

assessed, such assessment may be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a & h])

90.18 SHUTTING OFF WATER SUPPLY. The Superintendent may shut off the supply of water to any customer because of any violation of the regulations contained in these Water Service System chapters that is not being contested in good faith. The supply shall not be turned on again until all violations have been corrected and the Superintendent has ordered the water to be turned on.

90.19 OPERATION OF CURB VALVE. It is unlawful for any person except the Superintendent to turn water on or off at the curb valve, except that plumbers duly licensed to do plumbing within the corporate boundaries of the City are authorized to turn water on or off at the curb valve for seasonal residents and businesses. The City may require seasonal residents and businesses to hire licensed plumbers to turn their curb valves off in the fall and on in the spring.

90.20 FIRE HYDRANTS. No person, unless specifically authorized by the City, shall open or attempt to draw water from any fire hydrant for any purpose whatsoever.

90.21 INSTALLATION OF NON-PUBLIC WELLS PROHIBITED. No non-public well or water system shall be installed where a public water supply system is reasonably accessible to the landowner. The City Administrator shall make the determination of accessibility. In the event the City Administrator determines the property is not accessible to the public water supply system, or if there is clear and convincing evidence that the accessible public water supply is inadequate to meet the needs of the landowner, then permission from this chapter may be granted from the City Council, if a well permit has been obtained pursuant to State law or County ordinance.

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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 a licensed plumber or the City. Any person who owns property within the City upon which water supplied by the City is used for any purpose whatsoever shall provide a separate meter for water consumed on said premises, and in the event any person consumes water in one or more structures located on the property of said person, a separate meter shall be provided, registered in the name of the registered title holder to said property. This section does not apply to trailer courts, motels or cabins or campers.

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 Superintendent. 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 METER SETTING. The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the meter including a ball-type valve on each side of the meter. The ball-type valve shall be equal in size to the incoming and outgoing water line on the meter. Meter pits may be used only upon approval of the Superintendent and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Superintendent.

91.06 TOUCH-READ METERS REQUIRED. Any person owning property within the corporate limits of the City shall have installed a Touch-Read Water Meter compatible with the Touch-Read Meter System when it is necessary to install a water meter on property within the City. The cost of the Touch-Read Water Meter, together with the installation thereof, shall be the responsibility of the City, and the City shall own any and all such Touch-Read Water Meters. In the event an additional meter is requested for uses other than a potable use, such as a lawn sprinkler, lawn sprinkler system, swimming pools, etc., the cost of such meter for a use other than a potable use shall be borne by the person owning the property.

91.07 PROTECT METER. Each customer receiving water is required to protect the water meter from freezing and all other damage or injury, including vandalism, and shall provide a check valve in the supply line to prevent damage by hot water. Whenever from

lack of such protection and care the meter becomes so damaged as to render it necessary to replace such meter with another, the expense of replacing the same, together with the cost of a new meter or the cost of repairing the same shall be paid by the customer before his or her water supply is again turned on.

91.08 REMOTE READING DEVICE. No plumber or other person shall be permitted to place any meter upon any water service pipe other than one furnished by the City. The meter so placed will be equipped with a remote reading device that will be attached to the side of the building for which water service is being provided. In the event it is necessary to place the meter in a meter pit, the remote device will be attached on the inside wall of the pit, just under the water pit cover or an approved post may be installed and located just to the outside of a meter pit. Installation of the remote reader in either of the above situations shall be made so as to provide easy and efficient access by City employees charged with the responsibility of taking meter readings. Should any meter be placed in violation of this section, it shall be removed and the water turned off from the premises until a meter is placed in conformity with the requirements of this chapter.

91.09 RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Superintendent shall be permitted to enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time to read, remove, or change a meter.

91.10 ADDITIONAL METER SETTINGS AND TESTS. Should any customer desire a test of the water meter upon his or her service pipe, said customer shall notify the Clerk. Each customer is entitled to one test without cost, but if the meter is found to be correct within three percent (3%) allowance, the customer shall be required to pay ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional test he or she may desire to have made. Should the meter be found to be more than three percent (3%) fast, the customer is entitled to an adjustment and rebate for the percentage of water as shown not to have been measured.

91.11 MAINTENANCE OF METERS. It is the duty of the City, through its employees, to properly inspect and keep water meters in proper working condition.

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