

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SECOR FOR THE REGULATION AND  
OPERATION OF THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the Village to revise and combine prior ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board now seeks to amend outdated ordinance language and establish updated guidelines for the water works system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Secor, Woodford County, Illinois that:

**SECTION 1.** The charges for water service made by the Village of Secor to properties within said Village and surrounding area are billed to users monthly.

**SECTION 2.** The Village President shall appoint a committee of three (3) from the Board of Trustees to serve as the Water Committee of said village. The Water Committee shall have general control and supervision of the water system and the village is hereby authorized to appoint a supervisor of the village water system and all other necessary employees. The supervisor shall have general management and control of the water works system subject, however, to the supervision of the Water Committee and Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 3.** No person shall in any manner obstruct the access to any stop cock, hydrant or valve, or any public faucet or opening for taking water in any street, alley, public ground, or place connected with or part of said water system, nor pile or place any lumber, brick, or building material or other article, thing, or hindrance whatsoever within twelve (12) feet of the same, or so as to in any manner hinder, delay, or obstruct the members of the Fire Department in reaching the same. It shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to interfere with or obstruct the flow, retention, storage, or authorized use of water in said water system reservoir or plant or any part thereof, or injure, deface, remove, or displace any water main, hydrant, service pipe, shutoff box, public fountain, valve, engine, or building connected with said water system or plant or to cause, suffer, or permit any of said things to be done.

**SECTION 4.** No person not duly authorized shall turn on the water at any fire hydrant or service cock, or use water therefrom when so turned on.

**SECTION 5.** All connection and water applied for hereunder, and all water used hereunder, shall be upon the express condition that the Village of Secor shall not be liable, nor shall any claim be made against it for damages or injury caused by reason of the breaking of any main, branches, service pipes, apparatus, or appurtenances connected with said system or plant, or any part or

portion of said plant, or for any interruption of the supply by reason of the breakage of machinery, or by reason of stoppage, alterations, extension, or renewals.

SECTION 6. Persons or corporations desiring to use village water for building or construction purposes shall make application therefore in writing and file the same with the City Clerk for the purpose upon a permit being granted (permits shall be issued in writing and signed by the Water Committee). The service tubing or pipe shall be carried at the expense of the applicant to the curb stop, where a service cock and meter shall be placed, with pipe leading to the surface, and when the building or construction work is completed the faucet and meter shall be removed and the water shut off, unless permanent connection hereunder is made, charge for the use and connecting of meter shall be as prescribed by the Water Committee.

SECTION 7. Rules and Regulation for the Consumers of Water and Plumbers:

1. No water shall be furnished or supplied to any consumer until a Water Service Contract and applicable deposit have been received by the Village of Secor for said consumer. The Water Committee shall decide the practicability of furnishing water.
2. No water consumer may supply water to other families or allow them to take it, except for use on the premises.
3. No water consumer, after water service is introduced into any building or upon any premises, shall make or employ any other person to make any tap or connection with the work upon the premises for alteration, repairs, extension, or attachments without written permit issued by the Water Committee.
4. Water meter shall be furnished and maintained by the Village of Secor. For all installations outside the Village limits, meter and shutoff valve shall remain within the Village limits.
5. No owner or plumber shall be permitted to conduct water pipes into any two distinct premises or tenements unless separate and distinct stop cocks shall be placed on the outside of such premises along the sidewalk opposite the same, nor shall any pipe be allowed to cross lots or buildings to adjoining premises.
6. For all residential installation the conveying tubing from the water main or extension to said premises shall be of seamless copper tubing or plastic tubing of not less than one half (1/2") inch. Commercial buildings shall be of not less than three quarter (3/4") inch. All other fittings, valves, stop cocks, or other attachments shall be of solid brass. Deviation from this rule requires a written permit issued by the Water Committee.
7. The Supervisor of the Village Water System shall make or supervise all connections to the Village water system, mains, or extensions therefrom.
8. The Village reserves the right to shut off water at any time in the mains for the purpose of repairing, cleaning, making connection with, or extensions to same, or for the concentrating of water in any part of the Village in case of fire, and for restricting the use of water in case of deficiency in supply. No claim shall be made against the

Village by reason of breaking of any service pipe or tubing or service cock, or damage arising from shutting off of water for repairing, laying, or relaying mains, hydrants, or other connections or repairing any part of the water system, or from failure of the water supply, or by increasing the water pressure at any time or from concentration or restricted use of water as above.

