

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 customer.

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 Director. 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 PROVIDING OF METER AND SETTING. The property owner shall purchase the first meter to be placed in a new facility from the City prior to approval of said property owner's connection. The City shall provide all subsequent meters of a similar size to the property at no expense to the owner, unless the owner willfully, or through neglect, damages said meter. The property owner shall also 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 Director and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Director.

91.06 METER REPAIRS. Whenever a water meter owned by the City is found to be out of order the Director 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 Director shall be permitted to enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time to read, remove, or change a meter.

91.08 MAINTENANCE TEST. Every meter shall be removed from service periodically and thoroughly tested for accuracy. Any meter found inaccurate beyond a

tolerance of one and one-half percent (1½%) shall not be returned to service until properly adjusted.

91.09 METER TESTING. The Director 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 5% 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 5% of the total water bill and not for a longer period than 3 months. If the meter is found to be accurate or slow or less than 5% fast, the user shall pay a testing charge of \$25.00.