

SECTION 7

VIOLATIONS

7.1 VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS

Any violation of the Rules and Regulations may result in shutting off the water service to the violator's property in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 40 Section 42b as amended to date. When the water has been shut off for violation, it shall not be turned on until the Water Department is satisfied that there shall be no further violation and until all fees have been paid.

7.2 ADULTERATION OF SUPPLY

Intentional introduction of foreign materials that allows adulterated water to enter the Public water system shall be subject to prosecution.

7.3 MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

The Commissioners have the authority to implement mandatory water use restrictions, when it is deemed by the Commissioners to be in the interest of the Department, and to assess fines for water use restriction violations in accordance with the Water Department Rules & Regulations as amended to date. The owner of any service found in violation of a mandatory water use restriction shall be assessed the following fines:

First Offense – \$50.00 fine

Any Subsequent Offense – \$100.00 fine

In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has authority to declare a state of water emergency (M.G.L. Chapter 21G) and assess fines for violations.

7.4 UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE

Any user who intentionally damages a water meter, prevents accurate registration of the quantity of water supplied, or uses or causes water to be used without consent of the Water Department, may be billed \$500.00 for each offense, charged a minimum of 13,300 cubic feet of usage per billing cycle and required to pay for replacement and installation of a new meter.