

# 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. All water customers must have meters installed in accordance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Manual 22, “Sizing Water Service Lines and Meters.” The standards set forth in the manual will determine the size of any service lines and meters to serve a qualifying customer. The size of a meter according to the manual must fit to include process and potable demands. Once the City has identified and approved the appropriate use and meter size, the table in Section 92.02 establishes the meter multiplier.

**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.

**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.** The full cost of any meter larger than that required for a single-family residence shall be paid to the City by the property owner or customer prior to the installation of any such meter by the City, or, at the sole option of the City, the property owner or customer may be required to purchase and install such meter in accordance with requirements established by the City.

**91.07 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.

**91.08 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 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 approved by resolution of the Council.

**91.10 SINGLE-PURPOSE METERS.** Single-purpose meters may be obtained from the City for the sole purpose of yard watering. These meters shall not be used to fill pools or hot tubs or for any other outside uses. Water from these meters cannot end up in the sewer system, and therefore these meters are exempt from the sewer charges as set forth in Chapter 99, except as specified herein. The water used by these meters will be charged in accordance with Chapter 92. Users of these single-purpose meters are responsible for sending in monthly meter readings to the City by the first of each month. If a user fails to send in a monthly reading, said user will not receive a sewer credit for water used. These meters are available from the City beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> and must be returned to the City by the following October 31<sup>st</sup>. The availability of these meters will be limited, and they will be provided by the City on a first come, first serve basis. The user is responsible for installing and returning the meter. Any user that fails to return the single-purpose meter by October 31<sup>st</sup> shall be charged \$100.