16) Penalty for Improper Use.

(a) The loading parameters from this Village of Ridgeway are as follows:

Design Flow	75,000 GPD
BOD ₅	250 mg/1 or 156 # BOD ₅ /Day
S.S.	200 mg/1 or 125# S.S./Day
NH ₃ -N	30 mg/1 or 19 # NH ₃ -N/Day

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully injure the system, or any building, machinery, or fixture pertaining thereto, or, to willfully and without authority of the Village Board, bore or otherwise cause to leak, any tunnel, audited, reservoir, pipe or other piece of equipment use in the system for holding, conveying, or distributing sewage. It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce sewage into the system with a concentration of BOD₅, suspended solids or ammonia nitrogen in excess of the above mentioned limits; a surcharge shall be based on the excess of BOD₅, suspended solids or ammonia nitrogen as discussed in Section (13)(b)(2) and (3). The Village reserves the right to test the sewage at any point within the connection system of the user. Users discharging toxic pollutant shall pay for any increased O & M replacement costs caused by the toxic pollutants.

(c) No user shall discharge or cause to be discharged to the sanitary sewer and storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run-off, or surface drainage.

(d) No use shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following liquids or solid wastes to any sanitary sewer:

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1. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
2. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, or any other solid or sticky substance capable of causing obstruction of the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.
3. Any water or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constituting a hazard to humans and animals, or create any hazard in the receiving treatment facility.
4. Any waters or wastes containing suspended solids or such character any quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such material at the sewage treatment plant.
5. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.
6. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
7. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150 degrees F.
8. Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million by weight of fat, oil, or grease.
9. Any waters of wastes having pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0 and having any corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
10. Septic Tanks Prohibited. The maintenance and use of septic tanks and other private sewage disposal systems within the area of the Village of Ridgeway serviced by its sewer system are hereby declared to be a public nuisance and a health hazard. From and after January 1, 1978, the use of septic tanks or any private sewage disposal system within the area of the Village serviced by the sewage system shall be prohibited.

(17) Miscellaneous Rules and Regulations.

(a) Vacating of premises and Discontinuance of Service. Whenever premises serviced by the system are to be vacated, or whenever any person desires to discontinue services from the system, the system must be notified in writing. The owner of the premises shall be liable for any damages to the property of the system by reason of failure to notify the system of a vacancy or any such damage which may be discovered having occurred to the property of the system other than through the fault of the system or its employees, representatives, or agents.

(b) Unit of Service Definition (if applicable).

1. A unit of service shall consist of any residential, commercial, industrial, or charitable aggregation of space or area occupied for a distinct purpose such as a residence apartment, flat, store, office, industrial plant, church, or school.
2. Suites in houses, or apartments, which complete housekeeping functions (such as cooking), shall be classified as apartment houses; thus houses and apartments having suites on one, two, or more rooms with toilet facilities, but without kitchen for cooking, are classified as rooming houses.
3. When a consumer's premises has several buildings, for which services are eligible and such buildings are used in the same business and connected by the user, the Village shall set a separate rate for such a complex.

(18) Adoption of Other Rules. There is hereby adopted all the rules and regulations of the State Plumbing and State Building Codes and the building rules of the Department of Workplace Development of the State of Wisconsin insofar as the same are applicable to the Village of Ridgeway.

(19) Control of Industrial and Septage Wastes.

(a) Industrial Discharges. If any waters, wastes or septage are discharged, or proposed to be discharge, to public sewerage system contain substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section (11) and which, in the judgement of the Village Board and Plant Operator may be detrimental to the sewerage system, the Village Board may:

1. Reject the wastes
2. Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the sewerage system.

3. Require a control over the quantities and rates of discharge.
4. Require payment to cover the cost of handling and treating the waste not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of Section (5) (h) (2).

(b) Control Manholes.

