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GENERAL REFERENCES

Plumbing – See Ch. 154.
Sewers – See Ch. 168.

Public Works Department – See Ch. 229.
Water Department – See Ch. 248.

Article I**Department Operation****§ 235-1. General**

- A. In order to assure the proper disposal of sewage and wastewater and the proper operation and maintenance of the public sewers, sewage treatment plant and other sewage works within the Town of Lee and to provide an adequate record of sewers, drains, appurtenances and connections thereto, the following regulations are enacted by the Town of Lee under the authority of Chapter 303 of the Acts of 1945.
- B. Refer to Town of Lee Department of Public Works Construction Standards for Roads and Municipal Utilities, in chapter **§229**. Work performed under this Chapter shall be completed in accordance with the referenced document.

§ 235-2. Definitions and word usage

- A. Definitions – Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meanings of terms used in these regulations shall be as follows:

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – The duly appointed members of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Lee or its authorized superintendent, agent or representatives.

BOD – Biochemical Oxygen Demand. The quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five days at 20°C, expressed in milligrams per liter by weight.

CHLORINE DEMAND – The amount of chlorine that must be added to water or waste to produce a residual chlorine content of at least 0.1 milligrams per liter after a minimum contact time of 10 minutes.

DRAIN LAYER or LICENSED DRAIN LAYER – Either an individual, partnership or corporation to whom or to which the Town of Lee has issued a license to install, alter or repair sewers, sewer connections, hose connections, etc., during the period when such license is valid.

NATURAL OUTLET – Any outlet into a watercourse, pond, ditch, lake or other body of surface or ground water.

PERSON – Any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation or group.

PH – The logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

SEWAGE – Wastewater or water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments. Sewage shall be further classified as follows:

1. **DOMESTIC OR SANITARY SEWAGE –** The solid and liquid wastes from toilet and lavatory fixtures, kitchens, laundries, bathtubs, shower baths or equivalent plumbing fixtures as discharged from dwellings, public buildings, commercial businesses and industrial buildings.
2. **INDUSTRIAL SEWAGE OR WASTES –** The water-carried wastes of any industrial process, as distinct from domestic or sanitary sewage. All substances carried in industrial wastes, whether dissolved, in suspension or mechanically carried by water, shall be considered as industrial wastes.
3. **STORMWATER –** The runoff or discharge of rain and melted snow or other water from roofs, surfaces of public or private lands or elsewhere. Stormwater also shall include subsoil drainage as defined in Subsection 4 below.
4. **SUBSOIL DRAINAGE –** Water from the soil percolating into subsoil drains and through foundation walls, basement floors or underground pipes.
5. **COOLING WATER –** The wastewater from air conditioning, industrial cooling, condensing and hydraulically powered equipment or similar apparatus.
6. **GARBAGE –** Solid wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of food and from the handling, storage and sale of produce. “Properly shredded garbage” shall mean garbage, which has been shredded so that no garbage particles will be greater than ½ inch in any direction.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT – Any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

SEWAGE WORKS – All facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sewage or wastewater owned by the Town of Lee.

SEWER or DRAIN – The pipe or conduit, together with manholes and other structures or equipment appurtenant thereto, provided to carry sewage, waste liquids, stormwater or other waters. Sewers shall be further classified as follows:

1. PUBLIC SEWER – A trunk, main or lateral sewer up to and including the Y-branch or tee provided for connection thereto and to which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights and which is controlled by public authority. The public sewer does not include the building or house connection lateral after it is connected with a building sewer.
2. SANITARY SEWER – A sewer which carries only sanitary sewage and to which stormwater, subsoil drainage and cooling water are not intentionally admitted.
3. COMBINED SEWER – A sewer receiving both stormwater and domestic sewage, including acceptable discharge of industrial wastes, subsoil drainage and cooling water. **(Combined Sewers are no longer allowed.)**
4. STORM SEWER or STORM DRAIN – A pipeline carrying stormwater, subsoil drainage, acceptable cooling water or other reasonable clean waters but excluding domestic and polluted industrial waste.
5. BUILDING SANITARY DRAIN – That part of the lowest horizontal piping of a building drainage system that receives the waste and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five feet outside the inner face of the building wall.
6. BUILDING OR HOUSE SEWER – The extension from the building sanitary drain to the public sewer.
7. BUILDING CONNECTION LATERAL – The pipe laid incidental to the original construction of a public sewer from said public sewer up to some point at the side of the street, highway or similar location and there capped, having been provided and intended for extension and for use at some time thereafter as part of a building or house sewer connection.

