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d/b/a Liberty Utilities**

**FOR – Riverfork Ranch Subdivision
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Pursuant to authority granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission in File No. WM-2018-0023, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC. d/b/a Liberty Utilities hereby adopts, ratifies and makes its own, in every respect as if the same had been originally filed by it, all tariffs filed with the Public Service Commission, State of Missouri, by Riverfork Water Company.

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contiguous or not, or uniform in size or not, for the purpose of sale or lease, and includes resubdivision thereof.

- O. "TERMINATION OF SERVICE" is cessation of service requested by the Customer.
- P. "TURN-OFF" is the act of turning water service off by physically turning a valve such that water is unavailable to a Customer's premises.
- Q. "TURN-ON" is the act of turning water service on by physically turning a valve to allow water to be available to a Customer's premises.
- R. The word "UNIT" or "LIVING UNIT" shall be used herein to define the premises or property of a single water consumer, whether or not that consumer is the Customer. It shall pertain to any building whether multi-tenant or single occupancy, residential or commercial, or owned or leased. Each mobile home in a mobile home park and each rental unit of a multi-tenant rental property are considered as separate units for each single family or firm occupying same as a residence or place of business.
- S. The "WATER SERVICE LINE" is a pipe with appurtenances installed, owned and maintained by the Customer, used to conduct water to the Customer's unit from the property line, curb stop or outdoor meter setting, including the connection to the curb stop or meter setting. If the property line is in a street, then the water service line shall be deemed to begin at the edge of the street abutting the Customer's property.

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Rule 4 APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

- A. A written application for service, signed by the Customer, stating the type of service required and accompanied by any other pertinent information, will be required from each Customer before service is provided to any unit.
- B. If service is requested at a point not already served by a main of adequate capacity, a main of adequate size shall be extended as may be necessary in accordance with Rule 14.
- C. When, in order to provide the service requested a main extension or other construction or equipment expense is required, the Company may require a written contract. Said contract may include, but not be limited to, the obligations upon the Company and the applicant, and shall specify a reasonable period of time necessary to provide such service.

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Rule 5 INSIDE PIPING AND WATER SERVICE LINES

- A. The Company will provide water service at the outdoor meter, at the curb stop if an indoor meter setting is utilized; or at the property line if neither an outdoor meter nor a curb stop exists at or near the property line, or at the edge of the street if such property line is in the street. Separate buildings shall be served through separate water service lines if they are not on one lot that cannot be subdivided.
- B. The service connection from the water main to the Customer's property line shall be owned and maintained by the Company. Construction of the service connection, outdoor meter setting and curb stop shall be accomplished in one of the following ways at the Customer's option:
1. The Company will construct the service connection, outdoor meter setting and curb stop, as necessary, and make the connection to the main, within three (3) business days of an application for service, or within the time period specified in an application for service (See Rule 4). The Customer shall be responsible for payment of the New Service Connection Fee, as specified by or provided for in the Schedule of Service Charges; or,
 2. The Customer may install, or have installed by a professional contractor or plumber, the service connection from the water main to the meter setting, and make the connection to the main, subject to prior approval of the Company; or,
 3. The Customer may install, or have installed by a professional contractor or plumber, the service connection from the water main to the meter setting, and the Company will tap the main and connect the service connection. The Customer shall be responsible for payment of a New Service Connection Fee as specified by or provided for in the Schedule of Service Charges.
- C. A service connection installation constructed by the Customer as provided for in paragraphs B. 2. or 5 B. 3., above, is subject to inspection by the Company. The Service Connection Inspection Fee as specified in the Schedule of Service

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Charges shall apply if the Company must make a trip solely to conduct an inspection of a service connection constructed by the Customer, and shall not apply if the inspection of a service connection is accomplished at the same time as a tap is made for the Customer, or the same time as an inspection of the water service line as provided for in paragraph D., below, or if the Company installs the service connection as provided in 5 B. 1., above.