1. Each person discharging industrial wastes into a public sewer shall construct and maintain one or more control manholes or access points to facilitate observation, measurement, and sampling their waste, including domestic sewage.
2. Control manholes or access facilities shall be located and built in a manner acceptable to the Village Board and Plant Operator. If measuring devices are to be permanently installed, they shall be of a type acceptable to the Village Board and Plant Operator.
3. Control manholes, access facilities, and related equipment shall be installed by the person discharging the industrial waste, their expense, and shall be maintained by the person discharging the waste so as to be in safe condition, accessible, and in proper operating condition at all times. Plans for installation of the control manholes or access facilities and related equipment shall be approved by the Village Board and Plant Operator prior to the beginning of construction.

(c) Measurement of Flow. The volume of flow used for computing the sewer service and cost recovery charges for nonseptage disposal shall be based upon the water consumption of the person as shown in the records of meter readings maintained by the Village Water Utility.

(d) Provision for Deductions. In the event that a person discharging industrial waste into the public sewers produces evidence satisfactory to the Village Board that more than 10 percent of the total annual volume of water used for all purposes does not reach the public sewer, then the determination of the water consumption to be used in computing the waste volume discharged into the public sewer may be made a matter of agreement between the Village of Ridgeway and the industrial waste discharger.

(e) Metering of Waste. Devices for measuring the volume of waste discharged may be required by the Village Board if this volume cannot otherwise be

determined from the metered water consumption records. Metering devices for determining the volume of water shall be installed, owned, and maintained by the person discharging the wastewater. Following approval and installation, such meters may not be removed without the consent of the Plant Operator and Village Board.

(f) Waste Sampling.

1. Industrial wastes and septage discharge into the public sewers shall be subject to periodic inspection and a determination of character and concentration of said waste at least quarterly. The determinations shall be required by the Village Board.
2. Samples shall be collected in such a manner as to be representative of the composition of wastes. The sampling may be accomplished either manually or by the use of mechanical equipment acceptable to the Village Board.¹ A minimum of at least quarterly sampling shall be necessary to determine sewer service charges.
3. Testing facilities shall be responsibility of the person discharging the waste or septage and shall be subject to the approval of the Plant Operator and Village board or its duly authorized representatives at all times. Every care shall be exercised in the collection of samples to ensure their preservation in a state comparable to that at the time the sample was taken.

(g) Pretreatment. When required, in the opinion of the Plant Operator and Village Board, to modify or eliminate waste that are harmful to the structures, processes, or operation of the sewerage system, the discharger shall provide at their expense such preliminary treatment or processing facilities as they may be required to render this waste acceptable for admission to the public sewers.

(h) Grease and/or Sand Interceptors. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided by the industrial discharger and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. In the maintaining of these interceptors, the discharger shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates and means of disposal which are subject to review by the Plant Operator and Village Board. Any removal and hauling of the collected materials not performed by the discharger(s) personnel, must be performed by currently licensed disposal firms.

¹ Depending on the type of industry, monthly monitoring may be required. No industry should be monitored less than quarterly. Monitoring must be done so the industry will be properly billed for sewer use charges.

(i) Analyses.

1. All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of water, waste and septage to which reference is made in the Ordinances shall be determined in accordance with the latest edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", published by the American Public Health Association and "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants," (40 CFR 136). Sampling methods, locations, times, durations, and frequencies are to be determined on an individual basis subject to approval by the Village Board and Plant Operator.
2. Determination of the character and concentration of the industrial waste shall be made by the person discharging them or their agent, as designated and required by the Village Board. The Village Board and Plant Operator may also make its own analyses of the wastes and these determinations shall be used as a basis for charges. If the person discharging the waste contests the determination, the Village may elect to have an independent laboratory determine the character and concentration of the waste. Said independent laboratory shall be certified under NR 149 and be acceptable to both the Village and the person discharging the waste. All costs incurred by the independent laboratory in making the determination shall be assumed by the discharger.

(j) Submission of Information. Plans, specifications, and any other pertinent information relating to proposed flow equalization, pretreatment, or processing facilities shall be submitted for view of the Village Board and Plant Operator prior to the start of their construction if the effluent from such facilities is to be discharged into the public sewers.

