



**Town of Ashburnham
Department of Public Works
17 Central Street
Ashburnham, MA 01430
(978) 827-4120**

May 29, 2007

Certified Registered Mailed

To: Mr. Wayne Adams
57 Fitchburg Road
Ashburnham, MA. 01430

Dear Mr. Adams:

This letter is to notify you that your illegal water service will be disconnected June 5, 2007. As we discussed on or about April 24, 2007, your connection must be inspected by the Ashburnham Water Department and a water meter must be installed. At that time I gave you two weeks to have a licensed plumber of your choice properly install a new meter at the Town of Ashburnham cost. You agreed to do this and have the plumbing inspected by the Town of Ashburnham Water Department. You did stop in my office and say that your plumber has been delayed. That was two weeks ago. At this time the Town does not know if your water service has been properly connected or if you have completely disconnected your well from Town's domestic service. We do not know if you have a boiler, fire sprinkler system, irrigation system, or other device that requires a backflow device. Your water service was turned on with out an inspection, licensed plumber, or the consent of the Ashburnham Water Department which is a violation of M.G.L. Chapter 165, Section 11. I will recommend to the Water and Sewer Commissioner that you be fined \$100 for this violation and that you be charged all costs associated with the disconnect of this service and that an estimated bill for the time April 24, 2007 to June 5, 2007 be accessed to your account. Also to reinstate this service a \$100 fee will be charged.

To avoid this have your plumber installs a new meter and allow an inspection by the Town of Ashburnham Water Department prior to June 5, 2007. This action is necessary for the safety of the Ashburnham Public Water Supply. If you have questions please call me at 978 827 4120.

Sincerely,

Don Ouellette P.E.
DPW Director

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Chapter 165: Section 11A. Procedure for shutting off the flow of water on failure to pay lawful charges

Section 11A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a water company may shut off the flow of water from its mains or pipes to the premises of any customer who has failed or refused to pay the lawful charges of said company for water previously consumed. The officers, employees or agents of said company may, upon any business day between the hours of eight ante meridian and four post meridian, enter upon the premises of a customer whose payments are in arrears and close a valve, remove or disconnect a meter pipe or fitting, if necessary, for the purpose of shutting off the flow of water as above authorized, provided, however, that the customer has been given thirty-six hours notice in person or by registered or certified mail directed to his last address furnished to the company. If such address is different from the address of the premises affected a copy of such notice shall also be so mailed to the address thereof.

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Chapter 165: Section 11D. Entry on premises to examine water meters and facilities

Section 11D. Any person employed by a city, town, district or company engaged in supplying water who displays on his outer garment a suitable identification badge bearing his photograph, issued to him by his employer, may at any reasonable time enter any premises supplied with water by such city, town, district or company for the purpose of examining or removing meters, pipes, fittings and works for supplying or regulating the supply of water and of ascertaining the quantity of water consumed or supplied.

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Chapter 165: Section 11. Intentional injury to or interference with meter; penalty

Section 11. Whoever unlawfully and intentionally injures, or suffers to be injured, a water meter belonging to a city, town, district, or company engaged in supplying water, or prevents such meter from duly registering the quantity of water supplied through it, or hinders or interferes with its proper action or just registration, or attaches a pipe to a main or pipe belonging to a city, town, district or water company, or otherwise uses or causes to be used the water supplied by a city, town, district or company without the consent of the same, unless it passes through a meter set by such city, town, district or company, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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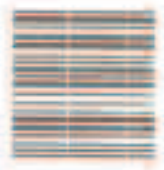


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