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 City customers shall be measured through meters furnished by the City and installed by the owner. Customers located outside the City limits shall purchase meters from the City and such meters shall be installed by the City.

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 other open, unmetered connection shall 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. If resident and/or land owner does not comply within 30 days of first notice, a $50.00 fee could be assessed to monthly bill and/or assessed to property taxes when necessary.

91.09 METER TESTING. The Superintendent or any designee shall make a test of the accuracy of any water meter at any time when requested in writing. If it is found that such meter overruns to the extent of five percent or more, the cost of the test shall be paid by the City and

a refund shall be made to the customer for overcharges collected since the last known date of accuracy, but not more than five percent of the total water bill and not for a longer period than three months. If the meter is found to be accurate or slow or less than five percent fast, the user shall pay a testing charge of $25.00.

91.10 IRRIGATION METERS. A separate additional meter may be installed for the purpose of measuring water usage outside a residence or business when such water is used in a manner that it does not enter the City's sanitary sewer system. The owner must purchase the extra meter and remote reading equipment at the current costs from the City and pay for its installation. Installation shall be according to the Superintendent's directives. The City shall retain ownership of the meter and shall have the right to inspect said meter from time to time with appointment, to insure property installation and operation and police for any potential for bypassing of any meter used for inside use. A monthly fee and the standard rates for water usage for the residence or business will be charged, excluding any sewer user fees. All provisions regarding exterior remote reading equipment shall apply.

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