(k) Submission of Basic Data. Within three (3) months after passage of this Ordinance, each person who discharges industrial wastes to a public sewer shall prepare and file with the Village Board and Plant Operator a report that shall include pertinent data relating to the quantity and characteristics of the waste discharged to the sewerage system.

Similarly, each person desiring to make a new connection to a public sewer for the purpose of discharging industrial wastes shall prepare and file with the Village Board and Plant Operator a report that shall include actual or predicted data relating to the quantity and characteristics of the waste to be discharged.

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(l) Extension of Time. When it can be demonstrated that circumstances exist which would create an unreasonable burden on the person proposing to discharge a waste, to comply with the time schedule imposed herein, a request for extension of the time may be presented for consideration to the Village Board.

(20) Payment for Charges.

(a) Payment and Penalty. All charges for sewerage service shall be made quarterly and shall be payable on the first day of January, April, July, and October in each year. A three percent (3%) penalty will be added to those bills not paid on or before the 20th day after the due date of the bill with a thirty cent (30 cent) minimum penalty charge. A failure to receive a bill shall not excuse non-payment. Sewerage service charge shall be a lien on the property served in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 66.0821(3).

1. Billing. The property owner is held responsible for all sewer bills on premises that he owns. All sewer bills and notices of any nature, relative to the sewer service, will be addressed to the owner and delivered to the premises referred to on such bill or notice.
2. Failure to receive bill is no reason for penalty exemption. Every reasonable care will be exercised in the proper delivery of sewer bills. Failure to receive a sewer bill, however, shall not relieve any person of the responsibility for payment of sewer rates within the prescribed period, not exempt any person from any penalty imposed for delinquency in the payment thereof.

(b) Charges a Lien. All sewage charges and special assessments shall be a lien upon the property serviced pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0821(3), and shall be collected in the manner therein provided.

(c) Disposition of Revenue. The amounts received from the collection of charges authorized by this Ordinance shall be credited to a sanitary sewerage account which shall show all receipts and expenditures of the sewerage system. Charges collected for replacement expenses shall be credited to a segregated, non-lapsing replacement account. These funds are to be used exclusively for replacement. When appropriated by the Village Board, the credits to the sanitary sewerage account shall be available for the payment of the requirements for operation, maintenance, repairs, and depreciation of the sewerage system consistent with 40 CFR 35.929. Any surplus outside the preview of 40 CFR 35.929. In said account, shall be, available for the payment of principal and interest of bonds issued and outstanding, or which may be issued, to provide funds for said sewerage system, or part thereof, and all or a part of the expenses for additions and improvements and other necessary disbursements or

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indebtedness, and the Village Board may resolve to pledge each surplus or any part thereof for any such purpose. All present outstanding sewer system general obligation bonds, including the refunding bonds, shall be paid from this fund as to both principal and interest.

(d) Additional Charges. Additional charges shall be imposed upon each lot, parcel of land, building, or premises served by public sewer and wastewater facilities located outside the boundaries of the Village of Ridgeway to equalize local capital costs. Such additional charges shall result in a minimum charge for each user according to the schedule for debt repayment for utility revenues. Such additional charges shall be added to the sewer bill for each billing period.

(e) Excess Revenues. Excess revenues collected from a user class will be applied to operation and maintenance costs attributable to that class for the next year.

(21) Annual Audit. The Village of Ridgeway shall have conducted an independent Annual Audit, the purpose of which shall be to maintain the proportionately between users and user classes of the user charge system and to ensure that adequate revenues are available relative to increasing operation, maintenance and replacement costs and debt retirement. The findings and recommendations of this audit shall be published in the Village's official newspaper and submitted to FHA within ninety (90) days on January 1.

(22) Violations and Penalties.

(a) Damages. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure of pertinence of equipment which is a part of the sewerage system. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.

(b) Written Notice of Violation.

