ORDINANCE 18-11-02

Introduced: November 5, 2018 Approved:

AN ACT TO AMEND TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN CODE OF **ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 176-WATER, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II-§176-5 RIGHT OF ENTRY AS FOLLOWS:**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Chapter 176 – Water by creating a new Article II § 176-6 — Exterior Water Meter Installation, which shall read as follows:

"§176-Right of entry.

- (a) Each meter is subject to the control and inspection of the Mayor and Council and when any meter is located on or within any private property, the Town shall have the right to enter the property, building or premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of examining, repairing, replacing or removing said meter or to take meter readings.
- (b) The Town will make two attempts to contact a customer for the purpose of examining, repairing, replacing or removing said meter or to take meter readings by visiting the property, building or premises and will leave a notice upon each visit asking the customer to contact the Town in order to make arrangements for entry.
- (c) After two unsuccessful attempts to contact the customer by visiting the property, building or premises, the Town will cause to be delivered via first class mail a notice informing the customer that two attempts have been made to contact the customer and inform that customer that they must contact the Town.
- (d) If the customer does not contact the Town within thirty (30) days of the date the notice was mailed, the Town will have the right to install an exterior water meter and water meter pit on the customer's property at the customer's expense.
- (e) If the cost of installing a new water meter and water meter pit are not paid within thirty (30) days, the cost of installing the water meter and water meter pit will become a lien on the property on which they were installed."

Section 2. This Amendment shall become effective upon adoption by the Mayor and Council.

ADOPTED THIS THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTESTED TO BY:

CLERK