

EXAMPLE WATER USERS AGREEMENT

Water System Name: _____

Serves TP# _____ and TP# _____

Ownership of the Well and Waterworks

It is agreed by the parties that each of said parties shall be and is hereby granted an undivided one-half interest in and to the use of the well and water system to be constructed. Each party shall be entitled to receive a supply of water for one residential dwelling and shall be furnished a reasonable supply of potable and healthful water for domestic purposes.

Cost of Water System Construction

Both parties herein agree to share equally in the cost incurred in well site approval, well construction, design of the water system for approval by the Health Officer, and construction and/or installation of the waterworks equipment, the pump house and water distribution pipes, and initial well water quality tests.

Cost of Maintenance of Water System

Each party hereto covenants and agrees that they shall equally share the maintenance and operational costs of the well and water system herein described. The expense of water quality sampling as required by the State of Washington and Lewis County shall be shared equally by both parties. The parties shall establish and maintain a reserve account at a mutually agreed upon banking institution. Each party shall be entitled to receive an annual statement from said banking institution regarding the status of the reserve account. The monetary funds in the reserve account shall be utilized for the sole purpose of submitting water samples for quality analysis and maintaining, repairing or replacing the well and common waterworks equipment or appurtenance thereto.

Easement of Well Site and Pump House

There shall be an easement for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the well and appurtenances thereto, within 30 feet of the well site in any direction. Said easement shall allow the installation of well house, pumps, water storage reservoirs, pressure tanks, and anything necessary to the operation of the water system.

Water Line Easements

_____ (owner name/parcel # containing the well) grants
_____ (owner name/parcel # adjacent to well) an easement for the
use and purpose of conveying water from the well to the property of _____
(owner name/parcel # adjacent to well). Said easement shall be five (5) feet in width and shall extend on,
over, across, and underneath said strip of land from designated well site to shared property line. No permanent
type of building shall be constructed upon the water line easement except as needed for the operation of the
well and water system.

Maintenance and Repair of Pipelines

All pipelines in the water system shall be maintained so that there will be no leakage or seepage, or other defects which may cause contamination of the water, or injury, or damage to persons or property. Pipe material used in repairs shall meet approval of the Health Officer. Cost of repairing or maintaining common distribution pipelines shall be born equally by both parties. Each party in this agreement shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of pipe supplying water from the common water distribution piping to their own particular dwelling and property. Water pipelines shall not be installed within 10 feet of a septic tank or sewage disposal drain field lines.

Prohibited Practices

The parties herein, their heirs, successors and/or assigns, will not construct, maintain or suffer to be constructed or maintained upon the said land and within 100 feet of the well herein described, so long as the same is operated to furnish water for two-party domestic use, any potential source of contamination, such as septic tanks and drainfields, sewer lines, underground storage tanks, roads, railroad tracks, vehicles, structures, barns, feed stations, grazing animals, enclosures for maintaining fowl or animal manure, liquid or dry chemical storage, herbicides, insecticides, hazardous waste or garbage of any kind. The parties will not cross connect any portion or segment of the water system with any other water source without prior written approval of the Lewis County Department of Public Health and/or other appropriate governmental agency.

Water System Purveyor

_____ is designated "Purveyor" of the water system. The purveyor shall be responsible for arranging submission of all necessary water samples as required in the Washington Administrative Code, and Lewis County Rules and Regulations and handling emergencies such as system shutdown and repair. The purveyor shall provide his/her name, address and telephone number to the Health Officer and shall serve as a contact person to the Health Officer. The purveyor shall organize and maintain the water system records and notify the Health Officer and all parties, service connections and lots that are included in this agreement, of the water quality tests that are require by WAC 246-291 and Lewis County Rules and Regulations. Water system records shall be available for review and inspection by all parties in this agreement and the Health Officer.

Provisions for Continuation of Water Service

The parties agree to maintain a continuous flow of water from the well and water system, herein described in accordance with water supply requirements of the State of Washington and Lewis County. In the event that the quality or quantity of water from the well becomes unsatisfactory as determined by the Health Officer, the parties shall develop a new source of water. Prior to development of, or connection to a new source of water, the parties shall obtain written approval from the Health Officer. Each undivided interest and/or party shall share equally in the cost of developing the new source of water and installing the necessary equipment associated with the new source.

Restriction on Furnishing Water to Additional Parties

It is further agreed by the parties hereto that they shall not furnish water from the well and water system herein above described to any other persons, properties, or dwelling without prior consent of both properties and written approval from the Lewis County Department of Public Health.

Restriction on Water Use

State water right laws prohibit this system from using more than 5000 gallons of water on any day. Also, the total amount of property that can be irrigated by the system cannot exceed ½ acre. In order to remain in compliance, each parcel, _____ and _____ is prohibited from using more than 2500 gallons of water on any given day. Further, the total amount of yard, garden and other irrigation used by each property cannot exceed ¼ acre or 10,890 square feet.

Heirs, Successors, and Assigns

These covenants and agreements shall run with the land and shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title, or interest in this land described herein or any part hereof and it shall pass to and be for the benefit of each owner thereof.

Enforcement of Agreement on Non-conforming Parties and Properties

The parties herein agree to establish the right to make reasonable regulations for the operation of the system, such as the termination of service if bills are not paid, within forty-five days of the due date, additional charges for disconnection, reconnection, etc. Parties not conforming to the provisions of this agreement shall be subject to interest charges of ____% per annum together with all collection fees.

Signed: _____
Owner(s) of Property with the Well

Print Name: _____

State of Washington)
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County of _____)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me _____ to me known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledge that he (she) (they) signed and sealed the same as free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,
Residing in: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

Signed: _____
Owner(s) of Second Property Served by the Shared Well

Print Name: _____

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me _____ to me known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledge that he (she) (they) signed and sealed the same as free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

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