

IMPORTANT UPDATE

PLEASE REVIEW LOCAL LAW No. 6 of 2015 REGARDING INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS

LOCAL LAW No. 6 OF 2015 A LOCAL LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT TO AMEND CHAPTER 239 (Sewers)

Chapter 239

SEWERS

Section 239-32. Determination and administration of charges.

A. All property owners may apply to the Board of Trustees of the amount of their water usage which is used to calculate the sewer rents due hereunder. Such application shall include all evidence to establish the degree and amount of water usage which is claimed to be applied for any water uses which do not result in discharges into the sewerage system or any reason why the property owner claims that the water usage amount is incorrect. Based upon the preponderance of the evidence presented, the Board may grant an adjustment of the water usage, depending on the volume of water usage it finds is not discharged into the sewerage system. Deadlines for requesting this adjustment shall be determined by the Board of Trustees with written notice by regular mail to all commercial properties and notices posted in Village Hall and on the Village website. The Board may designate other Village officials to hear the evidence presented and to make recommendations to the Board. The filing of an application for an adjustment does not relieve property owners from the obligation to make timely payment of sewer rents. In the event the Board grants an adjustment and the sewer rent has already been paid, a refund shall be promptly made but in no event more than 90 days from the date the application was made. Interest at the rate of 3% per annum shall be paid on all refunds paid after this deadline

Section 239-32. Determination and administration of charges.

A. All property owners *who install a water meter approved by the Village of Northport* shall be eligible to apply for an adjustment in their sewer rent due hereunder. **The Village of Northport approved water meter shall be used to calculate any reduction to the property owners sewer rent bill. The water meter shall be the exclusive method in which a property owner can establish the degree of and amount of water usage which is not being discharged into the sewer system, thereby be eligible to receive a credit from their the sewer rent bill. Such application shall be the exclusive method to establish any reduction in the sewer rent due hereunder. The type, model and installation of the water meter must be approved by the Village of Northport and the property owner must consent to Village personnel going on their property for the purposes of reading the water meter. If a property owner decides not install a water meter authorized and approved by the Village of Northport the property owners recourse shall be limited to an automatic reduction of ten percent (10%) off their sewer rent bill for water that does not enter the sewer system. Notwithstanding the above, If a property owner does not install a water meter approved by the Village of Northport, but the property owner can establish by a preponderance of the evidence and said evidence is substantiated by the Suffolk County Water Authority that the property owner had a leak causing the property owners water usage to substantially increase because of said leak, and said water usage did not result in discharges to the sewer system then the property owner may apply to the Board for a reduction greater than ten percent (10%). Deadlines for**

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Effective date of this local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.