SLUG – Any discharge of water, sewage or industrial waste which, in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow, exceeds for any period of duration longer than 15 minutes more than five times the average twenty-four hour concentration or flows during normal operation.

SUSPENDED SOLIDS – Solids that either float on the surface of or are in suspension in water, sewage or other liquids and which are removable by filtering as prescribed in Standard Methods for Examination of Water, Sewage and Industrial Waste, American Public Health Association.

TOWN – The Town of Lee.

WATERCOURSE – A channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

B. Word usage. “Shall” is mandatory; “may” is permissive.

§ 235-3. Waste disposal, use of public sewers required.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the Town of Lee, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said Town of Lee, any human or animal excrement, garbage or other objectionable waste.
- B. It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet or storm sewer within the Town of Lee, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said Town of Lee, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this regulation.
- C. The owners of all houses, buildings or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purpose situated within the Town and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary or combined sewer are hereby required, at their own expense, to install suitable toilet facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this regulation within seven days after the date of official notice to do so.

§ 235-4. Restrictions, Pretreatment, Measurements & Tests.

- A. No person shall discharge into any public sewer of the Town of Lee any waste, substance or waters other than such kinds or types of waters or water-carried wastes for the conveyance of which the particular public sewer is intended, designed or provided.
- B. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, air conditioning and refrigerating wastewater or unpolluted industrial process waters to any sanitary sewer. Note: the state has stormwater pollution prevention regulations.
- C. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewer:
 - 1. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150°F.
 - 2. Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 milligrams per liter by weight of fat, oil, or grease or containing other substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between 32°F and 150°F.
 - 3. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, alcohol, tar, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, gas or vapor.

4. Any household garbage that is not properly shredded. The installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of $\frac{3}{4}$ horsepower or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Public Works.
5. Any ashes, cinders, stones, sand, mud, straw, shavings or sawdust, metal, sticks, course rubbish, glass, rags, tar, feathers, plastics, waste rubber, animal guts or tissues, entrails, blood, hair, hides, wood, paunch manure or any other substance likely to damage, destroy or cause an obstruction to the flow in any sewer or which may interfere with the proper operation of the sewerage works.
6. Any waters, sewage or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.5 or having any other corrosive or detrimental property capable of causing damage or hazard to the sewerage works or personnel.
7. Toxic substances.
 - a. Any waters or wastes containing a toxic, poisonous or radioactive substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process or to constitute a hazard to humans, animals or marine life or create any hazard in the receiving waters.
 - b. The following toxic or poisonous substances shall not be present in any appreciable quantity of industrial or commercial process discharges in excess of the following limits in milligrams per liter by weight, maximum day:

	<u>milligrams per liter</u>
Arsenic	0.22
Cadmium	0.13
Chromium	12.42
Copper	0.93
Cyanide	0.82
Lead	0.38
Mercury	0.04
Nickel	0.81
Silver	0.89
Zinc	1.12

If Massachusetts DEP standards for these substances are more stringent, or for substances not named here, then the tighter standard shall apply.

- c. Any Radioactive wastes or materials of any quantity.
8. Any noxious, malodorous or taste-producing gas, vapor or substance, such as phenols, capable of creating a public or private nuisance or which may prove toxic to sewage treatment processes or which may exceed acceptable limits for discharge to receiving waters.
9. Materials which exert or cause:
 - a. Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids, such as but not limited to; fuller's earth, lime slurries and lime residues, or of dissolved solids, such as but not limited to; sodium chloride and sodium sulfate.

