

CHAPTER 54: WATER

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§ 54.01 DEFICIENCY OF WATER AND SHUTTING OFF WATER.

The City is not liable for any deficiency or failure in the supply of water to consumers whether occasioned by shutting the water off for the purpose of making repairs or connections or by any other cause whatever. In case of fire, or alarm of fire, water may be shut off to insure a supply for firefighting. In making repairs or construction of new works, water may be shut off at any time and kept off so long as may be necessary.

§ 54.02 REPAIR OF LEAKS.

(A) Consumer/Owner Responsibility: It is the responsibility of the consumer or owner to maintain the service pipe from the valve (curb stop) into the house or other building. In case of failure upon the part of any consumer or owner to repair any leak occurring in the consumer's or owner's service pipe within 24 hours after oral or written notice has been given the owner or occupant of the house or building, the water may be shut off by the City and will not be turned on until a reconnection charge has been paid and the service pipe has been repaired. If in the opinion of the City, the waste of water is great or when damage is likely to result from the leak, the water will be turned off if the repair is not proceeded with immediately.

(B) City Responsibility. The Water Systems Department will, without expense to the owner of the property, make all necessary repairs to the line from the water main to the valve (curb stop).

(C) Valve. Should the City turn off the water supply at the valve (curb stop), and should the visible leak appearing on the ground surface stop flowing or if the City's leak detection equipment does not detect a leak, the consumer or owner of the property shall make all necessary repairs to include the valve (curb stop). Should the visible leak appearing on the ground surface continue to flow or if the City's leak detection equipment detects the leak, the Water Systems Department shall make all necessary repairs to include the valve (curb stop). The City shall provide a curb stop for residential consumer or owner. Determination of the location of the leak shall be made by the Water Systems Superintendent or a designated representative of the Water Systems Superintendent.

(Ord. 50, 3rd Series - Adopted 11/02/10)

§ 54.03 ABANDONED SERVICE.

All service installations connected to the water system that have been abandoned or for any reason have become useless for further service shall be disconnected at the main. The owner of the premises served by this service shall pay the cost of the excavation. The City shall perform the actual disconnection and all pipe and appurtenances removed from the street right-of-way shall become the property of the City. When new buildings are erected on the site of old ones, and it is desired to increase the old water service, a new permit shall be taken out and the regular tapping charge shall be made as if this were a new service. It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any service pipe to be hammered or squeezed together at the ends to stop the flow of water or to save expense in improperly removing the pipe from the main. Also, the improper disposition thereof shall be corrected by the City and the cost incurred shall be borne by the person causing or allowing the work to be performed.

§ 54.04 SERVICE PIPES.

Every service pipe must be laid in such manner as to prevent rupture by settlement. The service pipe shall be placed not less than eight feet below the surface in all cases so arranged as to prevent rupture and stoppage by freezing. Service pipes must extend from the curb box to the inside of the building, or if not taken into a building, then to the hydrant or other fixtures which they are intended to supply. A valve, the same size as the service pipe, shall be placed close to the inside wall of the building, ahead of the meter and well protected from freezing. Joints on copper tubing shall be flared and kept to a minimum. Not more than one joint shall be used for a service up to 70 feet in length. All joints shall be left uncovered until inspected. Minimum size connection with the water main shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ inches nominal diameter or as directed by the City.

§ 54.05 PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES.

No water pipe of the City water system shall be connected with any pump, well, pipe, tank or any device that is connected with any other source of water supply and when such are found, the

City shall notify the owner or occupant to disconnect the same and, if not immediately done, the City water shall be turned off. Before any new connections to the City system are permitted, the City shall ascertain that no cross connections will exist when the new connection is made. When a building is connected to City water, the private water supply may be used only for such purposes as the City may allow.

§ 54.06 RESTRICTED HOURS FOR SPRINKLING.

Whenever the City shall determine that a shortage of water threatens the City, it may limit the times and hours during which water may be used from the City water system for lawn and garden sprinkling,

irrigation, car washing, air conditioning and other uses, or either or any of them. It is unlawful for any water consumer to cause or permit water to be used in violation of the determination after public announcement thereof has been made through the news media specifically indicating the restrictions thereof.

§ 54.07 PRIVATE FIRE HOSE CONNECTIONS.

Owners of structures with self-contained fire protection systems may apply to the Director for and obtain permission to connect the street mains with hydrants, large pipes, and hose couplings for use in case of fire only, at their own installation expense, and at such rates as the Council may adopt by resolution as herein provided.

§ 54.08 OPENING HYDRANTS.

It is unlawful for any person, other than members of the Fire Division or other person duly authorized by the City, in pursuance of lawful purpose, to open any fire hydrant or attempt to draw water from the same or in any manner interfere therewith. It is also unlawful for any person so authorized to deliver or suffer to be delivered to any other person any hydrant key or wrench, except for the purposes strictly pertaining to their lawful use.

§ 54.09 UNMETERED SERVICE.

Unmetered service may be provided for construction, flooding skating rinks, and certain other purposes. The service shall be at a duly adopted rate. Where it is difficult or impossible to accurately measure the amount of water taken, unmetered service may be provided and the unmetered rate applied provided; however, by acceptance thereof the consumer agrees to have the City estimate the water used. In so estimating, the City shall consider the use to which the water is put and the length of time of unmetered service.

§ 54.10 CODE REQUIREMENT.

All piping, connections, and appurtenances shall be installed and performed strictly in accordance with the Minnesota Plumbing Code. Failure to install or maintain the same in accordance therewith, or failure to have or permit required inspections shall, upon discovery by the City, be an additional ground for termination of water service to any consumer.

§ 54.11 CONNECTION FEES.

Service shall be furnished only after proper application has been made and connection fees paid in full.

§ 54.12 SERVICE CHARGES.

(A) There shall be a disconnect fee where service is discontinued due to delinquency in payment of charges or discontinued at the request of the consumer, which charge shall be established as set forth in § 50.02.

(B) There shall be a water connection permit fee, which fee shall be established as set forth in § 50.02.

(C) Unmetered service shall be furnished at the charges set forth in § 50.02, plus 6,000 gallons at the charges shown in § 50.02; if it is determined by the City that usage is in excess of 6,000 gallons per month, an additional charge as shown in § 50.02 shall be made for any estimated additional usage as determined by the City.

(Ord. 7, 3rd Series – Adopted 11/26/03)

§ 54.13 CONNECTION CHARGES.

(A) Any person connecting their property to City water service shall pay a connection charge in lieu of special assessment if their property has not been assessed a special assessment for water service.

(B) The connection charge shall be established as set forth in § 50.02, or the actual per benefited front foot project cost if higher.

(C) The connection charge shall be paid in full prior to obtaining water service unless the Council agrees to allow payment on an installment basis.

(D) Benefited front foot shall be determined in the same manner as benefited front foot for street improvement assessments, including equalization for irregular shaped lots.