- D. Water service line construction and maintenance from the property line, curb stop or meter setting, including the connection to the curb stop or meter setting, to the building shall be the responsibility of the Customer, and is subject to inspection by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for any applicable fees as listed in the Schedule of Service Charges. Customers shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the Company's mains, curb stops, valve boxes, meters, and meter installations caused by the Customer, Customer's agent, or tenant.
- E. Existing water service lines and service connections may be used in connecting with new buildings only when they are found by examination and testing not to constitute a hazard to the health and safety of any Customer or the Company's facilities.
- F. The water service line shall be brought to the unit at a depth of not less than thirty-six inches (36") and have a minimum inside diameter of three-quarters inch (3/4"). The Customer is responsible for the determination of whether or not a larger size is needed to provide adequate flow to the unit. A valve must be installed in the service line where it enters the unit. This valve must be kept in good repair in order to shut off the water supply and drain the inside plumbing, if necessary.
- G. Water service lines and inside piping shall be of material conforming to recognized standards for potable water service and shall have a pressure rating of at least one hundred sixty (160) psi working pressure.
- H. The Company will not install a service connection to a vacant lot if such lot is not intended and recognized by the Company to be for intermittent use such as

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camping or picnic activity in a recreational subdivision, and the Customer installs a frost-free lockable hydrant at any point of use.

- I. Any change in the location of an existing service connection requested by the Customer shall be made by the Company or with the Company's approval, at the Customer's expense.
- J. The Company shall have the right to enter the Customer's premises, after reasonable notice, for the purposes of inspection to ensure compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Company personnel shall identify themselves and make these inspections only at reasonable hours.
- K. Neither water service lines nor service connections may be extended along public streets or roadways or through property of others in connecting with the Company's mains. The service connection may, however, extend through the water main easement and roadway easement as necessary in order to be connected to a main located across and adjacent to a street in front of the Customer's living unit. The service connection and service line must be laid in a straight line and at right angles to the main and the face of the structure or as nearly so as possible. Any deviation from this because of physical obstruction, landlocked property, or a clear impossibility to construction a future main extension for further subdivision development or additional future customers, will be at the discretion of the Company.
- L. Any Customer having a plumbing arrangement, or a water-using device that could allow backsiphonage of any chemical, petroleum, process water, water from a questionable supply, or other substance that could create a health hazard or damage to the water system; or, any Customer's plumbing classified as an actual or potential backflow hazard in the Regulations of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources shall be required to install and maintain a backflow prevention device. This rule may also apply to Customers on whose premises it is impossible or impractical for the Company to perform a cross connection survey. The device, installation, location and maintenance program shall be approved by the Company.

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Rule 6 IMPROPER OR EXCESSIVE USE

- A. No Customer shall be wasteful of the water supplied to the unit by the Customer's willful action or inaction. It shall be the responsibility and duty of each Customer to maintain all piping and fixtures at the unit in a good and efficient state of repair at all times.
- B. No Customer shall make or cause to be made a cross connection between the potable water supply and any source of chemical or bacterial contamination or any other water supply. The Company shall deny or discontinue service where Customer's water service line or inside piping may, in the opinion of the Company, cause a cross-connection with non-potable water or otherwise jeopardize the health and safety of other Customer's or the Company's facilities.
- C. The Customer shall not make or cause to be made a connection to a device that will result in excessive water demand or excessive shock, such as water-hammer, to the Company's mains.
- D. The Customer shall not tamper with, remove, or willfully damage a water meter or attempt to operate the shutoff cock on the service connection or meter yoke, or allow any such action. Licensed plumbers may operate such valves in order to work on the Customer's premises and to test their work, but must leave such valves open or closed as found.
- E. The Customer shall not attempt to take unmetered water from the Company mains either by an unauthorized tap or direct connection to service connection nor by connection to a fire hydrant.
- F. Customers will not be permitted to supply water in any way to premises other than the service address, nor to permit others to use their hose or attachments, nor leave them exposed to use by others without permission from the Company.

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Customer shall be provided by rules and procedure applicable to the Customer's sewer service in lieu of notification required by these Rules and Regulations.

B. None of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for the Company to discontinue service:

1. The failure of the Customer to pay for merchandise, appliances, or service not subject to Commission jurisdiction as an integral part of the utility service provided by the Company; or
2. The failure of the Customer to pay for service received at a separate metering point, residence, or location. In the event of discontinuance or termination of service at a separate residential metering point, residence, or location in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the Company may transfer and bill any unpaid balance to any other residential service account of the Customer and may discontinue service after twenty-one (21) days after rendition of the combined bill, for nonpayment, in accordance with this rule; or
3. The failure of the customer to pay for a different class of service received at the same or different location. The placing of more than one (1) meter at the same location for the purpose of billing the usage of specific devices under operational rate schedules or provisions is not construed as a different class of service for the purpose of this rule; or
4. The failure to pay the bill of another customer, unless the customer whose service is sought to be discontinued received substantial benefit and use of the service billed to the other customer; or
5. The failure of a previous owner or occupant of the premises to pay an unpaid or delinquent bill except where the previous occupant remains an occupant of the living unit; or