- b. Excessive discoloration such as but not limited to; dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions.
 - c. Unusual BOD, suspended solids, chemical oxygen demand or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.
 - d. Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting slugs, as defined herein.
 - 10. Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plant effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over the discharge to the receiving waters.
- E. Board of Public Works determinations.
- 1. If any waters or wastes are discharged or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Subsection D of this section and which, in the judgement of the Board of Public Works, may have a deleterious effect upon the sewage works, processes, equipment or receiving waters or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the Board of Public Works may:
 - a. Reject the wastes;
 - b. Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers;
 - c. Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge; and/or
 - d. Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges.
 - 2. If the Board of Public Works permits the pretreatment and/or equalization of waste flows, the design and installation of the plant and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Public Works and of any or all state or federal regulatory agencies having jurisdiction, and no construction of such facilities shall be commenced until said approvals are obtained, in writing.
- F. Determination of exclusion of wastes. In determining whether any waste discharged or proposed to be discharged into any public sewer is to be excluded, consideration will be given to the quantity, time or times, rate and manner of discharge, dilution and character of the waste in question, the size of the sewer into which the waste is to be discharged, the probable quantity of sewage or other wastes likely in said sewer and other pertinent facts. Minute quantities of a waste which would be objectionable in larger quantity may be accepted if sufficiently diluted when and as discharged or if the quantity discharged is small as compared with the flow in the receiving sewer, but any permission to discharge minute quantities of an otherwise excluded waste shall be revocable at any time by the Board of Public Works.
- G. Pretreatment Facilities.

1. At all premises where wastes or substances specified to be excluded from public sewers by these regulations are present and liable to be discharged directly or indirectly into said sewers, suitable and sufficient piping layouts, oil, grease, sand and flammable waste traps or separators, screens, settling tanks, diluting devices, storage or regulating chambers, treatment, cooling, or other equipment and devices shall be provided. These shall be maintained and properly operated by the owner of the premises or his or her agent at his or her expense to ensure that no waste or substance is discharged in violation of the requirements of these regulations.
 2. On premises where any of the wastes or substances as described in this Subsection G are present, the Board of Public Works may require the owner to provide, operate and maintain, at his or her expense, a sampling well or wells, flow measuring devices, manholes or other appurtenances, all readily accessible, on the building sewer or drain from said premises near the point where said sewer or drain connects to the public sewer. By means of said sampling well or wells, flow measuring devices, manholes or other appurtenances, the owner, occupants of said premises, said Board of Public Works or its agents or any public officer having legal jurisdiction may secure samples of or examine the wastes being discharged into the public sewer for the purpose of determining compliance or noncompliance with the requirements of these regulations.
 3. The Board of Public Works or its agents shall have the right to enter and inspect any part of the premises served by public sewers upon which there may be reason to believe that violations of the requirements of these regulations have occurred or are likely to occur for the purpose of ascertaining the fact as to such violation or suspected violation or of obtaining samples of wastes or of inspection flow measuring devices or treatment facilities provided to prevent prohibited discharges.
- H. A combined sewer may not be used.
- I. All measurements, tests and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this section shall be determined in accordance with the latest Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Sewage. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected.
- J. No statement contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the Town and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the Town for treatment, subject to payment therefor by the industrial concern.

§ 235-5. Discharge from private systems.

