

## CHAPTER 91

# WATER METERS

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**91.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the conservation of water and facilitate the equitable distribution of charges for water service among customers.

**91.02 WATER USE METERED.** All water furnished customers shall be measured through meters furnished by the City and installed by the City.

**91.03 FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS - EXCEPTION.** Fire sprinkler systems may be connected to water mains by direct connection with meters under the direct supervision of the Superintendent. No open connection can be incorporated in the system, and there shall be no valves except a main control valve at the entrance to the building which must be sealed open.

**91.04 LOCATION OF METERS.** All meters shall be so located that they are easily accessible to meter readers and repairmen and protected from freezing.

**91.05 METER SETTING.** The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the meter including a valve on the discharge side of the meter. Meter pits may be used only upon approval of the Superintendent and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Superintendent.

**91.06 METER COSTS.** A meter rental of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be charged for each connection by a property owner.

**91.07 METER REPAIRS.** Whenever a water meter is found to be out of order, the Superintendent shall have it repaired. If it is found that damage to the meter has occurred due to the carelessness or negligence of the customer or property owner, then the property owner shall be liable for the cost of repairs.

**91.08 RIGHT OF ENTRY.** The Superintendent shall be permitted to enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time to read, remove, or change a meter.

**91.09 METER TESTS.** Upon the written request of any customer, the meter serving said customer shall be tested by the City. Such test will be made without charge to the customer if the meter has not been tested within twelve (12) months preceding the requested test; otherwise, a charge of two dollars (\$2.00) will be made and then only if the test indicates meter accuracy within the limits of two percent (2%).

**91.10 ESTIMATED READINGS.** Where a meter has ceased to register or meter reading could not be obtained, the quantity of water consumed for billing purposes will be based upon

an average of the prior twelve (12) months' consumption, and the conditions of water service prevailing during the period in which the meter failed to register.

**91.11 CONSTRUCTION USE.** Water for building or construction purposes will be furnished by meter measurement, only after suitable deposit has been made, the minimum deposit being ten dollars (\$10.00) and the amount determined by the City depending upon the size of the construction work contemplated. All water for building or construction purposes, as set forth in the permit, must pass through one and the same meter. Water so supplied shall be discharged through a hose or pipe directly upon material to be wet, or into a barrel or other container, and in no case upon the ground or into or through a ditch or trench, and all use of water by other than the applicant or use of water for any purpose or upon any premises not so stated or described in the application must be prevented by the applicant, or water service may be discontinued without notice.

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