

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP WATER
SYSTEM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ADOPTED BY ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AMENDING CHAPTER 452, SECTIONS 38 AND 44, CONCERNING WATER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF OTTAWA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 452-38. Chapter 452, Section 38, of the Code of Ordinances adopted by Allendale Charter Township, Ottawa County, State of Michigan, is hereby amended to state in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 452-38. METERS AND RIGHT OF ENTRY

- A. All water meters shall be located in a heated area with ceiling clearance of at least five feet. The water meter shall be located so it can be conveniently read and serviced. No person shall obstruct or interfere in any way with a water meter or component thereof by placing in, on, or about the water meter or a component thereof building materials, rubbish, shrubbery, flowers, or otherwise hindering easy and free access thereto. The Township's duly authorized employees or representatives bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter at any reasonable time any premises connected to the system for the purpose of reading, servicing, or replacing the water meter or inspecting the piping system(s) which are connected to the system. On request, a water customer shall provide the Township with all requested pertinent information concerning the piping system(s) which are connected to the system.

- B. If a request to enter a premises connected to the system for the purpose of reading, servicing, or replacing the water meter or inspecting the piping system(s) which are connected to the system is denied, then, in addition to any other enforcement remedies provided under this article; any other provision of this Code, any other ordinance of the Township, or by law, the Township can send to the water customer a seventy-two-hour water shutoff notice by certified mail or personal delivery. If the requested entry is not granted within 72 hours after the date of the shutoff notice, then the customer's public water service shall be turned off immediately and without further notice. Water service shall not be restored until the requested entry

has been granted and the service call turn on water after shutoff charge as is provided in the Rate Schedule has been paid in full.

- C. If any meter shall fail to register usage, or the meter cannot be read, the Township shall estimate the amount of water consumed based on four (4) prior billing periods of the same quarter and bill the customer for water and, if connected to the sewer system, for sewer, accordingly. Current water and sewer rates will apply.
- D. A water customer may request or the Township may require that a water meter be tested for accuracy in the event the customer feels the meter has registered usage that is too high. If the meter is found accurate based on current American Waterworks Association standards, the customer will be responsible for the full amount of the bill and the cost of the testing as provided in the rate schedule. If the meter is found to be inaccurate based on current American Waterworks Association standards, a new meter or measuring chamber shall be installed and the water customer will not be charged for the test or the meter replacement. The Township shall estimate the amount of water consumed based on four (4) prior billing periods of the same quarter and bill the customer for water and, if connected to the sewer system, for sewer, accordingly. Current water and sewer rates will apply.

Section 2. Amendment of Chapter 452-44. Chapter 452, Section 44, of the Code of Ordinances adopted by Allendale Charter Township, Ottawa County, State of Michigan, is hereby amended to state in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 452-44. FIRE HYDRANT USE OR OBSTRUCTION

- A. No person, except an employee of the Township or other person duly authorized by the Township, shall open or use any fire hydrant, except in case of an emergency, without first securing written permission from the Township and paying the charge as provided in the Rate Schedule. No tool, other than the prescribed Township fire hydrant wrench, shall be used to open any fire hydrant. See also Article II, Cross-Connection Control, of Chapter 452, Water, of the Code of the Charter Township of Allendale.
- B. No person shall, in any manner, obstruct or prevent free access to or place or store, temporarily or otherwise, any object, material, debris, automobile or structure of any kind within a distance of 10 feet of any fire hydrant. No person shall heap or pile snow within a four-foot radius of the fire hydrant. Each person who has a fire hydrant on that person's premises shall keep the fire hydrant and the surrounding area within a four-foot radius of the fire hydrant free and clear from piled and accumulated snow.

Section 3. Administrative Liability. No officer, agent, or employee of the Township shall be personally liable for any damages the Township may accrue to any person as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of duties under and in the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability and Captions. This Ordinance and its various sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, and clauses are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected. Pronouns shall be read as masculine, feminine, or neuter as may be appropriate. Captions appearing at the beginning of any section shall not be deemed as part of this Ordinance and shall have no independent significance.

Section 5. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are in conflict in whole or in part with any of the provisions of this Ordinance as of its effective date are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Effective Date. The foregoing Allendale Charter Township Water System Ordinance Amendment was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Allendale Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, on _____, 2026, after introduction of first reading on _____, 2026, and publication after such first reading as required by Michigan Act 359 of 1947, as amended. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication on _____, in _____ newspaper having general circulation in the Township.

ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Dated-----, 2026

By: _____
Adam Elenbaas
Its: Supervisor

By: _____
Jody Hansen
Its: Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Jody Hansen, the Clerk for Allendale Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Allendale Charter Township Water System Ordinance Amendment was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on _____, 2026. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: _____

_____ The following members of the Township Board were absent: _____.

The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the _____ voting in favor and members of the Board _____ voting in opposition. Notice of Adoption of the Ordinance was published in the *Grand Rapids Press* on _____, 2026.

Jody Hansen, Clerk
Allendale Charter Township