

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 10-13-08

A resolution of the Board of the South Middleton Township Municipal Authority amending the Authority's *Water Rates, Rules and Regulations* with respect to privately owned fire suppression systems.

WHEREAS, South Middleton Township Municipal Authority ("Authority") owns and operates a municipal water system serving the Township of South Middleton; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has promulgated various rules and regulations concerning, *inter alia*, the use of water by customers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined the need to regulate the use of water by customer-owned fire suppression systems, sometimes called sprinkler systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Authority, in public session duly assembled hereby RESOLVES as follows:

1. The Authority's *Water Rates, Rules and Regulations* are hereby amended and modified in the following respects:

(a) Section I – Definitions, is amended to add the following definitions:

S. "Privately-Owned Fire Suppression System" means a privately-owned sprinkler system designed in accordance with fire protection engineering standards as most recently promulgated by National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA")(which standards and future amendments thereto are incorporated herein by reference thereto) and consisting of a network of specially sized piping and sprinklers which are interconnected and installed to control or extinguish fires.

V. "Sprinkler System" – See "Privately-Owned Fire Suppression Systems".

(b) The following section is added as Section XIII:

SECTION XIII – PRIVATELY-OWNED FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS


- A. The Authority is not liable as insurer or property or person. The Authority shall be free and exempt from any and all claims for injuries to persons or property by reason of fire, water, or failure to supply water pressure or capacity.
- B. Public water supply service does not include any special service, pressure, capacity or facility beyond the ordinary changing conditions which exist from day to day in the Authority's supply system.
- C. Water service lines used for connection to a privately-owned fire suppression system shall be kept separate and distinct from service lines used for consumption and shall be metered in accordance with Authority regulations.
- D. The installation of all water service lines from the point of connection with the Authority's main to and including the meter(s) and backflow preventer(s) shall be in accordance with Authority regulations and specifications.
- E. A quarterly charge as set forth in the Authority's current rate schedule shall be assessed for each connection of a privately-owned fire suppression system. The quarterly bill will be mailed to the property owner who will be responsible for payment in accordance with Authority regulations.
- F. Property Owner shall give the Authority a minimum 72-hour advance notice before conducting any fire-suppression system test of any nature, including the operation of the fire pump system or any action that could result in above-normal water usage.
- G. Conditions may exist in the public water supply system in which the volume and/or pressure may not be adequate for fire flow needs. The Authority does not guarantee fire flow service. Without guaranteeing fire flow service, the peak needs (i.e. maximum instantaneous rate of withdrawal: "base-of-riser, including inside and outside hose" in accordance with current NFPA standards) for any facility, shall not cause the residual pressure of the Authority's water system to be reduced below 20

psi at any point in the water system under any circumstances. Property owners with a fire protection system requiring a base of riser demand, including inside and outside hose allowance, exceeding 1,000 gallons per minute, are required to install and maintain a privately-owned water storage tank.

2. The Authority's *Water Rates, Rules and Regulations* as supplemented and amended by this Resolution are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

This RESOLUTION is approved this 13th day of October, 2008.

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By  _____
Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary