

## **2-1-24 UTILITIES DIVISION; WATER METERS:**

All water furnished or sold by the City shall be delivered or supplied through meter only, and every separate building supplied with the City water must have its own separate service connection and meter, except that two (2) or more buildings located on the same lot or on contiguous lots under the same ownership, or property known as a court, apartment house or block covering more than one (1) lot, may, upon written permission granted by the Public Works Director, be supplied through the same connection and meter as long as the single ownership continues. Upon change from such single ownership, a new and separate connection shall be immediately made for the building or premises for the indirect connection. No person having a water service connection shall otherwise furnish or deliver water to any other water user, whether gratuitously or for a charge.

All meter settings shall be furnished, owned and maintained by the City unless otherwise provided in these regulations or by agreement.

Meters and meter settings must be accessible at all times and not covered with rubbish or material of any kind. No one other than an authorized agent of the City shall be permitted to repair, adjust, remove or replace any meter or any part thereof. In the event a meter is determined not to be accessible, notice will be given to the customer of record. If the meter is not accessible within ten (10) calendar days of notice, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) penalty will be assessed for each thirty (30) calendar day period the violation remains in effect. In general, all meters must be located in an accessible location and at a slope to prevent drainage from coming into their setting.

The consumer shall be responsible for damage to meters and/or meter settings where such damage is caused by a change in grade of the lot or by carelessness or negligence of the consumer or his agent, employee or any member of his family. Such consumer will be billed for the actual cost of repair or replacement and amount is payable within ten (10) calendar days of mailing thereof.

Temporary hydrant water meters for construction purposes and other temporary purposes may be issued by the Public Works Department pursuant to any rules or regulations which may be adopted by the Public Works Director, upon making proper application and tendering a deposit in an amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). (Ord. 4856-1313, 5-28-2013)