

TITLE II: UTILITIES AND SERVICES¹⁰

CHAPTER 2

WATER

Sec. 2.201. Jurisdiction. The City Manager shall have jurisdiction over the installation, maintenance, and operation of all water mains, meters, related apparatus, and fixtures.

Sec. 2.202. Permit. No person shall tap or make a connection to any part of the City's water distribution system without first obtaining all permits required by the City.

Sec. 2.203. Fees and Charges. Fees and charges assessed for water taps and connections, consumption of water, discontinuance of service, activation, or reactivation of service, and all other water utility services shall be set by resolution of the City Council.

Sec. 2.204. Meters. All water taps and connections shall be served by a meter.

Sec. 2.205 Access to Property and Authority to Discontinue Service.¹¹ Upon the written or oral request by the City Manager or any person authorized by him or her as a representative of the City, the residents or owners of any property receiving water service from the City shall allow access by the representative of the City to the property where the water meter for such service is located for the purpose of installing, inspecting, repairing and maintaining such water meters and related fixtures. A written request may be sent by first class mail to the mailing address and/or the owners of property receiving water advising that access will be required at a specific time and date.

Water service to any property may be discontinued when:

- a. Residents or owners of a property receiving water service from the City fail or refuse access upon written or oral request by City representatives to the property and where the water meter is located for the purpose of installing, inspecting, repairing and maintaining such water meters and related fixtures; or
- b. Any person receiving water and/or sewer service from the City neglects or refuses to pay charges for such service ten (10) or more days after written notice demanding payment of delinquent charges is mailed by first class to the customer; or
- c. Conditions exist that constitute a public health threat or hazard if such water service is not discontinued or where the installation or operation of such water service is in violation of law.

Sec. 2.206. Single Service. No tap or connection shall serve more than one service or dwelling.

¹⁰ This Chapter amended April 11, 2000, effective April 26, 2000

¹¹ This Section amended by Ordinance No. 2004-1 adopted March 9, 2004, effective March 25, 2004.

Sec. 2.207. Shut-Offs. Each service line shall have shut-off valves installed as specified by the City.

Sec. 2.208 Due Date and Delinquent Bills.¹² For the purpose of billing, the City's water consumers shall be divided into three geographically created billing cycles. Water bills shall be due and payable quarterly upon the first day of the month of the beginning of each billing cycle. If bills are not paid by the twentieth day of the month in which they are sent there shall be immediately due and owing to the City an additional amount of ten per cent more than the originally billed amount. The City Treasurer is authorized to instigate collection procedures on any water bill unpaid after the twentieth day of the month when due.

Sec. 2.209. Deposit required by tenants. All persons who are not owners of the premises for which application is made for water service shall be required to make a deposit for the activation of such service and the amount of such deposit shall be set by resolution of the City Council.

Deposits received and held by the City for activation of water service shall be refunded to the depositor, less all unpaid water charges for such service, upon proper notice to the City that the tenant has vacated property receiving the water service.

Sec. 2.210. Liability. All parties using water from the water system of the City for any purpose whatsoever do so at their own risk and neither the City nor its employees shall be liable for any damages caused by or arising from the City's supplying of water or for accidents or damage of any kind caused by or arising from the use or failure of such water supply.

Sec. 2.211. Consumer Responsibility. The consumer shall be responsible for the installation; maintenance and repair of all service lines located on the consumer's property and up to the City "curb cock".

Sec. 2.212. Service Lines. All new or renewed service lines must be of type and materials specified by the City. The consumer must have all material for new or replacement service lines on site and the excavation completed and exposed to the curb cock before the connection or tap is made. Only material approved by the City may be used for service lines and/or connections to any part of the City's water distribution system.

Sec. 2.213. Approval of Installation. All water mains, valves, hydrant connections, corporation, and curb cocks, joints, pipes or service lines shall remain exposed until such installations have been approved for service by the City.

Sec. 2.214. Compliance with Standards. No water service shall be activated until approved by the City in accordance with the requirements of the City Code and law.

Sec. 2.215. Records of Installation. The City shall maintain a record of all water connections and taps including the date, size, and material used up to the meter and the location of the connection or tap, curb box and service line for each connection.

¹² This Section amended by Ordinance No. 2004-1 adopted March 9, 2004, effective March 25, 2004.

Sec. 2.216. Meter Boxes. The location, size, and materials used for construction of meter boxes shall be determined and approved by the City.

Sec. 2.217. Interference with Service. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the supply of water service or to damage or contaminate any water main, supply, or service equipment of the City. No person shall disconnect, take apart, tamper with any water meter, or line ahead of any water meter, nor make any water connection or use any line or consume any water from a connection ahead of a water meter.

Secs. 2.218 - 2.300. Reserved.