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6. The failure to pay a bill correcting a previous underbilling, whenever the customer claims an inability to pay the corrected amount, unless a utility has offered the customer a payment arrangement equal to the period of underbilling.
- C. The Company may discontinue service after notice by first class mail is sent to the Customer at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance. Service of notice by mail is complete upon mailing. If written notice is hand delivered to the Customer, it shall be done at least ninety-six (96) hours prior to discontinuance. If the Company intends to discontinue service to a multi-tenant dwelling with occupants who are not customers, a notice shall also be conspicuously posted in the building ten (10) days prior to the proposed discontinuance, along with information pertaining to how one or more of the tenants may apply to become customers. Discontinuance shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days after the date given as the discontinuance date, shall occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and shall not occur on a day when the Company will not be available to reconnect service or on a day immediately preceding such a day.
- D. A discontinuance notice provided to a customer shall include:
1. The name and address of the Customer, the service address if different than the Customer's address; and
 2. A statement of the reason for the proposed discontinuance of service and the cost for reconnection; and
 3. How the customer may avoid the discontinuance; and
 4. The possibility of a payment agreement if the claim is for a charge not in dispute and the Customer is unable to pay the charge in full at one time; and
 5. A telephone number the Customer may call from the service location without incurring toll charges and the address and any available electronic contact

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information of the utility prominently displayed where the customer may make an inquiry.

- E. The Company shall make reasonable efforts to contact the Customer, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any discontinuance, regarding the reason(s) for discontinuance of service, and the resolution. If discontinuance of service would affect an occupant who is not the Company's Customer, or is not responsible for payment of the bill, then the Company shall make reasonable efforts to inform such occupant(s).
- F. The Company shall postpone the discontinuance if personnel will not be available to restore service the same day, or if personnel will not be available to restore service the following day. The Company also shall postpone discontinuance if a medical emergency exists on the premises, however the postponement may be limited to twenty-one (21) days, and the Company may require proof of a medical emergency.
- G. The Company shall have the right to enter the Customer's premises for purposes of discontinuance of service in compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Discontinuance of service will be made during reasonable hours. Company personnel shall identify themselves and announce the intention to discontinue service, or leave a conspicuous notice of the discontinuance. The Company shall have the right to communicate with the owner of the Customer's Unit for purposes of gaining access to the property for discontinuance of service in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission's billing practices, but any extra costs for arranging such access shall not be charged to the Customer's account.
- H. The provisions of paragraphs C. and E. above may be waived if safety of Company personnel while at the premises is a consideration.
- I. Discontinuance of service to a unit for any reason shall not prevent the Company from pursuing any lawful remedy by action at law or otherwise for the collection of monies due from the Customer.

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Rule 9 INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE

- A. The Company reserves the right to discontinue water in its mains at any time, without notice, for making emergency repairs to the water system. Whenever service is interrupted for scheduled repairs or maintenance, Customers affected by such interruptions will be notified in advance whenever it is possible to do so. Every effort will be made to minimize interruption of service.
- B. No refunds of charges for water service will be made for interruptions of service unless due to willful misconduct of the Company.
- C. In order to avoid service problems when extraordinary conditions exist, the Company reserves the right, at all times, to determine the limit of and regulate water usage in a reasonable and non-discriminatory manner.

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Rule 10 BILLS FOR SERVICE

- A. The charges for water service shall be at the rates specified in the Schedule of Rates in these Rules and Regulations. Other applicable service charges are set forth in the Schedule of Service Charges in these Rules and Regulations.
- B. A Customer who has made application for, or is receiving the benefit of, water service to a unit shall be responsible for payment for all water service provided to the Customer at said unit from the date of connection until the date requested by the Customer by proper notification to the Company to terminate service.
- C. Each Customer is responsible for furnishing the Company with the correct address. Failure to receive bills will not be considered an excuse for non-payment nor reason to permit an extension of the date when the account would be considered delinquent. Bills and notices relating to the Company or its business will be mailed or delivered to the mailing address entered in the Customer's application unless the Company is notified in writing by the Customer of a change of address.
- D. Payments shall be made at the office of the Company or at such other places conveniently located as may be designated by the Company, by ordinary mail, or by electronic methods employed by the Company. Payment must be received by the close of business on the date due, unless the date due falls on a non-business day in which case payment must be received by the next business day.
- E. Neither the Company nor the Customer will be bound by bills rendered under mistake of fact as to the quantity of service rendered or as a result of clerical error. Customers will be held responsible for charges based on service provided.
- F. A separate bill shall be rendered for each Customer with itemization of all water service charges. All bills for service shall state the due date. The Company shall render bills monthly.