- A. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into any public sewer, either directly or indirectly, any overflow or effluent from a septic tank, cesspool, subsurface drainage trench, bed or filter or other receptacle storing organic waste.
- B. The contents of privy vaults, septic tanks or cesspools may be delivered and will be processed at the municipal sewage treatment plant, provided that:

1. Such contents consist of only domestic or commercial wastes, excluding any industrial wastes or substances specified to be excluded from public sewers by these regulations.
 2. Such contents are transported in sanitary, watertight vehicles equipped with suitable valve outlet and meeting such requirements as may be stipulated by local or state health agencies.
 3. The Department of Public Works issues a permit.
 4. The vendor pays the fee established by the Board of Public Works.
 5. Delivery of such contents is made to the sewage treatment plant site during hours established by the Department of Public Works.
 6. One or more copies of the permit form for the discharge of such contents are surrendered to the sewage treatment plant operator or his or her agent, which verifies in writing that the delivery contains no substances or wastes known to be harmful to the sewage treatment plant or its treatment processes.
- C. Permits issued under this section are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued. All permits are subject to cancellation, revocation or suspension by the Board of Public Works when such action is deemed necessary to safeguard the sewerage works.

§ 235-6. Authorization to work on public sewer system.

- A. Connections to, alteration to or repairs to any public sewer or the manholes or other appurtenances of said sewer system in the Town of Lee shall not be made by any person without a permit issued by the Department of Public Works.
- B. No unauthorized person shall open the cover or enter or alter any manhole or other appurtenance of any public sewer or place or insert in any public sewer or its appurtenances any foreign material which said sewer or its appurtenances was not intended to receive, nor shall any person damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper in any way with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is part of the sewerage works. Any person violating this provision of these regulations shall be subject to arrest under a charge of disorderly conduct, trespass or malicious destruction of property.

§ 235-7. Sewer Permits & Fees.

- A. Permit classifications and fees:
1. There shall be two classes of building permits for sewers:
 - a. Class A for residential and commercial service; and
 - b. Class B for service to establishments producing industrial wastes.
 2. In either case, the owner or his or her agent shall make an application on a special form furnished by the Town.

3. The application shall state the location and character of the work to be performed, the person granted permission to perform such work, the time limit for completion of the work, the general character of the wastes which are or may be discharged into the sewer in question and any other pertinent information or conditions. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgement of the Board of Public Works. A property owner desiring to use available sewer service shall apply to the Department of Public Works office, complete and sign an application form and pay a fee for each application in accordance with the current "Fee Schedule". For purposes of calculating sewer use as a new tie in connection or as an addition to an existing building, the applicant must base the sewer service on MA Title V flow estimates or professional engineering estimates when Title V does not apply.
- B. All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner of the property served shall maintain all building sewers. When a building connection lateral has been connected with a building sewer, the lateral shall become and thereafter be a part of such building connection and shall be maintained at the expense of the owner(s) of the property served.
- C. No person, other than those working for and under the direction of the Department of Public Works, shall excavate, construct, install, lay, repair, alter or remove any building or house sewer, or any appurtenance thereof, within the Town of Lee right of way if such sewer is connected or discharged or is intended at some future time to be connected or discharged, directly or indirectly, into any public sewer of said Town until said person has a permit secured by the owner or his or her agent of the property in question for doing such work, and further provided that said person has been granted a license to perform said work by the Board of Public Works under the stipulations and requirements of **§ 235-8** of these regulations.

§ 235-8. Authorized personnel – drain layers.

- A. Only the following person(s) shall construct, repair, alter or remove building sewers or make connections there from to a public sewer:
 1. Regular forces of or a contractor employed by the Department of Public Works.
 2. Regular forces of any public utility corporation while engaged in work incidental to the regular structures of said utility company operating under a permit issued by the Department of Public Works.
 3. Any person who shall have been licensed by the Department of Public Works to perform work of this type during the period provided by the license and under the conditions of the license. Such persons shall be called "licensed drain layers", as defined in § 235-2A; however, it is not the intent of this section to restrict the usual work of plumbers or others working in accordance with any local plumbing and building codes. Plumbers and others may work on pipes within and not more than five feet outside the walls of any structure, provided that no connection to a public sewer shall be made by such persons without a permit from the Department of Public Works, irrespective of the distance of said public sewer from the structure in question. All drains and fixtures within structures shall be connected by plumbers and others in conformity with the requirements of these regulations as to what may or what may not be discharged into public sewers.