9. The consumer shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of any water service line on their property starting at the curb stop. This shall exclude the water meter, which the Village will maintain, unless it is determined that the meter was not properly cared for, was knowingly damaged, or was tampered with by the consumer or with the consumers knowledge.
10. The Village reserves the right to maintain, repair, or replace all faulty conveying pipe, tubing connections, couplings, valves, or other attachments from the Village water supply main or extension therefrom to said premises, and to apply the total cost of materials and all labor to the consumers water bill to prevent the waste of water.
11. Consumers shall not interfere with any water meter, main, or hydrant without permission from the Supervisor, Water Committee, or Board of Trustees.

For violation of any of the foregoing rules, the city reserves the right to turn off the water, upon five (5) days notice and after the water has been turned off from any service pipe on account of violation of rules, the same will not be turned on until all delinquent bills and penalties are paid, together with expense of turning off and on such water, and no water will be furnished to any person who is indebted to the Village on account of water consumed, meter, or repairs.

Where there is more than one user on a line and there is only one cut-off, and one of the users becomes delinquent, a cut-off will be placed to turn off the water; when user has water turned on, the cost of the cut-off will be paid in addition to the above charges.

SECTION 8. The right is reserved to suspend the use of lawn fountains and hose for sprinkling lawns and gardens, whenever in the opinion of the Water Committee, public exigencies require it.

#### SECTION 9. Accounts

1. The Village Treasurer shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper books, records, and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the water system.
2. At regular annual intervals, the Village Treasurer shall make an audit by an independent auditing firm of the books to show the receipts and disbursements of the water system.
3. In addition to the customary operating statements, the annual reports shall also reflect the revenues and operating expenses of the water facilities, including a

replacement cost. The financial information to be shown in the audit report shall include the following:

- a. Flow Date showing total gallons received at the water plant for the current fiscal year.
- b. Billing data to show the number of gallons billed per fiscal year.
- c. Debt service for the next succeeding fiscal year.
- d. Number of users connected to the system.
- e. Number of non-metered users.

SECTION 10. All Revenues and monies derived from the operation of the water system shall be deposited in the water account of the water fund not more than ten (10) days after receipt, or more frequent as may from time to time be directed by the President and the Board of Trustees. All such revenues and monies shall be held by the Village Treasurer separate and apart from his private funds and separate and apart from all other funds of the Village Treasurer. The Village Treasurer shall receive all revenues from the water system and all other funds and monies incident to the operation of such system that may be delivered to him and deposit the same in the amount of the fund designated as the "Water Fund of the Village of Secor". Said Treasurer shall administer said fund in every respect as set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, et seq.

#### SECTION 11. Service Installation and Water Taps

1. Placement of all water meters and taps shall be approved by the Village prior to construction or placement.
2. The Village shall charge an installation fee. The fee shall be based on the Village's cost of installing the water service from the main to the curb stop, including, but not limited to- materials, labor, and equipment necessary to install the service.
3. The party requesting the service is responsible for performing all excavation and restoration work at their expense.
4. The fees imposed under this section shall be in addition to all other connection charges, service fees, permit costs, or usage rates.

#### SECTION 12. Cross Connections:

1. Definitions-
  - a. Backflow shall mean water of questionable quality, wastes or other contaminants entering the public water supply system due to a reversal of flow. Backsiphonage is one type of backflow.
  - b. Cross-connection shall mean a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenance in which a backflow could occur.
  - c. Safe air gap shall mean the minimum distance of water inlet or opening above the maximum high water level or overflow rim in a fixture, device, or container to which public water is furnished which shall be at least two



times the inside diameter of the water inlet pipe but shall not be less than one inch and need not be more than twelve inches.