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- d. Can provide credit references from a commercial credit source.
- J. The Company may require a security deposit or other acceptable written guarantee of payment as a condition of continued service if:
1. The water service of the Customer has been discontinued for non-payment of a delinquent account not in dispute; or,
 2. The utility service to the unit has been diverted or interfered with in an unauthorized manner; or,
 3. The Customer has failed to pay undisputed bills before the delinquency date for five (5) billing periods out of twelve (12) consecutive monthly billing periods.
- K. The amount of a security deposit shall not exceed utility charges applicable to one (1) billing period plus thirty (30) days, computed on estimated or actual annual usage.
- L. Interest shall be payable annually on all deposits, but shall not accrue after the utility has made reasonable effort to return the deposit. Interest will be paid at a per annum rate equal to the prime bank lending rate, as published in the *Wall Street Journal* for the last business day of the preceding calendar year, plus one (1) percentage point. Interest may be credited to the Customer's account.
- M. After a Customer has paid proper and undisputed utility bills by the due dates, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, credit shall be established or re-established, and the deposit and any interest due shall be refunded. The utility may withhold full refund of the deposit pending resolution of a disputed matter.
- N. The utility shall give a receipt for deposits received, but shall also keep accurate records of deposits, including Customer name, service address, amounts, interest, attempts to refund and dates of every activity regarding the deposit.

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- O. All billing matters shall be handled in accordance with the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules and Regulations regarding Utility Billing Practices, 4 CSR 240-13.

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Rule 11 METERS AND METER INSTALLATIONS

- A. When water meters are utilized for billing, the Company shall furnish and install a suitable meter for each Customer, and the Company's installed meter shall be the standard for measuring water used to determine the bill. All meters shall be furnished, installed, maintained and removed by the Company and shall remain its property.
- B. The Company shall have the right to determine, on the basis of the Customer's flow requirements, the type and size of meter to be installed and location of same. No meter size selection will be based solely on the size of the Customer's service line. If flow requirements increase or decrease subsequent to installation and a larger or smaller meter is requested by the Customer, the cost of installing such larger or smaller meter shall be paid by the Customer.
- C. Domestic water service to any one Customer at a single premises shall be furnished through a single service connection. Individual units of a multi-unit building may have separate connections and meter installations only if each unit has separate plumbing, ground-level space, an individual service connection and meter installation location, and frontage to a Company-owned main. For multi-unit buildings with one service connection and meter installation, the inside piping may be rearranged at the Customer's own expense so as to separate the units and meter tenants, then divide the bill accordingly.
- D. The owners of premises wherein meters are located shall be held responsible for the safekeeping of the Company's meters and metering appurtenances, and are required to keep meters located within their property accessible to the Company for reading and for meter changeouts. If a Customer limits accessibility, or fails to protect a meter against damage, the Company may discontinue service and/or refuse to supply water until accessibility is restored and the Company is paid for any such damage. The amount of the charge shall be the cost of the necessary replacement parts and the labor cost necessary to make the repair.

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- E. If the Company determines that no suitable outdoor location is available, then the meter may be installed inside the Customer's premises where the water service line enters the building and just downstream of the inside shutoff valve. The Company shall install a curb stop within the service connection at or near the property line as practical. When the meter is installed inside the Customer's premises, the Customer will either provide a meter yoke to accept installation of the Company's meter, or provide proper fittings for the house plumbing pipe to allow for direct installation of the Company's meter, along with a proper grounding strap installed around the meter to prevent electric charge build-up on either side of the meter or while a meter is removed. If installation in a special setting is necessary, the excess cost of installation shall be paid by the Customer.
- F. If an existing basement meter location is determined by the Company to be inadequate or inaccessible, then the Customer must provide for the installation of a meter to be located at or near the Customer's property line. The Customer shall furnish or obtain from the Company, as appropriate, the necessary meter installation appurtenances conforming to the Company's specifications, and the cost of said appurtenances and labor shall be paid by the Customer.
- G. Approved meter installation locations in dry basements, sufficiently heated to keep the meter from freezing, may remain provided the meter is readily accessible, at the Company's and Customer's convenience as determined by the Company, for servicing and reading and the meter space provided is located where the service line enters the building. The Company may, at its discretion, require the Customer to install a remote reading device at an approved location, for the purpose of reading the meter. It is the responsibility of the Customer and/or the owner of the premises to provide a location for the water meter which, in the event of water discharge as a result of leakage from the meter or couplings, will not result in damage. The Company's liability for damages to any and all property caused by such leakage shall in no event exceed the price of water service to the affected premises for one average billing period in the preceding year. Where damage is caused by the negligence of Company personnel at the premises, this limitation will not apply. If a Customer refuses to provide an accessible location for a meter as determined by the Company, the Company will notify the Staff of

