INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2026

AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "WATER" OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") of the Incorporated Village of Sands Point (the "Village") has recommended the enactment of a Local Law to amend Chapter 168, "Water" of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the existing annual water department maintenance fee of $675, payable in three installments of $225, should be reduced to lower the financial burden imposed upon Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board further finds that reducing the annual water department maintenance fee to $450, payable in two installments of $225, will provide an appropriate and equitable means of funding capital maintenance while reducing the overall fee imposed upon Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its residents to maintain a Village Code that is accessible, concise, and easy to understand; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that using defined terms in the Village Code provides clarity to the reader and avoids unnecessary repetition; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that capitalizing defined terms in the Code will make the Village Code more accessible, concise, and easier to read; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has further determined that it is necessary and appropriate to amend the penalties for violating the provisions of Section 168-55 of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law was introduced by the Village Board on _____, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 N.Y.E.C.L. Section 0101 et seq. and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 N.Y.C.R.R., that the adoption of this local law is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) of 6 N.Y.C.R.R.; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law was the subject of a duly noticed public hearing in accordance with New York State Village Law and the Village Code before the Village Board on September 22, 2026, at which all interested persons were heard.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Sands Point:

Section 1. Section 168-50(B) of the Village Code be and hereby is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

B. Annual water department capital maintenance fee. The annual water department capital maintenance fee for every parcel of land, whether or not there is an existing water meter, in the Village shall be $450, payable in two equal installments of $225. For purposes of this section, a parcel of land shall be defined as one or more tax lots improved with one Single-Family Dwelling or unimproved upon which one Single-Family Dwelling may be constructed. For any parcel of land improved with a use other than a Single-Family Dwelling that has more than one domestic water meter, each domestic water meter shall be treated as if it were a separate parcel. The Village reserves the right to amend the amount of this fee from time to time by resolution of the Village Board; such amendments shall be published as an appendix to the Village Code.

Section 2. Section 168-55(C) of the Village Code be and hereby is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

C. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of no less than $1,000 and no more than $10,000 for each violation, regardless of any convictions for prior violations. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each hour during which any of these offenses occurs shall constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense.

Section 3. Chapter 168, "Water" of the Village Code of the Incorporated Village of Sands Point shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the Court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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On motion made by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Local Law was enacted upon the following vote:

Peter A. Forman, Mayor	-	-
Elena Karabatos, Deputy Mayor	-	-
Jeffrey Moslow, Trustee	-	-
David Schamis, Trustee	-	-
Samuel M. Jaffe, Trustee	-	-

Dated: Sands Point, New York
_____, 2026

Filed: Sands Point, New York
_____, 2026

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§ 168-50. Special charges. [Amended 3-22-2022 by L.L. No. 5-2022]

A. Service calls after normal business hours. Any call by a resident to the Water Department personnel for consultation on service to his residence or irrigation line outside of normal working hours shall be billed at the rate provided in Chapter 82, Fees and Deposits. As used herein, the term "normal working hours" means from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday.

B. Annual ~~Water Department~~water department capital maintenance fee. ~~Annual Water Department~~The annual water department capital maintenance fee for every parcel of land, whether or not there is an existing water meter~~,~~ in the Village~~: $675,~~ shall be $450, payable in ~~three~~two equal installments of $225. For purposes of this section, a parcel of land shall be defined as one or more tax lots improved with one ~~single-family dwelling~~Single-Family Dwelling or unimproved upon which one ~~single-family dwelling~~Single-Family Dwelling may be constructed. For any parcel of land improved with a use other than a ~~single-family dwelling~~Single-Family Dwelling that has more than one domestic water meter, each domestic water meter shall be treated as if it were a separate parcel. The Village reserves the right to amend the amount of this fee from time to time by resolution of the Village Board ~~of Trustees~~; such amendments shall be published as an appendix to the Village Code.

§ 168-55. Taking water from hydrants prohibited; exception.

A. No person, except as specifically authorized by the Village, shall take water from any public fire hydrant for any use whatsoever other than for fire purposes.

B. No person shall open a fire hydrant or make a connection to a fire hydrant or make use of water from a fire hydrant without a permit. Failure to produce a written permit issued by the Village Clerk to a Village officer or authorized Village employee, on demand, shall be presumptive evidence that no permit has been issued. This section shall not apply to members of a fire department or Village officers, its employees and agents while in the course of official business of a fire department or the Village.

C. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of no less than $1,000 and no more than $10,000 for each violation, regardless of any convictions for prior violations. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each hour during which any of these offenses occurs shall constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense. ~~Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall be liable for a penalty of not exceeding $500 for each and every offense. In addition, each violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute and is hereby declared to be disorderly conduct, and any person violating the same shall be and is hereby declared to be a disorderly person. [Amended 3-21-1988]~~

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