- d. Secondary water supply shall mean a water supply system maintained in addition to a public water supply, including but not limited to water systems from ground or surface sources or water from a public water supply which in any way has been treated, processed, or exposed to any possible contaminant or stored in other than an approved storage facility.
  - e. Submerged inlet shall mean a water pipe or extension thereto from a public water supply terminating in a tank, vessel, fixture or appliance which may contain water of questionable quality, waste, or other contaminant and which is unprotected against backflow.
- 2. A connection with a public water supply system shall comply with the existing laws and rules, the Illinois State Plumbing Code, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the Village of Secor.
  - 3. Cross-connection of the public water supply system and any other water supply system or source including but not limited to the following are prohibited:
    - a. Between a public water supply and a secondary water supply.
    - b. By a submerged inlet.
    - c. Between a lawn sprinkler system and the public water supply system.
    - d. Between a public water supply and piping which may contain sanitary waste or a chemical contaminant.
    - e. Between a public water supply system and piping immersed in a tank or vessel which may contain a contaminant.
  - 4. The Village shall develop a comprehensive control program for the elimination and prevention of all cross-connections, and removal of all existing cross-connections and prevention of all future cross-connections.
  - 5. Any user of the water supply system shall obtain written approval from the Water Department of any proposed corrective action or protective device before using or installing it. The total time allowed for completion of the necessary corrections shall be contingent upon the degree of hazard involved and include the time required to obtain and install equipment. If the cross-connection has not been removed within the time specified, the Village shall physically separate the water supply system from the on-site piping system in such manner that the two systems cannot be connected by any unauthorized person.
  - 6. When a secondary water source is used in addition to the public water supply, the public water supply and secondary water piping shall be identified by distinguishing colors or tags and so maintained that each pipe may be traced readily in its entirety. It will be necessary to protect the water supply system at the service connection in a manner acceptable to the Village Water Department.

7. A private water storage tank supplied from the water supply system shall be deemed a secondary water supply unless it is designed and approved for potable water usage.
8. The Water Department or any representative thereof shall have the authority to inspect any premises to determine the presence of an existing cross-connection and to order the elimination of such cross-connection.
9. The Water Department is hereby authorized to discontinue water service after a reasonable notice to any person owning any property where a cross-connection in violation of this Ordinance exists. The Water Department may take such other precautionary measures as necessary to eliminate any danger of the contamination of the water supply system. Water service shall not be restored until such cross-connection has been eliminated.
10. Assuming accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code and/or in the judgment of the Supervisor of Water, if an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water supply system, the Supervisor of Water will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at their own expense, install such an approved device at the location and in a manner in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code and all applicable local regulations, and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Illinois Plumbing code and local regulations.
11. No Person, firm, or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection where a private, auxiliary, or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village of Secor enters the supply or distribution system of said municipality unless approved by the Supervisor of Water and the Illinois Environmental Agency.
12. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor of Water to cause surveys and investigation to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply to determine actual or potential hazards to the public water supply. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated at least every two (2) years or as often as the Supervisor of Water deems necessary. Records of such surveys shall be maintained and available for review for a period of at least five (5) years.
13. The approved cross-connection control device inspector shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Village of Secor for the purpose of verifying the presence or absence of cross-connections. The Water Supervisor or his authorized agent shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Village of Secor for the purpose of verifying information submitted by the consumer regarding the required cross-connection control inspection. On demand

of the owner, lessees or occupants of any property served shall furnish to the Supervisor of Water any information which he may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Supervisor of Water, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this ordinance.

14. The Supervisor of Water of the Village of Secor is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provision of this ordinance is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, and until a reconnection fee is paid to the Village of Secor. Immediate disconnection with verbal notice can be enacted when the Supervisor of Water is assured that imminent danger of harmful contamination of the public water supply system exists. Such action shall be followed by written notification of the cause of disconnection.
15. The Village of Secor may collect monetary penalty up to the maximum permitted by law for non-compliance. In addition, disconnection due to violation of this section shall require a reconnection fee.
16. The owner of the property shall bear the cost of clean-up of the potable water supply system if contamination of the potable water system occurs through an illegal cross-connection or bypassed control device or improperly installed, maintained, or repaired control device. The existence of an illegal cross-connection shall cause a rebuttable presumption that contamination occurred as a result of the illegal cross-connection.

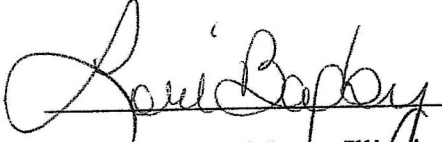
#### SECTION 13. Penalties

1. Consumers are prohibited from tampering with the Village property and facilities or stealing, diverting, or engaging in unauthorized use of water. Violation may result in water disconnection, fines or fees, and/or criminal charges.
2. The Village will pursue criminal charges where warranted in addition to civil fines and actual costs associated with the theft and/or damage of property.

SECTION 14. All ordinances, resolutions, orders, or parts thereof which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, including but not limited to Ordinance No. 82-3, Ordinance No. 87-1, Ordinance No. 94-5, Ordinance No. 101, Ordinance No. 144, and Ordinance No. 2000-5, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Secor this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2025

  
Clerk, Village of Secor, Illinois

APPROVED November 10, 2025

  
President, Board of Trustees