

# **IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL**

## **LOCAL LAW NO. 22 (WATER SUPPLY)**

1. The provisions of the Sewerage and Water Supply Act 1949 and the Standard Water Supply Law prescribed by the Act shall extend and apply to this local law as far as the same relate thereto.

### **Average May be Charged When Meter is Not Registering Accurately**

2. If any meter in use ceases to register or is reported to be out of order or registering inaccurately the Council may estimate the amount to be paid for the water supplied during the period such meter was not in working order by taking an average of the quantity used during the previous year or during a corresponding period of the previous year or upon the consumption registered by the meter after being readjusted, as the Council thinks fit; or the Council may cause a check meter to be fixed and estimate the charge upon the registration thereof.

### **Reading of Meters**

3. The occupier of premises, or owner if the premises are unoccupied, must at all times ensure that the position in which a meter is located is maintained free of grass, weeds and rubbish and that such meter is at all times maintained in such a condition as to ensure that the reading thereof shall not be obstructed in any way.

Maximum Penalty - 50 penalty units

### **Testing of Meters**

4. If any consumer questions the accuracy of the working of the meter through which a supply of water is obtained, the Council may cause the meter to be tested upon payment of a fee fixed by Council resolution and if the meter is found to be registering incorrectly or fail to register during the test a refund of such fee shall be made. A meter shall be deemed to register incorrectly if it fails to register within five percent of the actual quantity of water passing through it at full flow during the test, or if it does not pass a satisfactory test for sensitiveness.

### **Limit of Consumption by Meter**

5. When water is supplied to a consumer by meter the Council may by written notice to the consumer from time to time restrict the quantity of water that may be used on the premises in any period of time. Any consumer who, after written notice of such restriction has been given or left at the premises, uses or allows to be used on the premises in any period of time more than the quantity allowed under such restriction, shall be guilty of an offence.

Maximum Penalty - 50 penalty units

**Special Agreement**

6. Council may supply water to any consumer for specified purposes under any special agreement and on such reasonable terms and conditions as payment and otherwise as may be arranged between such consumer and the Council and specified in such agreement.