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RE: Regulations for Irrigation Systems and Swimming Pools Connected to the Municipal Water Supply

Please note that on June 5, 2018 the Chatham's Select Board, acting as the Water & Sewer Commissioners, adopted the following amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Water Department Article VI, Irrigation Systems Connected to the Public Water Supply and Article VII, Swimming Pools.

Article VI: Irrigation Systems, Section 2, ***"No new irrigations systems shall be connected to the municipal water supply as of January 1, 2021."***

Article VI: Irrigation Systems, Section 5. Subsection a. *"Existing irrigation systems not already on a separate water meter shall be retrofitted, at the customer's expense, with a separate water meter no later than January 1, 2021."* **The deadline was subsequently extended by vote of the Water & Sewer Commissioners to January 1, 2022 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Article VII: Swimming Pools: Section 16, ***"Swimming pools connected to the municipal water supply shall be connected with an approved backflow prevention device as determined by the DPW Director."***

Article VII: Swimming Pools: Section 17, ***"Any property owner who has an existing swimming pool connected to the municipal water supply shall register said system and obtain a permit from the Chatham Water Department prior to January 1, 2018."***

Article VII: Swimming Pools: Section 18, ***"Any property owner who has the intention to install a new swimming pool connected to the municipal water supply shall register and obtain a permit from the Chatham Water Department prior to the actual installation."***

Article VII: Swimming Pools: Section 19, ***"As of April 2, 2018 the Chatham Water Department shall not allow the initial filling, or subsequent draining and re-filling, of swimming pools from the municipal water supply."***

*****Note: Before any construction starts on a property that has an existing irrigation system the contractor should contact the Water Department at 508-945-5150 to make sure said system is registered. If the system is not registered and you remove the system **from connection to the municipal water supply** you will have to then provide a well for said system.******