

## **Section 26: Surreptitious Use of Water**

- A. No person may tamper with, remove, destroy, disconnect or otherwise stop or interfere with any District water meter or other District equipment metering water delivered by the District.
- B. No person shall remove or destroy any seal placed on a water meter by the District without the expressed authorization of the District.
- C. When the District has reasonable evidence that a consumer is obtaining water, in whole or in part, by means of devices or methods used to stop or interfere with the proper metering of the District service being delivered, the District reserves the right to estimate and present immediately a bill for service unmetered as a result of such interference and such bill shall be payable subject to a 24-hour disconnection of service.
- D. When the District shall have disconnected the consumer for any such reason, the District will reconnect the consumer upon the following conditions:
  - 1. The consumer will be required to deposit with the District, an amount sufficient to guarantee the payment of the consumer's bills for utility service to the District.
  - 2. The consumer will be required to pay the District for any and all damages to its equipment on the consumer's premises due to such stoppage or interference with its metering.
  - 3. The consumer must further agree to comply with reasonable requirements to protect the District against further losses.
- E. Sections 98.26 and 943.20, Wis. Stats., as relating to water service, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.