

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**CONNECT DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE SUBMITTED** \_\_\_\_\_

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner (if different than Customer): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meter Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection Service Size (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Main to Curb installation charge: Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Charge (for new service): Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit (see Schedule A): Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Water Service Connection Fee (See Application for New Physical Water Service Connection)  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

1. This application and its acceptance by the Borough of Park Ridge Water Department and, together with the Borough of Park Ridge (“Park Ridge”) shall constitute the Agreement between Park Ridge and the Customer, obligating the Customer to pay Park Ridge at the established rates, and to comply with Park Ridge’s Tariff and with this Agreement.

2. Service connections from the street main to the first valve (curbstop) on the line shall be under the sole control of Park Ridge. The service line from the curbstop to the facility shall be the responsibility of the Customer. Only one domestic service line will be supplied to a Customer under each contract.

3. Each Customer will be supplied through a separate domestic service line having one water meter to measure consumption. Where applicable, facilities may have separate non-metered

private fire protection service line to supply sprinkler heads, hose connections, fire hydrants or any other type of fire protection system. No water shall be used through private fire protection facilities except for permitted testing purposes, or in case of fire. NO JUMPERS may be installed and there can be no cross connection between private wells and the public water system.

4. All leaks in the service pipes and fixtures in and upon the premises supplied beyond Park Ridge's curbstop must be promptly repaired by the Customer. On failure to make such repairs with reasonable dispatch, Park Ridge, upon due notice, may turn off the water from the premises and the water will not be turned on again until all necessary repairs are made and all bills, including a applicable turn-on charge, are paid in full. Park Ridge shall in no event be responsible for maintenance or for damage done by water escaping from the service pipe or any other pipe or fixture on the Customer's side of the curbstop.

5. All meters shall be furnished and installed at Park Ridge's expense and remain the property of Park Ridge except meters in excess of three inches, which shall be installed by the Customer, but owned by Park Ridge.

6. Meters will be maintained by Park Ridge for ordinary wear and tear, but the Customer shall be responsible for any injury or damage arising from Customer's fault or neglect. The Customer shall permit no one, except an agent of Park Ridge, to remove, inspect or tamper with the meter or other property of Park Ridge on the Customer's premise. All damages due to freezing, hot water, or other external causes shall be paid by the Customer, and Park Ridge will not be liable for any damage arising from conditions beyond its control.

7. All meters shall be set at convenient locations, accessible to Park Ridge and subject to its control. Meters shall, when possible and agreeable to the Customer and Park Ridge, be installed within the building, at a point approved by Park Ridge, so as to control the entire supply; and a proper place and protection shall be provided by the Customer. The Customer must bear the cost of all pipe changes on the premises made necessary to receive Park Ridge's meter. The meter shall be installed no more than 18 inches from where the service penetrates the first interior wall.

8. Meters will NOT be placed in a crawl space under the house nor in an unheated area. A meter must be housed in an area that will be accessible to Park Ridge personnel. Where required by Park Ridge, a remote reading device will be installed at Park Ridge's expense so that meter reading can be taken from outside.

9. In any case where it is not convenient or agreeable to both the Customer and Park Ridge to place the meter within the building, the meter will be placed outside the building in a suitable vault or meter box, provided with a suitable cover and locking device. The outside meter vault or meter box shall be located inside the property line near the curb stop and built by and at the expense of the Customer. It shall be located in a suitable and safe place for the installation of the meter and acceptable by the Park Ridge Customer will provide plans and specifications of an approved meter pit setting. The Customer shall be responsible for design, construction, and

maintenance of the vault or meter box and shall indemnify Park Ridge from any damage to property or third persons there from.

10. Customer shall be responsible to secure all necessary permits and approvals as may be required by State, County, and/or local laws, ordinances and rules and regulations. Customer shall also pay the cost of a road opening permit, if required.

11. Customers with private fire services shall pay the annual fire protection rate as set forth in Park Ridge's current rates until such time as another Customer acceptable to Park Ridge shall assume the obligation.

12. Park Ridge makes no guarantee as to quantity or pressure of water available for fire protection service, but in case of fire, Customer may take whatever water is available without adversely affecting water service to other customers of Park Ridge.

13. If a meter pit is required, Park Ridge will provide the plans and specifications of an approved meter pit setting, which will be installed and maintained by the Customer at the Customer's expense.

14. The Customer shall sign and return the Agreement including any service charges and deposits required to the Borough of Park Ridge Water Department.

15. The Customer agrees and accepts that the service provided by this Agreement is subject to the Borough of Park Ridge's ordinances, rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time and enforced by the Borough of Park Ridge and/or the Borough of Park Ridge Board of Public Works. The Borough ordinances are available online at [www.parkridgeboro.com](http://www.parkridgeboro.com).

16. The Customer and the Property Owner agree and accept that all unpaid utility charges, including interest, shall at the discretion of the Borough of Park Ridge, become a lien against the real property and cannot be removed unless paid in full.

17. Customer agrees that the Park Ridge Board of Public Works shall have the right to increase the amount of a deposit if, in its judgement, such action is necessary.

18. The Customer accepts and agrees that Park Ridge has the right to turn off the water service provided to the Customer if the amount of unpaid utility services is greater than three months of the average monthly service provided to the property. Upon notice to the Customer, Park Ridge will shut off the water service and such service can only be restored upon full payment of the unpaid balance of the Utility's account plus a reconnection charge.

19. Customer agrees to provide access to Park Ridge employees to enter the premises at any reasonable time to read, install, remove, exchange, maintain, or test the water meter.

**Customer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature (if different from Customer): \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted – Borough of Park Ridge

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be advised that your first utility bill will be sent to you in the billing cycle following the date that you were connected to this account. There may be arrears on this bill that may belong to the prior owner/tenant.

You are responsible for the current amount due. Please feel free to call the Utility Billing Office, 201-391-2113, 2114 should you have any questions.

## Schedule A

### Water Utility Security Deposits as of July 1, 2015

#### **Security deposits, residential users.**

Owners on record of property with the Borough of Park Ridge shall not be required to pay a deposit. All tenants within the Borough of Park Ridge and all Woodcliff Lake residents and tenants shall be required to pay a deposit as follows:

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| (1) All Tenants and Woodcliff Lake residents: | \$200 |
| (2) Residents with a lawn sprinkling system:  | \$400 |
| (3) Senior citizen, Lifeline and disability:  | \$100 |

#### **Security deposits, commercial users.**

All new commercial users within the Borough of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake shall be required to pay a deposit based on meter size as follows:

<u>Size (inches)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
5/8, 3/4, 1, 1-1/2	\$300
2	\$1,000
3	\$2,500
4	\$5,000
6	\$7,000