



For Office Use Only - Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tap Size: Residential \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_\_\_

Upgrade/Downgrade Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Upgrade to: \_\_\_\_\_ Downgrade to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to be listed on account: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name must be listed on proof of ownership provided**

Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot# and subdivision (for new construction) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or Federal ID Number for name listed first: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Renter \_\_\_\_\_ Management \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a customer of Blue Ridge Rural Water Company before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, name on the account: \_\_\_\_\_

It is understood that tenants of all rental properties will be subject to the same penalties that are included in the Blue Ridge Rural Water Company Water Membership Agreement for property owners:

- The due date for bill payment will be 24 days after the date of the bill
- Nonpayment by due date – \$5.00 penalty applied
- Nonpayment when in 10 days after the due date of the water bill - water shut off and nonpayment fees are posted
- Tampering with meters, valves, water lines or appurtenances – meter removed and customer fined \$200
- Water theft – meter removed and customer fined
- Violation of BRRWC policy, local, state or federal regulations - service cancelled
- Meter must be clear of any plant material, structures, or any other barriers that prevent access to the meter

By signing this application for water service, the applicant agrees to pay all costs of collection of the applicant's unpaid bills. Blue Ridge Rural Water Company has the right pursuant to the South Carolina Setoff Debt Collection Act to collect any sum due and owed by the applicant through offset of the applicant's state income tax refund. If Blue Ridge Rural Water Company chooses to pursue debts owed by the applicant through the Setoff Debt Collection Act, the applicant agrees to pay all fees and costs incurred through the Setoff process, including fees charged by the Department of Revenue, the South Carolina Association of Counties, the Municipal Association of South Carolina, and/or Blue Ridge Rural Water. If Blue Ridge Rural Water Company chooses to pursue debts in a manner other than setoff, the applicant agrees to pay the collection costs with the selected manner as well.

NOTE: SERVICE WILL NOT BE ACTIVATED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FEES ARE PAID (SEE FEE SCHEDULE).

WATER MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE

This agreement, between Blue Ridge Rural Water Co. Inc. a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina. hereinafter called the Corporation and \_\_\_\_\_ a member, hereinafter called the Member.

WHEREAS, the Member desires to purchase water for domestic, business, or other uses from the Corporation, and to enter into a Water Users Agreement as recurred by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises. and agreements herein contained, it is hereby understood and agreed:

The Corporation shall furnish, subject to the limitation hereinafter provided for, such quantity of water at the member's property located at \_\_\_\_\_

The Member shall install and maintain at his own expense a service line beginning at his property line and extending to his dwelling or facility to be served.

The Member's service line shall connect with the distribution system of the Corporation at the nearest place of desired use by the Member, provided that the Corporation has determined in advance that the water system is of sufficient capacity to permit delivery of water at that point. The member must install a gate valve directly after meter at member's expense before connection is activated.

The Member shall pay for water at such rates, times, and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Only one (1) residence shall be served through one (1) residential meter.

The Member agrees that he will make no physical connection between any private water system and the water system to the Corporation. The Corporation may make inspections to enforce these provisions. Violation shall be grounds for disconnection of the service.

The Member agrees to keep area surrounding the meter and meter box clear of all plant material, structures, or any other barriers that prevent Corporation from having easy access to meter.

The Corporation shall purchase and install a cutoff valve and may also include a water meter in each service. Such a cutoff valve and meter shall be installed within three (3) feet of the distribution system. The Corporation shall have exclusive right to use such cutoff valve and water meter and to turn it on and off. The Corporation may refuse service to any Member who tampers with a meter or other measuring device.

The Corporation shall have final jurisdiction in any question of location of any service line connection to its distribution system; shall determine the allocation of water to members in the event of a water shortage; may shut off the water to a Member who allows a connection or extension to be made to his service line for the purpose of supplying water to another user.

If any Member has paid for a tap that is not in use, said Member shall pay the minimum monthly charge as set and changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The failure to make the payment after thirty days written notice to the member shall cause said Member to forfeit all interest in said tap and not be entitled to receive said refund.

The Member expressly agrees to purchase water from the Corporation through the Corporation's service meter at existing line pressure. It shall be the Member's responsibility to reduce or increase the pressure on his side of the service meter if same is desired and/or required. The Corporation assumes no responsibility for excessive or low pressure in the Member's service lines and facilities.

The Member specifically agrees that he or she is not entitled to reimbursement of any tap fee under any circumstances and agrees not to bring any legal action requesting said payment. In the event said member bring an action, he or she shall be responsible for the attorneys' fees for the Corporation defense of said action.

The failure of a Member to pay water charges duly imposed shall result in the following penalties:

a. Nonpayment within 10 days from the due date will result in the water being shut off from the member's property.

b. Nonpayment for 30 days after original due date will allow the Corporation, in addition to all other rights and remedies to cancel the member's Membership Certificate and terminate his membership, and, in such event the member shall not be entitled to receive, nor the Corporation obligated to supply, any way under this agreement.

Membership may be cancelled and/or service discontinued by the Corporation for any violation of any rule, regulation, or condition of service and especially for any of the following reasons:

a. Misrepresentation in application as to the property or facilities to be supplied or use to be made of the service.

b. Tampering with main lines or valves or permitting such tampering by others.

c. Connections, or cross-connections, from the Member's service line to facilities not covered by this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto executed this agreement this \_\_\_\_\_.

BLUE RIDGE RURAL WATER CO., INC.

ATTST

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY - TREASURER

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**BLUE RIDGE RURAL WATER CO., INC. IRRIGATION METER POLICY**

Blue Ridge Rural Water Company, Inc. policy, adopted February 10, 2004, states that all water used for irrigation purposes shall be independently metered, and shall not pass through the meter measuring the quantity of water used for household or domestic purposes. Dual meters must be installed if the customer indicates an intention to install an irrigation system.

**Customer has intention to install irrigation system or already has irrigation system installed**

**Customer does NOT have intention to install irrigation system**

If an irrigation system is installed at a later date, it is the customer's responsibility to have a separate meter installed at that time at the Company's current meter set plus any additional charges upgrading the box.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **New Tap and Meter Directions**

White flag must be installed at the proposed location within 24 hours of purchase before BRRWC can obtain required locates to dig onsite or set water meters.

BRRWC reserves the right to move the proposed location for the water tap if any of the below list requirements are not met without further notice to the customer.

### **Taps and Meter box requirements**

All meter box location must be off of county or state right of ways.

All meter box locations must maintain a three foot radius clear of:

- Power Poles
- Utility Boxes
- Trees
- Shrubs
- Storm or Culvert Pipe
- Catch Basins
- Driveways
- Mailboxes
- Flower Beds

All grading work must be complete within 3 inches of final grade.

All preinstalled meter boxes must be uncovered from all dirt.

All drive way(s) must be clearly marked.

All property lines must be clearly marked.

All stumps must be removed.

The above requirements not only apply to the proposed location of the meter box, but also to the location directly across the road from the meter location, when digging to tap the water main.

BRRWC will smooth the site and seed / straw the site. BRRWC will not replace mulch or sod on the site.

**White flags for meters sets must be installed on the lot within 24 hours.**

**BRRWC has 4 business days from the date the white flag is installed to set meters.**

**It is the customers responsibility to notify BRRWC when the white flag is installed.**