

CHAPTER 91

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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 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 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, 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 DEPOSIT. Before the meter is installed, the customer shall pay to the Clerk a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be a deposit on the water service and which shall be returned to the customer when water service is discontinued if the water bill is paid in full. Customers requiring a meter larger than a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) inch meter shall make a deposit equal to the cost of the meter or meters plus five dollars (\$5.00) for each meter installed.

91.09 NO DEDUCTION FOR LEAKAGE. No deduction will be made on account of leakage after the water has passed through a meter. If leakage occurs in a service pipe, the City may shut off the supply at the corporation cock until the service is repaired.