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SELECT BOARD REGULATION

Chicopee Row/North Street – System Development Fee

Date Adopted: July 1, 2024

Pursuant to the vote of Article 12 of the 2023 Spring Town Meeting, as amended by Article 9 of the 2023 Fall Town Meeting, the Town of Groton has approved the creation of the Chicopee Row/North Street (Groton) and Kemp Street/Groton Street (Dunstable) Water Extension to bring potable drinking water to the Groton Dunstable Regional High School and private homes, required for the treatment of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in said water supply sources due to the contamination of the well located at the Groton Dunstable Regional High School. The Select Board has adopted the following System Development Fee Schedule for domestic water services for this new water main.

1. This defined service shall be Chicopee ROW and North Street in Groton and Groton Street and Kemp Street in Dunstable. This defined service area shall not include new building construction and/or future developments on the streets mentioned above. New Building Construction is defined as any property with a building permit issued after July 1, 2024.
2. Customers connecting a new service line (domestic or fire service) typically pay a System Development Fee and connection costs, including materials and labor, incurred by the Groton Water Department and/or other private contractors.
3. The collection of all water usage, rates, fees and charges shall remain with the Groton Board of Water Commissioners and are not subject to this System Development Fee Schedule. All new users under this agreement shall pay the same water usage rates, fees, and charges as other Groton Water Department Customers.
5. All System Development Fees are payable in full to the Town of Groton prior to the installation of the water meter.
5. All water service lines installed on private property shall conform to the Groton Water Department's Rules and Regulations and be done by a competent and properly licensed experienced excavation personnel. The Groton Water Department reserves the right to accept and/or reject any installation contractor it deems unfit for installation of the water service lines.

6. The Town of Groton shall provide water service to homes that are within the current water pressure zone of the Groton Water Supply System. The Town of Groton and/or the Groton Water Department shall not be responsible for increasing the water pressure to any dwelling unit serviced by this water line beyond the property line. Augmentation of pressure due to elevation and/or distance from the Right of Way shall be the responsibility of the homeowner.
7. There shall be no cross connections between private well water and the Groton Water Supply System.
8. All fire service connections shall serve as dedicated fire lines and shall not have domestic water connections made to them.
9. Each dwelling unit and/or structure shall be serviced by a single and separate water line. Water service line sizes shall conform to the Groton Water Department's schedule. Furthermore, each dwelling unit and/or structure shall be separately metered. In cases where there is a multi-family structure, a single larger sized water line may service the building, however each dwelling unit shall be assessed a separate water connection fee as set forth and be separately metered where practical.
10. Each dwelling unit shall have a residential water meter, shut-off valve, and check valve, to be paid for by the homeowner. All water meters, shut-off valves and check valves shall be purchased directly through the Groton Water Department to ensure uniformity with materials used by the Groton Water Department and meter reading equipment.
11. Groton Water Department inspectional fees shall be paid for by the homeowner.
12. A Massachusetts licensed plumber shall make all internal water connections from the new water line to the homeowners internal plumbing. This and all other internal plumbing needs shall be the responsibility of the Homeowner. In some instances, a expansion tank may be required on the hot water tank.
13. The Groton Water Department shall invoice all Fire Service Lines which are not part of any revenue sharing between the Town of Groton and the Water Department.

All System Development Fee revenue for domestic water services collected shall be shared on a 50/50 cost share between the Town and the Water Department for a period of 1 year after the completion of the Water Main Installation but no later than December 31, 2026. If the Town of Groton receives a State or Federal Grant for the Phase 1 construction, the Select Board may adjust the revenue sharing costs identified above.

Groton Select Board have instituted a reduced System Development Fee Structure under this agreement thru December 31, 2026 for existing structures or properties with a building permit issued prior to July 1, 2024. There shall be no reduced fee for Fire Service Lines. The proposed System Development Fee Schedule is for domestic water service lines and is as follows:

1" Service Line	\$ 2,000.00	
1-1/4" Service Line	\$ 2,352.00	If greater than 300 feet from the Right of Way
1-1/2" Service Line	\$ 3,058.00	
2" Service Line	\$ 4,704.00	
3" Service Line	\$ 5,880.00	
4" Service Line	\$ 8,232.00	

The Groton Select Board shall waive all System Development Fees for all properties in Groton and Dunstable that have had their well water contaminated by Aqueous Film-Forming Foam related to the Groton Dunstable Regional High School contamination plume. In these cases, the Town of Groton shall purchase from the Groton Water Department, at cost, a water meter, shut-off valve and check valve. The Town of Groton shall also pay for the installation of the new service line to the home and internal plumbing required to connect the new water service line to the plumbing.

Duly Adopted by the Groton Select Board


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