1. Any person connected to the sewerage system found to be violating a provision of this Ordinance shall be served by the Village Board with a written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
2. Any licensed disposer discharging to the sewerage system, found to be violating a provision of this ordinance or of any conditions of the Village Board approval for septage disposal, may have their approval immediately revoked. This revocation shall be done in writing and state the reasons for revoking the septage disposal approval.

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(c) Accidental Discharge. Any person to be responsible for accidentally allowing a deleterious discharge into the sewerage system which cause damage to the sewerage system and/or receiving water body shall, in addition to a fine, pay the amount to cover all damages, both of which will be established by the Village Board.

(d) Accidental Discharge Reporting. Any person responsible for an accidental discharge, that may have a detrimental impact on the sewerage system, shall immediately report the nature and amount of the discharge to the Plant Operator and the Village Board Members.

(e) Continued Violations. Any person, partnership, or corporation, or any officer, agent, or employee thereof, who shall continue any violations beyond the aforesaid notice time limit provided shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than twenty dollars, (\$20.00), together with the costs of prosecution. In default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, said violator shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not to exceed five (5) days. Each day in which any violation is continued beyond the aforesaid notice time limit shall be deemed a separate offence.

(f) Liability to the Village of Ridgeway for Losses. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall become liable to the Village of Ridgeway for any expenses, loss, or damage occasioned by reason of such violation which the Village of Ridgeway may suffer as a result thereof.

(g) Damage Recovery. The system shall have the right of recovery from all persons, any expense incurred by said system for the repair or replacement of any part of the sewerage system damaged in any manner by any person by the performance of any work under their control, or by any negligent acts.

(h) Penalties.

1. Any person who shall violate any of the provision of this Ordinance or rules or regulations of the Village of Ridgeway or who shall connect a service pipe or discharge without first having obtained a permit therefore; or who shall violate any provisions of at the Wisconsin Statutes, Wisconsin Administrative Code, or any other materials which are incorporated by reference, shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$200.00 and the costs of prosecution. This, however, shall not bar the Village of Ridgeway from enforcing the connection duties set out in Section (5)(i) for mandatory hookup.

2. Appeal Procedures. Any user, affected by any decision, action, or determination, including cease and desist orders, made by the interpreting or implementing provisions of this Ordinance may file with the Village of Ridgeway a written request for reconsideration within ten (10) days of the date of such decision, action, or determination, setting forth in detail the facts

supporting the user's request for reconsideration. The Village upon receiving the request for reconsideration shall publish the request in the official newspaper. The Village Board shall render a decision on the request for reconsideration to the user in writing within fifteen (15) days of receipt of request. If the ruling on the request for reconsideration made by the Village Board is unsatisfactory, the person requesting reconsideration may, within ten days after notification of the action, file a written appeal.

(23) Validity.

(a) Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances, resolution, orders or parts thereof heretofore adopted, enacted or entered in conflict with this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

(b) Savings Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is found invalid or unconstitutional or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision of application.

(c) Amendments. The Village of Ridgeway, through its duly qualified governing body, may amend this section in part or in whole whenever it may deem necessary.

6.05 CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION ORDINANCE. (Cr. 2006).

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of village residents and users of the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility's potable water system. In addition, the purpose of this section is to comply with the Wisconsin Administrative Code which requires protection of the Village water system from pollution and other harm due to back-flow of contaminants through the water service connection. The Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and Commerce require the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control to systematically and effectively prevent the contamination of all public potable water systems.

(2) Definitions.

(a) Backflow. The undesirable flow of water or mixtures of water and other liquids, solids, gases or other substances under positive or reduced pressure into the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility potable water supply from any source.

