

ORDINANCE 2018-3
REGARDING ILLEGAL TURN-ON OF WATER AND
DAMAGE TO TOWN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Town of Camden provides water services to the residents of the Town of Camden, Indiana, and,

WHEREAS, said water services are terminated by the Town upon nonpayment for said services, and,

WHEREAS, some residents of said town, without authorization, have turned the water back on after shut-off, and

WHEREAS, no consumer or other person, whose water service has been turned off for any reason, shall turn the water on or re-open the service or permit the same to be done by any person, except by order of the water superintendent.

WHEREAS, such illegal turn-on constitutes a theft of water in said Town of Camden,

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordained:

(A) The Water Superintendent or his designee shall have free access, at all reasonable hours, to all parts of a premises to which water is supplied to make necessary examinations and inspections.

(B) Water service will be immediately terminated when an illegal turn-on is found. Normal notice given to customers prior to shut-off will not be required in cases involving theft, vandalism or damage to Water Utility property.

(C) A report will be made to the Prosecutor of Carroll County, Indiana, by the Town Marshal when a resident or any person on the property has turned water back on after said water has been shut-off for non-payment for water service. In addition to notice given to the Prosecutor, the Town make take civil action for any and all damages to Town property to collect for repairs with costs and reasonable attorney fees. If civil action is taken, the Town shall have the right to collect all reasonable costs and necessary disbursements and reasonable attorney fees as a result of the lawsuit.

(D) Said resident will be charged a reconnect fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each illegal connection regardless of the number of times that said water services are necessary to be disconnected due to illegal turn-on.

(E) There will be no reconnect of said water service until all said fee(s) and fines are paid and the account is brought current.

Whoever damages, destroys or permits to be damaged or destroyed any meter, pipe, hydrant, shut off valve, any kind of valve or other apparatus belonging to the Town of Camden Water Utility or whoever prevents a water meter from duly registering the quantity of water supplied or in any way interferes with its proper action or just registration, or whoever, without the consent of the Town of Camden Water Utility by its proper officers, diverts any water from any pipe line or fire hydrant of the Water Utility or otherwise uses or caused to be used, without the consent of the Water Utility, any water distributed by the Water Utility or whoever attempts any of the above, shall be guilty of a violation and shall be held financially responsible for all costs associated with necessary repairs. Employees of the Town of Camden, while engaged in work activities for the town, are exempt from this section.

This ordinance will take effect after its passage and publication as required by law.


ORDAINED on the 10 day of October, 2018.

Town Council, Camden, Indiana


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