

# BLUE LAKE SPRINGS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

## RULES AND REGULATIONS (Updated 7/11/15)

### 1. SERVICE APPLICATION:

Application for water service is to be made in the water company office (209-795-7025) at the time the building permit is issued.

### 2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONNECTIONS:

All new service connections are to conform to BLSMWC uniform water service connections as per the current drawing.

### 3. CONNECTION FEES:

A fee for the service connection and installation shall be paid with the application in accordance with the fee schedule in effect at the time of application.

### 4. BARE LOT/NEW CABIN:

A prorated credit will be made for the already paid bare lot fee where there is a new cabin connection. Water rates for cabins will be billed at a prorata of the current year's rate, starting with the first of the month following date of connection. A prorated penalty (late fee) as well as interest per annum at the current rate in effect will be added to the prorata billing if not paid within 30 days and will continue until the bill is paid.

### 5. ADDITIONAL WATERING (*sprinklers, drip systems, hot tubs, spas, etc*):

Application must be made to BLSMWC for installation of a sprinkler system, drip system, hot tub or spa. Submission of detailed plans is required for approval by the Manager prior to installation. Shareholders shall have a meter installed at owner's expense. The size and meter capacity will not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, unless updating for fire suppression, then a 1 inch meter is required. The meter shall become the property of Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company for maintenance. Water consumed shall be billed in accordance with the fee schedule currently in effect. The Annual Residential Fee allows no outside watering privileges. Use of a handheld hose for outside watering, which includes plants, driveway cleaning, car washing, filling of hot tubs and spas, shall be subject to a Handheld Hose Fee at the rate currently in effect.

### 6. DELINQUENCY:

The Annual Lot and Residential Fees are due and payable upon receipt. Fees become delinquent if not paid by February 15 of the year in which they are billed, and will incur the late fee in effect at the time; interest per annum at the current rate in effect will accrue on unpaid balances after March 15; liens will be filed 30 days after written notice has been given. The metered water billing is due upon receipt and delinquent 30 days thereafter. Notice has been given to shareholders that the Board of Directors will avail itself of its right, according to the California Civil Code to withhold water service on any lot where there is a delinquency. This means that before a lot with a delinquency can be served water, all delinquent water fees will have to be paid in full. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to sue for delinquent fees and/or record liens against delinquent property, in addition to the rights stated above.

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7. PENALTIES FOR WATER LOSS:

When an accidental break occurs on a shareholder's premises, it must be reported immediately, so that the water loss can be mitigated.

The shareholder shall be responsible for payment of any water loss, including all costs incurred by BLSMWC in connection with the break. A penalty of \$100 may be assessed in addition to the charge for water loss, if not reported immediately.

If water is allowed to run in a wasteful manner on a shareholder's premises for any other reason, whether as a result of carelessness, negligence, landscape watering of any manner other than a handheld hose without a water meter, or intentionally in an effort to prevent freezing, a penalty of \$100.00 will be assessed in addition to the charge for water loss.

A second violation of either an unreported break or of wasteful use will be cause for water shut-off and a penalty of \$200 will be assessed in addition to the charge for water loss. Both the penalty and water loss charge must be paid before service will be restored.

8. HIGH PRESSURE POLICY:

All owners shall be required to accept such conditions of water pressure and service as are provided by the distribution system at the point of connection, and the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company shall not be liable for any damage arising from high or low water pressure.

Additionally, the service shall be equipped by the owner with a pressure regulator set to 60 psi. The regulator shall be installed, owned, and maintained by the owner and at owner's expense. The regulator shall be on the owner's side of the service.

9. SEPTIC SYSTEMS:

The septic tank or leach field shall not be installed closer than 10 feet from any existing water main. (as per current California Health and Safety Code)

10. PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

If a shareholder knowingly checks a box on the return mail-in voucher certifying a lesser status than actually exists, a penalty of \$100.00 will be assessed to that parcel.

Reference: Current Rate and Fee Schedule

Approved: Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company Board of Directors

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*Revised 5/13/89 Penalties for Water Loss*

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