(b) Backflow Prevention. A means designed to prevent backflow caused by backpressure or backsiphonage, most commonly categorized as air gap,

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reduced pressure principle back-flow assembly, double check valve assembly, pressure vacuum breaker assembly, backsiphonage backflow vacuum breaker (spill resistant pressure vacuum breaker) assembly, pipe applied atmospheric vacuum breaker, flush tank ballcock, laboratory faucet backflow preventer, backflow preventer for carbonated beverage machine, vacuum breaker wall hydrants, (freeze resistant automatic draining type), chemical dispensing machine, hose connection vacuum breaker, hose connection backflow preventer, backflow preventer with intermediate atmospheric vent and barometric loop.

(c) Backpressure. An elevation of pressure in the downstream piping system (i.e. pump, elevation of piping, or steam and/or air pressure) above the utility supply pressure, which would cause or tend to reverse the normal direction of flow.

(d) Backsiphonage. The flow of water or other liquids, mixtures or substances into the utility's potable water system from any source caused by the sudden reduction of pressure in the utility's potable water supply system.

(e) Cross Connection. Any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility, and the other containing water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

(f) Utility. The Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility.

(3) Cross Connection Prohibited. No person shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross connection. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply, other than the public water supply of the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility, may enter the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility water supply and distribution system, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply have been approved by the Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 811.09, or its successor.

(4) Responsibility. The Ridgeway Municipal Water Utility shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water distribution system from contamination or pollution due to backflow of contaminants or pollutants.

(5) Owner Responsibility. The property owner shall be required to eliminate or protect the utility from all cross connections on owner's premises. The owner shall, at owner's expense, install, maintain and test any and all backflow preventers on their premises in compliance with the Wis. Admin. Code Ch. SPS 383 requirements. The property owner shall correct any malfunction revealed by periodic testing of any backflow preventer on owner's premises. The property owner shall inform the utility of

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any proposed or modified cross connections and also any existing cross connections that are not protected by an approved backflow prevention means. The property owner shall not install a by-pass around any backflow preventer unless there is a back-flow preventer of the same type in the by-pass. Property owners who cannot shut down operation for testing of the backflow prevention assembly must supply additional assemblies necessary to allow testing and maintenance to take place. The property owner is required to follow the protection practices described in the American Water Works Association publication AWWA M-14 titled H "Recommended Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control", United States Environmental Protection Agency publication titled "Cross Connection Control Manual", Wis. Admin. Code Chs. SPS 380-387 and the utility's "Cross Connection Control Manual", unless the utility requires or authorizes other means of protecting the potable water supply system.

(6) Inspections. It shall be the duty of the utility to inspect all properties serviced by the utility where cross connections with the public water system is deemed possible. Residential properties serviced by the utility shall be inspected on a 10-year interval. The utility may, but is not required to, perform the cross connection inspection of the customer's property. If, in the opinion of the utility, the utility is not able to perform the inspection, the property owner must, at their own expense, have the water system inspected for cross connections by a person who has been properly trained in accordance with the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) Standard number 5120 as a Cross Connection Control Surveyor. All non-residential properties serviced by the utility shall be surveyed on an interval exceeding .2 years. The frequency of required surveys and resurveys, based upon the potential health hazards, may be shortened by the utility.

(7) Right of Entry. Upon presentation of credentials, representatives of the utility shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine property for cross connections. If entry is refused, such representatives shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Wis. Stats. § 66.0119. Upon request, the owner, lessee or occupant of any property served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the water system on such property.

(8) Authority to Discontinue Service. The utility is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this section exists and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any damage to or contamination of the potable water system. Water service shall be discontinued if the means of back flow prevention required by the utility is not installed, tested, maintained and/or repaired in compliance with this ordinance, the Wis. Admin. Code Chs. SPS 380-387, or if it is found that the means of backflow prevention required by this ordinance has been removed or bypassed. Water service shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in subsection (9) or (10) of this section. The owner shall be required to immediately correct any violation upon receipt of written notice of such violation from the Village. Upon conviction, the user shall be subject to penalties as prescribed herein and water service to such property shall not be restored

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until such violations have been eliminated and full payment of any such payments have been made.

