

**FEE FOR TAMPERING WITH WATER METERS, SEALS
OR BYPASSING SERVICE ENTRANCES**

RESOLUTION 15-171

Moved by Councilor Smith
Seconded by Councilor Chamberlain

WHEREAS, the equitable distribution of costs to operate the Water Department requires that all customers pay for water use based upon meter consumption, **and**

WHEREAS, tampering with or bypassing a water meter results in increase costs to all other customers, **and**

WHEREAS, Section I of the City of Oneida Water Department Rules and Regulations, titled "Meters," has the following language that allows the Common Council to establish a fee and/or fine when tampering or the unauthorized removal of a seal on a meter is discovered: "all meters will be sealed and anyone tampering or removing a seal on a meter without the consent of the Superintendent or authorized personnel shall be subject to a fee and/or fine," **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that all meters shall be sealed and any account that has a meter that has been tampered with or seal removed without the consent of the Superintendent or authorized personnel shall be subject to a fee, **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the fee for tampering with any meter, seal or service entrance to bypass in a manner that would cause such meter to inaccurately measure water consumed or which would cause water to be diverted from the meter shall be charged a fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), **and be it further**

RESOLVED, that the issuance of a fee shall not preclude the City from pursuing criminal prosecution.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 (Bowe)
MOTION CARRIED

I, Susan Pulverenti, Clerk of the City of Oneida and ex-officio Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution approved at a regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 21, 2015.

Dated: July 28, 2015



Susan Pulverenti, City Clerk

