

**TOWN OF SHARPTOWN  
ORDINANCE NO. 102**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SHARPTOWN, MARYLAND, TO  
PROHIBIT THE TAMPERING WITH, INTERFERENCE WITH, OR  
DESTRUCTION OF METER PITS, WATER METERS AND/OR CUTOFF  
VALVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, supply water to the public through a system that requires monitoring of the amount of water provided; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of said system, the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, have authorized and mandated the installation of water meters and cutoff valves; and

**WHEREAS**, the interference and tampering with said meter pit, water meters and cutoff valves would interfere with the proper and effective distribution of water to the citizens of the Town of Sharptown and threaten the public welfare and health.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF SHARPTOWN, MARYLAND, as follows:

1. No person shall interfere with the Town of Sharptown personnel, its agents or employees, while installing, connecting, reading, or removing any water meter or during the execution of a water cutoff.
2. Only the Town of Sharptown personnel, its agents, or employees shall enter a meter pit.
3. No person shall install, remove, alter, deface, injure, destroy, or in any manner tamper with a water meter or any structure, appurtenance, or equipment connected to, or a part of, the Town of Sharptown water system.
4. Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a minimum fine of \$500.00 for each such violation. In addition, if wastage of water or use of unmetered results from the violation, the violator shall be responsible for all costs and damage associated therewith, including but not limited to, payment for the water used, on a per gallon estimate at the current rate charged to customer.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SHARPTOWN, MARYLAND**, that this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

**THE ABOVE ORDINANCE** was introduced and read to the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, and finally passed at a meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, having been published as required by law.

ATTEST:

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Judy Schneider,  
Town Clerk

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Phillip D, Gosnell  
President

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Jerry L. Bennett  
Commissioner

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Cecil Bradley  
Commissioner

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Matthew V. Schneider  
Commissioner

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George Henry  
Commissioner