



The Corporation of
THE TOWNSHIP of JOHNSON

By-Law 2023-1057

Being a By-Law to enact rules and regulations for the installation, repair, maintenance, and access to Water Meters and related appurtenances within the serviced area of The Corporation of the Township of Johnson (known as the “Township” herein)

WHEREAS subsection 11.3.4 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended (the “*Municipal Act*”), states that the Township may pass by-laws respecting public utilities including systems that distribute Drinking Water to the Public, and

WHEREAS the Township has certain responsibilities for the distribution of Drinking Water within the jurisdiction The Township of Johnson, and

WHEREAS the Township is deemed to be the “water purveyor” as defined in subsection 1.4.1.2 (1) (b) of the Ontario Building Code, and

WHEREAS Part 7 of the Ontario Building Code, as amended, authorizes a municipality to regulate the connection of individual water services to a municipal potable water works, and

WHEREAS subsection 7.6.1.3 (5) of the Ontario Building Code states that where the water supply is to be metered, the installation of the meter, including the piping that is part of the meter installation and the valving arrangement for the meter installation, shall be according to the water purveyor’s requirements, and

WHEREAS subsection 80 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. c. 25, states that a municipality may, at reasonable times, enter on land to which it supplies a public utility, (a) to inspect, repair, alter or disconnect the service pipe or wire, machinery, equipment and other works used to supply the public utility; or (b) to inspect, install, repair, replace or alter a public utility meter, 2001, c. 25, s. 80 (1) And

WHEREAS subsection 391 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. c. 25, states that a municipality may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it, and

WHEREAS subsection 398 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. c. 25, states that fees and charges imposed by a municipality on a person constitute a debt of the person to the municipality, and

WHEREAS subsection 398 (2) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. c. 25, states that a municipality may add fees and charges to the tax roll of the property to which the public utility is supplied and collect them in the same manner as municipal taxes, and

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Johnson hereby enacts as follows:

(The Short Title for this By-Law shall be “Water Meter By-Law”)

- (a) No person, except authorized by the Township, shall permit, perform or cause to permit or to have performed tampering, un-sealing, reversal, and alteration of a Water Meter in any manner which may interfere with the proper registration of the quality of Water that passes through a Water Meter or ought to pass through a Water Meter.

- (b) No Person shall connect any pipes or other appurtenances to direct flow from a Private Water Service Pipe upstream of a Water Meter or the by-pass pipe and valves.
- (c) If the Township determines that a seal on a by-pass and/ or a Water Meter has been tampered with or is broken, then the Township will reset the by-pass valves in the closed position and re-seal the Water Meter.

TAMPERING FEE UPDATE

Customers found to be tampering with their water meter will be subject to a minimum \$400.00 penalty.

To avoid a tampering charge, please request a disconnection or reconnection of your water service for a \$50 fee. Requests for water disconnection/reconnection must be done at least 48 hours in-advance by calling the Township office at 705-782-6601.



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Clerk/CAO Janet Maguire