B. The following regulations shall apply to licensed drain layers:

1. Application for permit; fee.
 - a. Any person desiring to be licensed as a drain layer in the Town of Lee shall file an application, in writing, with the Department of Public Works, furnishing such information as the Department of Public Works may require with respect to his or her qualifications and qualifications of his or her personnel.
 - b. The fee for a drain layer's permit shall be in accordance with the fee schedule and shall be paid before any permit is granted. The Department of Public Works may withhold the issuance of a license for a period of 21 days after filing of an application. After making such investigation, and as the Department of Public Works deems necessary, it will issue a license to any applicant, including master plumbers, contractors or others, who are deemed to be qualified on the basis of experience and training.
2. Each license is valid for the calendar year in which they were issued., Each license shall be nontransferable and may be renewed annually upon the payment of a renewal fee per the schedule of fees.
3. The Board of Public Works may at any time revoke the license of a drain layer for any violation of these regulations.
4. Any person licensed as a drain layer shall give personal attention to the work performed and shall employ only competent persons who are familiar with the provisions of these regulations.
5. Each licensed drain layer shall:
 - a. indemnify the Town of Lee for any negligence or omission of the applicant or his or her agents while operating under the license applied for;
 - b. reimburse the Town of Lee for any expense to said Town arising from any injury or damage to any sewer or other property of said Town or by reason of any violation by the applicant or his or her agents of any requirement of these regulations;
 - c. faithfully execute all work required under the license as granted;
 - d. restore that portion of any street or public place in which the applicant may have made an excavation incidental to his or her work to as good a condition as it was prior to said work and also shall maintain said street or public place in like good condition to the satisfaction of said municipality for a period of twelve (12) months after said restoration;
 - e. reimburse the Town of Lee or the State of Massachusetts for any expense of repairs to any street or public place made necessary by reason or any excavation made by the applicant; and

- f. comply with all rules, regulations, laws, etc., relative to work in public streets and public places.
- 6. Each licensed drain layer shall file with the Department of Public Works a certificate or certificates of public liability and property damage insurance, which shall remain in full force for at least 13 months from the date of application, in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for injuries, including accidental death, to any one person and, subject to the same limit for each person, in an amount not less than \$500,000 on account of any one accident and property damage insurance in an amount not less than \$250,000. The municipality shall be included as an insured, or, in lieu thereof, the drain layer shall file with the Department of Public Works and owner's protective liability and property damage insurance policy in the same limits as aforementioned. Each insurance certificate and policy shall contain a statement by the insurance carrier not to cancel the policy or policies except upon 15 days' notice to the Department of Public Works.
- 7. Each licensed drain layer shall file with the Department of Public Works a certificate of policy covering workers' compensation insurance which shall remain in full force for at least 13 months from the date of application.

§ 235-9. Materials and Workmanship.

The following requirements of this section shall apply to any person licensed to do sewer work and who has a building or house sewer permit to do such sewer work as provided in §§ 235-7 and 235-8 of these regulations;

- A. Old building sewers may be used and connected to a public sewer, when serving new buildings, only when they are found on examination or test by the Department of Public Works to meet all requirements of this section and referenced sections. The Department of Public Works may require, where indicated, the uncovering of old sewers for inspection.
- B. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building, except that, when two or more buildings are so situate that separate and independent building sewers for each building would be impractical or impose unnecessary hardship, the Board of Public Works may authorize a single building sewer connection to the public sewer, subject to such terms and conditions as to easement, design and construction as the Board of Public Works may require.
- C. By reference, the standards of Lee Department of Public Works **§ 229-3, Construction Standards for Roads and Municipal Utilities**, are incorporated into this chapter and establish the minimum requirements for materials and workmanship required for work on or within the sewer system.

§ 235-10. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person found to be violating any provision of these regulations, except § 235-6, shall be served by the Town of Lee with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.
- B. Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall be fined not more than \$100. Each day that any violation of these regulations continues and each day that any person

continues to discharge prohibited wastes or substances into any public sewer shall be deemed to be a separate offense for the purpose of applying the penalty provided in this section.

