

BERN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION 2-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF BERN TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF WATER SUB METERS

WHEREAS, The Bern Township Municipal Authority (the “Authority”) is a municipal authority existing under and governed by the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act, approved May 2, 1945, P.L. 382. as amended and supplemented (the “Authorities Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to adopt changes to the rules and regulations for the installation and use of water sub meters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the Bern Township Municipal Authority that the Rules and Regulations for the Installation and Use of Water Sub Meters as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto are here by adopted and implemented as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto are hereby adopted and implemented.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of July, 2023.

Bern Township Municipal Authority
Berks County, Pennsylvania

Charles Koch
Chairman

I certify that this a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Bern Township Municipal Authority, Berks County, Pennsylvania on the 26th day of July, 2023.

Irene Reed,
Secretary

Bern Township Municipal Authority

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APPROVED July 26, 2023

Rules and Regulations for the Installation and Use of Water Sub Meters

1. The Customer shall be liable for all expenses involved with the purchase and installation of the sub-meter and its necessary plumbing appurtenances. The customer shall also pay for the additional cost for reading the sub-meter as such may be levied by the BTMA. The BTMA shall inspect all sub-metered lines before they are placed into operation. A fee shall be assessed for this inspection.
2. There shall only be one sub-metered water line per billing address. The sub-metered line shall terminate outdoors with a hose bib, yard hydrant or similar device with an internal control valve. No interior plumbing connections shall be allowed from the sub-metered line. All plumbing works shall be completed in accordance with applicable Bern Township plumbing codes.
3. The Customer agrees that water taken from the sub-metered line shall consist solely of non-essential uses as generally described below.
 - Landscaping/irrigation
 - Car Washing
 - Exterior home cleaning, including driveways, sidewalks, patios, etc.
 - Filling of swimming pools

Any attempt to use the sub-metered line in a deliberate attempt to reduce the Customer's true sanitary sewer billing shall be considered as a theft of service, and the Customer shall be subject to criminal prosecution as provided for in the Pennsylvania Criminal Code.

4. The Customer agrees to allow the BTMA or its agents to inspect the sub-metered line during regular business hours, or upon reasonable notice. If the Customer refuses to allow the line to be inspected, then the BTMA will no longer utilize the readings from the sub-meter in the calculation of the Customer's sanitary sewer bill.
5. The Customer agrees that water usage from the sub-metered line shall be reduced by a minimum of 10% during a declared drought warning. The use of the sub-metered line shall be terminated completely during a declared drought emergency.
6. The meter must measure the same as the water meter that the Reading Area Water Authority/Leesport Borough Authority reads, for example, gallons to gallons or cubic feet to cubic feet. **The meter must be a Residential size is 5/8 x 3/4 -inch Radio Read 3-G Master Meter.**