

**VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN
LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2021**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 195 ENTITLED WATER TO THE CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN**

Section One: The following sections of the Village Code are amended to read as follows:

Article I:

§ 195-7 Section 195-7 of Chapter 195 entitled “Payment of bills; penalties and charges” of the Code of the Village of Buchanan is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 195-7 Payment of bills; penalties and charges.

A. Water bills shall **become due semi-annually and shall be sent on April 1 and October 1.** ~~become due quarterly on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.~~ Water rates shall be computed from the registration of the meters, as taken within a reasonable time before the first day of each **billing cycle.** ~~quarter.~~

B. Bills are due and payable at the office of the Village Clerk on the first days of May and November.

C. If any meter water account remains unpaid on the first day of the month following the month in which the bill is rendered, there shall be charged, as a penalty for such nonpayment, an additional sum of 5% **and an additional 1% for every month thereafter until the bill is paid in full.**

D. If any meter account remains unpaid for 120 days after the bill for the same has been rendered, the Clerk shall serve notice upon the delinquent property owner, and if such account remains unpaid for 10 days thereafter, the premises shall be deprived of water until all arrearages are paid in full.

E. Where any service has been turned off for nonpayment of bills, a charge in an amount as set from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees will be made to restore service.^{[11](#)}

[Amended 9-6-2011 by L.L. No. 12-2011]

[1] *Editor's Note: As directed by the Village, specific fee amounts have been removed pursuant to Ch. [90](#), Art. [1](#), Fees, adopted 2-7-2011 by L.L. No. 9-2011.*

F. All water rents must be paid by the owners and will be billed to them only, unless a resolution of the Board of Trustees makes an exception.

G. Service charge credits. Whenever a consumer is either notified of a leak on the service line on the consumer's side of the water meter, or the consumer becomes aware of such a leak, the consumer may be eligible for a one-time-only service charge credit for the period which the property is owned by said consumer, that shall consist of adjusting the water bill, equal to the amount of the average of the consumer's water bill over the past 12 months, provided that the consumer meets the following conditions:

Section Two: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.