- C. Any person violating any of the provisions of this regulation shall be liable to the Town of Lee for any expense, loss or damage occasioned the municipality by reason of such violation.

§ 235-11. Severability, repealer.

If any section, clause, sentence or provision of this regulation shall be adjudged invalid or unenforceable, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof, but all other provisions shall be deemed valid and effective and shall remain in full force and effect. All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§ 235-12. Sewer Charges

- A. The property owner shall be responsible for the payment of sewer bills.
- B. Property owners charged a flat rate for sewer service (not metered) shall be billed for such service on Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.
- C. The charge for a facility shall be in accordance with the Town of Lee, Massachusetts “**Fee Schedule**”, unless the Board of Public Works has authorized a percentage increase or decrease.
- D. A percentage increase or decrease shall apply to all facilities.
- E. Charges for sewer service to a new account shall start when the sewer line is connected on the new service.
- F. Consumers using metered service shall be billed per the water meter reading. In the case of meter failure, sewer charges shall be based upon previous registration for a like period.

§ 235-13. Abatements

- A. The Board of Public Works may allow an abatement when extraordinary circumstances warrant such an action.
- B. The applicant shall submit a written request to the Board of Public Works in accordance with the Water Regulations §248-8. Abatements.
- C. No abatement shall be allowed until the Board of Public Works has approved and signed the application.

235-14. Billing Customers who do not use Town Water.

- A. Customers who are on Town Sewer, but are not on Town Water will be billed based on Title 5 provisions . The charge for Title 5 will be set by the Board of Public Works whenever it sets a Sewer Rate based on meter readings and recorded in the fee schedule. If a customer wishes, they can at their own expense, install a master water meter to Town specifications, the readings from which will be used to determine the sewer bill.

235-15. Billing Customers who use a sub meter.

- A.. The Town of Lee will allow a customer, at the customer's expense, to install a sub meter for non sewer uses (outside uses such as watering of lawns and gardens, washing cars and filling swimming pools, as well as, inside uses such as green houses and other commercial and industrial non sewer uses). The reading from the sub meter will be deducted from a customer's master meter reading to determine the sewer bill.
- B. The Town of Lee will from time to time and at its convenience inspect the lines fed by a customer's sub meter. If it is found that a customer is feeding water through said sub meter for a usage that discharges into the Town Sewer, said customer may lose the right to use the sub meter to determine their sewer bill and is responsible for all back charges of said usage. The Board of Public Works will at a routine meeting determine actions necessary to remedy the improper usage of a sub meter by a customer.
- C. A sub meter shall be installed to the following minimal specifications:
1. The meter and radio transmitter must be fully compatible with the Town's current radio read equipment.
 2. The meter shall be installed according to Massachusetts plumbing code.
 3. The meter shall read in cubic feet.
 4. The meter need not be equipped with meter horn and valves. A customer can use meter couplings.
 5. The meter need not be lead free as long as it does not feed taps used for drinking and food preparation.
 6. Prior to installing a sub meter, the Water Department must be contacted and the meter and radio reader must be logged in and initialized.
 7. All water lines fed by a sub meter shall be clearly marked so that an inspector can easily determine where said water goes. For this purpose, banding the lines every five feet with colored duct tape is sufficient.
 8. After the meter is installed, a representative of the Water and/or Sewer Department will inspect the installation to determine if the lines only feed non sewer uses.
 9. There will be a minimal charge, as established on the "Fee Schedule" for inspection and for initiating records to monitor the sub meter.
 10. No portion of the water which is measured by the sub meter shall drain into the Town's sewer system or the sub meter installation will not be approved.
 11. All sub meter equipment installation and maintenance is the responsibility of the customer. If the radio transmitter fails, the Town will at the request and expense of the customer, manually read the sub meter. At the customer's request, manual readings of the sub meter need not be quarterly but semi-annual or annual.