

SECTION 10. METERS AND METER INSTALLATION

All water consumption, except fire protection and authorized use of fire hydrants, shall be metered. Meters shall be read to coincide with the mailing of utility bills as specified in Section 13 below; provided, fire service detector check value meters shall be read annually or on a more frequent basis as determined by the Utility.

- A. Size, location, type of meter. The Authority shall approve the size, location and type of the water meter to be installed for all premises based on occupancy and flow data furnished by the applicant. The normal size for a single family dwelling shall be five-eighths inches by three-fourths inches.
- B. Installation. Meters shall be approved, installed, maintained and removed by the Authority. The Authority, at its option, may authorize a developer to furnish and install a meter, which authorization shall be in writing and signed by the General Manager. In such event the developer shall furnish, at his expense, one of the approved makes and models specified by the Authority. All meter installations shall conform to the applicable provisions of the "Standards." Installed meters remain the property of the Authority.
- C. Meter installed in building. If a meter is installed within a building, the customer shall provide at his expense a readily accessible and protected location for the installation of the meter at a point which controls the entire supply to the premises, which location shall be approved by the Authority.
- D. Separate meter. Unless otherwise determined by the Authority, each premises shall be supplied through a separate meter or, if necessary and at the option of the Authority, through a separate battery of meters. If a battery of meters is installed, the registrations of such meters shall be combined for billing purposes and shall be subject to a minimum charge equal to the sum of the minimum charges for the meters comprising the battery setting. If, however, a premises is supplied through more than one service connection, unless otherwise provided, the registration of the meter installed on each such service shall be billed separately.
- E. Meter maintenance. Meters shall be maintained by the Authority at its expense; provided, damage to any meter due to hot water, freezing, or other external causes arising out of, or caused by the customer's facilities, operations, negligence or carelessness shall be paid for by the customer. The Utility, however, shall be responsible for damage to meters due to freezing in outside vaults and for ordinary wear.

All meters shall be tested for accuracy before installation. In addition, all meters shall be tested periodically in accordance with AWWA accepted practice. The Authority may at any time remove any meter for routine test, repairs, or replacement. When warranted, the provisions of Section 11 (C) below shall be invoked by the Authority.

- F. Notice of defects. The customer shall promptly notify the Authority of any known defects in or damage to the meter or its connection.
- G. Access to meters required. The Authority requires unobstructed access to its meters at all reasonable times. The Authority will inform the customer that unobstructed meter access is required. If access to the meter is regularly blocked by bushes or foliage, the meter reader may trim or remove the obstruction, as much as necessary to properly inspect the meter. When such access is regularly unavailable, the Authority may, after written notification, terminate service until the access problem is resolved to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- H. Change in location, size. Upon request of the applicant the Authority shall change either the location or size or both of a meter when the applicant observes the following conditions:
 - 1. Observance of applicable provisions of Section 8 (G) above.
 - 2. For the installation of a larger meter, remittance of the difference between the meter sizes shall be based upon current system facility charges as prescribed in Section 32. A refund shall be made for a reduction in meter size.
 - 3. If the applicant requests the Authority to relocate or replace the meter, then the applicant shall pay the cost of the upgrade in addition to the system facility charge.
- I. Meter for private water supply. Upon written application to the Authority on a form furnished by the Authority, the Authority shall furnish, install and maintain at the applicant's expense, a water meter and required appurtenances on the private water supply which discharges into a public sewer. The meter shall be readily accessible to the Authority at reasonable times for periodic reading, inspection and maintenance. The Authority may authorize the applicant in writing to furnish and install the meter, subject to the approval of and inspection by the Authority. Such meter and appurtenances shall remain the property of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to meter the private water supply of a single service wastewater customer.
- J. Unauthorized Meter Removal. Upon installation, only Authority employees or designated representatives shall turn on, turn off, move, remove or replace a meter or any connections to it. Should the Authority determine that a customer has tampered with the meter or its connections, then the customer shall be subject to a \$100 penalty. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue, shall constitute a separate offense and therefore shall be punishable with a \$100 penalty. Payment will be made immediately and prior to reinstallation of service. Failure to pay the penalty promptly may result in the suspension of service to all other accounts in the customer's name. Payment of the penalty does not preclude the Authority from seeking additional legal remedies when deemed necessary.

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