

XXXIII PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY BY-LAW

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY BY-LAW Adopted at the April 24, 2000, Annual Town Meeting. Approved by the Attorney General July 24, 2000, and posted according to law on July 27, 2000.

A. Except as authorized by the Board of Water Commissioners, no person, firm, corporation or other entity shall draw water from the municipal water supply unless metered on an approved meter installed by or at the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be punishable by a fine of \$300.00. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

B. No person, firm, corporation or other entity, except for the Board of Water Commissioners, its agents, servants or employees, or persons authorized by the Board of Water Commissioners, shall tamper with water meters (sealed or unsealed) or shall open a curb stop water valve, or hydrant, or tap into any municipal water supply. This paragraph shall not apply to the West Newbury Board of Fire Engineers, or any member of the West Newbury Fire Protection Company, acting in the course of his or her duties. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "tamper with" shall mean removal of a water meter, breaking the seal of a water meter, reversing a water meter or otherwise causing a water meter to render an incorrect reading. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be punishable by a fine of \$300.00. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

The Public Water Supply Bylaw may be enforced using non-criminal disposition pursuant to the Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw. The enforcing persons shall be the Board of Water Commissioners, its duly appointed agents, and employees in addition to Police Officers.