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7-1-1: SCOPE

The water department and all customers receiving services from the water department, whether inside or outside the city limits, are bound by this chapter and the rules and regulations of the water department.

7-1-2: DEFINITIONS

CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE: That part of the piping on the customer's property that connects the service to the customer's distribution system.

SERVICE CONNECTION: The part of the water distribution system which connects the meter to the main and shall normally consist of corporation stop, service pipe, curb stop and box, meter, meter yoke and meter box.

WATER MAIN: The principal pipes in the water distribution system.

7-1-3: WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION FEE

- A. Approval and Service Connection Fees: It shall be unlawful to install, alter and connect any water service within the city to any water line within the city without first obtaining a permit from the city and paying the service connection fees set forth in this chapter.
- B. Connection Fee Established: The water system connection fees shall be as established by resolution of the city council.
- C. Fee Collected: A water system connection fee shall be collected for:
 1. Water service connection to the water system for any new building or structure;
 2. Water service connection to the water system for any building for which a change in occupancy or use is made and/or which a new or larger water service line is installed; and,
 3. Connection to a water main line for extension of water services.
- D. Full and/or Partial Fee:

1. Any application for a water connection to any lot abutting on a street, alley, or other right-of-way containing a main water line shall pay the full connection fee.
 2. In case two or more dwellings exist on any lot under the same ownership, and if any of such dwellings is located to the rear of the other, or if at least 75 feet from the property line abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way, the rear dwelling shall be charged one-half of the applicable full connection fee where the owner thereof requests only one stub for dwellings on such lot and the same service lateral is used for all such dwellings.
 3. In any "business block" or shopping center containing more than one adjoining business or commercial establishment under one ownership, where more than one such establishment is connected with the same service lateral, but separate applications for service are made and separate billings requested, one of such establishments shall pay the applicable full connection fee, and each additional establishment shall pay one-half the applicable connection fee required.
- E. A user may request a service disconnect. The disconnect will be permanent and all costs incurred, pipe, parts, fittings and all excavation will be the responsibility of the user requesting service disconnect. In the event the user requests the service be reconnected, a full hookup fee will be assessed at that time.

7-1-4: WATER SERVICE LINES

- A. Water service lines between the main line and the curb stop may be installed by the city or by a licensed contractor/plumber hired by the customer.
1. Whenever a water service line is installed by the city, the actual charges for labor and materials shall be assessed to the customer.
 2. Consideration will be given to the costs for blasting or unusual rock removal, replacement of pavement and so forth. The necessary and reasonable costs for such services shall be added to the charge to the customer.
- B. All service lines and connections from the main to and including the curb stop shall be installed, maintained, owned and exclusively controlled by the city water department.
- C. The service lines shall be so arranged that the water supply to each building, place of business or tract of land shall be controlled by a separate curb stop placed near the property line, unless permission for a different arrangement is first authorized in writing by the city.
- D. No service connection serving more than one customer shall be made. Where an existing water service provides service to several customers, the city may terminate water service until a separate service is provided at the owner's expense. If the city does not terminate service to such existing services, the established rate shall be charged for each customer receiving service from the existing line.
- E. No person shall dig into the streets or under sidewalks for the purpose of laying, removing or repairing any water line without first obtaining a public work permit.
- F. All water service lines shall be inspected by the city prior to backfill.

7-1-5: WATER SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Installation:
 - 1. A certified plumber shall perform Installation and maintenance of customer water lines.
 - 2. Water service lines from the curb stop to the customer's shut off valve shall be poly pipe with domestic made fittings.
- B. