

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 a plumber.

91.03 FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS – EXCEPTION. Fire sprinkler systems may be connected to water mains by direct connection without 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. All meters shall be equipped with a meter-reading device located on the outside of the building.

91.05 METER SETTING. The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the meter including a globe-type 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. The meter shall be installed in a horizontal position, unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent.

91.06 METER REPAIRS. Whenever a water meter owned by the City 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, or the meter is not owned by the City, then the property owner shall be liable for the cost of repairs.

91.07 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.

91.08 METER INSTALLATION FEE. There shall be a fee charged to the property owner for each new installation of a water meter in accordance with the schedule of such fees adopted by resolution of the Council.

91.09 ACCURACY TEST. The Superintendent shall make a test of the accuracy of any water meter at any time when requested in writing, but not more often than once in eighteen (18) months. Such request shall be accompanied by a refundable deposit, in an amount set by resolution of the Council, guaranteeing payment of costs if found due. If the meter is found to overrun to the extent of two percent (2%) or more, the cost of the test shall be paid by the City and the deposit refunded. If the meter is found to be accurate or slow, or less than 2% fast, the customer deposit shall be forfeited as the reasonable costs of the test.