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Rule 12 METER TESTS AND TEST FEES

- A. Any Customer may request the Company to make a special test of the accuracy of the meter through which water is supplied to the Customer. This test will be made in accordance with water industry test procedures, and to check for accuracy as required by Regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission.
- B. The Company reserves the right to remove and test a meter at any time and to substitute another in its place. In case of a dispute involving a question as to the accuracy of the meter, a test will be made by the Company upon the request of the Customer without charge if the meter has not been tested within twelve (12) months preceding the requested test; otherwise, an approved charge will be made if the test indicates meter accuracy within five percent (5%).
- C. A meter test requested by the Customer may be witnessed by the Customer or the Customer's duly authorized representative, except for tests of meters larger than two inch (2") inlet, which will be conducted by the water manufacturer. A certified copy of the test report will be provided to the Customer.
- D. If a test shows an average error of more than five percent (5%), billings shall be adjusted in accordance with Rule 13.

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Rule 14 EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

- A. This rule shall govern the extension of mains by the Company within its certified area where there are no water mains.
- B. Upon receipt of a written application for a main extension, the Company will provide the applicant(s) an itemized estimate of the cost of the proposed extension. Said estimate shall include the cost of all labor and materials required, including valves, fire hydrants, booster stations, storage facilities, reconstruction of existing mains (if necessary), and the direct costs associated with supervision, engineering, permits, and bookkeeping. The estimate will not include unanticipated costs such as rock excavation.
- C. Applicant(s) shall enter into a contract with the Company for the installation of said extension and shall tender to the Company the amount determined in paragraph B. above. Any applicable New Service Connection Fee will become due after the cost incurred by the Company has been ascertained, as per Rule 5 B. 1. or 3., and as specified in the Schedule of Service Charges. The contract may allow the Customer to contract with an independent contractor for the installation and supply of material, except that mains of twelve inches (12") or greater diameter must be installed by the Company, and the reconstruction of existing facilities must be done by the Company.
- D. The cost to single-family residential applicant(s) connecting to a main extension for which other applicant(s) paid an amount determined in paragraph B., above, subject to subsequent adjustments for actual cost, shall be as follows:
 - 1. For single-family residential applicant(s) applying for service in a platted subdivision, the Company shall divide the actual cost of the extension by the number of lots abutting said extension to determine the per lot extension cost. When counting lots, corner lots which abut existing mains shall be excluded.
 - 2. For single-family residential applicant(s) applying for service in areas that are

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unplatted in subdivision lots, an applicant(s) cost shall be equal to the total cost of the main extension divided by the total length of the main extension in feet times one hundred (100) feet.

3. For industrial, commercial, or multifamily residential applicants, the cost will be equal to the amount calculated for a single-family residence in paragraphs D.1. or D.2. above, multiplied by the flow factors of the applicants' meter. The flow factors of the various sizes of meters are as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Flow Factor</u>
5/8"	1
1"	2.5
1 1/2"	5
2"	8
3"	15
4"	25

- E. Refunds of funds paid by applicant(s) for any estimated costs or actual costs of a main extension shall be made to such applicant(s) as follows:

1. Should the actual cost of the extension be less than the estimated cost, the Company shall refund the difference to the applicant(s) as soon as the actual cost has been ascertained.
2. During the first ten (10) years after the main extension is completed, the Company will refund to the applicant(s) who paid for the extension the money collected from applicant(s) in accordance with paragraph D. above. The refund shall be paid within a reasonable time after the money is collected.
3. The sum of all refunds to any applicant shall not exceed the total amount which the applicant(s) has paid.

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