(9) Reconnection of Service. Water service to any property disconnected under provisions of this ordinance shall not be restored until the cross connection has been eliminated or a back-flow prevention means approved by the utility has been installed in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(10) Emergency Discontinuance of Service. If it is determined by the utility that a cross connection or an emergency endangers public health safety or welfare and requires immediate action, service may be immediately discontinued. The owner, lessee or occupant shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance. Such hearing shall be before the Village of Ridgeway Water and Sewer Committee.

(11) Additional Protection. In the case of premises having (a) cross connections that cannot be permanently corrected or controlled, or (b) intricate plumbing and piping arrangements or where entry to all portions of the premises is not readily accessible for inspection, making it impractical or impossible to ascertain whether or not dangerous cross connections exist, the utility may install appropriate backflow prevention at owner's cost. In the case of any premises where there is any material dangerous to health that is handled in such a manner that, in the opinion of the utility, could create an actual or potential hazard to the public water supply system, an approved air gap separation or an approved reduced pressure principle backflow assembly shall protect the public water supply system. In the case of any presence of toxic substances, the utility may require an approved air gap or reduced pressure principle backflow assembly at the service connection to protect the public water supply system. This requirement will be at the discretion of the utility.

(12) Public Water Supplies. This section does not supersede the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Administrative Code NR 811, but is supplementary to it.

(13) Plumbing Code. The Village of Ridgeway hereby adopts by reference the Wisconsin Uniform Plumbing Code, Wis. Admin Chs. SPS 382-384, as may be amended from time to time.

6.06 PENALTY. (Cr. 2006).

(1) Penalty. In addition to any other sanction, penalty or forfeiture set forth elsewhere, any person, company or corporation who violates any provision of this Chapter or any resolution, rule or regulation of the Village hereunder, or who turns on the water in any premises in which the water has been shut off, or into which the water has not yet been turned on, or who connects any water or sewer main or service pipe without first having obtained a permit therefor, who violates any provision regarding

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cross connections, or who violates any related provision of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wisconsin Administrative Code or any other materials which are incorporated by reference, shall upon conviction forfeit not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00 together with the cost of prosecution. Each 24-hour period during which the violation continues after the date of notice, shall be deemed a separate violation. The violation shall be determined to be in effect until such violation is corrected by payment of all arrears, of the expenses and established charges of shutting off and turning on, and of any such other expenses as the Board may incur.

(2) Damage Recovery. The utility shall have the right of recovery from all persons, any expense incurred by the utility for the repair or replacement of any water or sewer pipe, curb-cock, gate valve, hydrant, or valve box damaged in any manner by any person in the performance of any work under their control, or by any negligent act. Owners or operators of motor vehicles will be held liable for the cost of repair of any hydrant or any other water service fixture damaged by them and the Utility will not be responsible for the damage due the motor vehicle by reason of such accident.

(a) Charges are a Lien on Property. All sewer services, charges, and special assessments shall be a lien on a lot, part of a lot, or land on which sewer services were supplied. All sums which have accrued during the preceding year, and which are unpaid by the first day of October of any year, shall be certified to the Village Clerk to be placed on the tax roll for collection pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0717.

(b) Unit of Service Definition.

1. A unit of service shall consist of any residential, commercial, industrial, or charitable aggregation of space or area occupied for a distinct purpose such as a residence apartment, flat, store, office, industrial plant, church, or school.

2. Each unit of service shall be regarded as one consumer.

3. Suites in houses, or apartments, with complete housekeeping functions (such as cooking), shall be classified as apartment houses; thus houses and apartments having suites of one, two, or more rooms with toilet facilities, but without kitchen for cooking, are classified as rooming houses.

4. When a consumer's premises has several buildings, for which services are eligible and such buildings are used in the same business and connected by the user, the Village shall set a separate rate for such complex.

(c) Adoption of Other Rules. There is hereby adopted all the rules and regulations of the State Plumbing and State Building Codes and the building rules of the Department of Industry, Labor, and Human Relations of the State of Wisconsin insofar as the same are applicable to the Village of Ridgeway.

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