

**CITY OF STEUBENVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
UTILITY COLLECTION DIVISION
308 MARKET STREET
STEUBENVILLE, OHIO 43952**

**CHAPTER 921
Water**

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Compulsory water connections - see Ohio R.C. 729.06, 743.23
Tampering with water hydrants, pipes or meters; unauthorized connections - see GEN. OFF. 545.19
Annexations - see S.U. & P.S. Ch. 929
Water pipes - see BLDG. 1305.13, 1305.14
Fluoridation - see Ohio R.C. 6109.20
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921.01 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) The rules and regulations of the Department of Utilities Water Section for the City, a copy of which is attached to Ordinance 1989-22, and marked as Exhibit A, are hereby adopted.

(b) An amendment (which is attached to Ordinance 1992-38 and marked as Exhibit "A") which is titled Water Service Termination Policy be adopted and is hereby included and listed in Section 2. R of the City Rules and Regulations of the Department of Utilities Water Section.

(c) All new or replacement construction, commercial and institutional buildings, shall be constructed to incorporate meters of the compound type. All 2" or larger meters shall be of the compound meter type with strainers. Use of any other type of meter will be subject to approval of the Plumbing Inspector, based upon his analysis of utilization.

All meters size 1" or larger must be able to be read by the City's electronic reading equipment. (Ord. 2002-34. Passed 4-9-02.)

921.02 FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLY.

The City Water Works Division is hereby authorized to proceed with the introduction of fluorides into the water supply furnished within and without the City in such quantities as are required to maintain throughout the piped distribution system a fluoride concentration of approximately one part per million, subject to State Department of Health approval of the methods and procedures of fluoridation to be used by the City Water Works Division. (Ord. 1969-11. Passed 2-18-69.)

921.03 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL.

(a) A policy on cross-connection control, attached to original Ordinance 1998-59 as Exhibit A, is hereby enacted.

(b) The Superintendent of Water and the City Planning Inspector are hereby empowered to make any and all revisions to the policy on cross-connection control on an as needed basis once this policy is put into effect.

(c) If in the judgment of the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system, the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector.

(d) No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of Steubenville may enter the supply or distributing system of this Municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector of the City.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist, such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector shall deem necessary.

(f) The Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector of the City or their or its duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of Steubenville for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector any information, which they may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Superintendent of Water and Plumbing Inspector, be deemed evidence of presence of improper connections as provided by this section. (Ord. 1998-59. Passed 4-14-98.)

921.04 WATER RATES.

(a) That after thirty days have past after passage of Ordinance No. 2005-85 by Steubenville City Council, the following water rates shall be in effect:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water Rates</u>	<u>Minimum Bill</u>
1	\$7.11	\$14.22
2	8.59	17.18
3	8.77	17.54
4	8.37	16.74
5	8.35	16.70

(b) Water rate per 1,000 gallons.

(c) Each water supply service shall be subject to a minimum charge of 2,000 gallons per month. (Ord. 2005-85. Passed 10-11-05.)

921.05 WATER LIENS.

(a) Each water charge charged under or pursuant to Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Steubenville, is made a lien upon the corresponding lot, parcel of land, buildings or premises served by a connection to the water system of the City, and, if the same is not paid within ninety days after it shall become due and payable, it shall be certified to the Auditor of Jefferson County, at which time the lien shall vest, and the Auditor shall place the same on the tax duplicate of the County with the interest and penalties allowed by law and be collected as other taxes.

(b) The owners of real estate premises installing or maintaining water service shall be liable for all water charges incurred for service at said premises.

(c) Tenants of the owners of real estate premises serviced with water may contract with the City of Steubenville for such water service but such contract shall be in no way construed as to relieve the owner of the real estate premises of liability for said water service charges.

(d) After certifying to the County Auditor that water charges are unpaid and a lien as provided in subsection (a) hereof, the Finance Director or his designee is authorized and directed to shut off the water service to those real estate premises until such unpaid water charges have been paid.

(e) The owner of real estate premises by installing or maintaining water service from the City is deemed to assent to all rights and regulations of the Division of Water and ordinances of the City of Steubenville pertaining to water service and distribution.

(f) Any person aggrieved by the filing of a lien shall have the right to request a hearing before the Utilities Delinquency Review Board for resolution. (Ord. 2000-149. Passed 2-27-01.)

921.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.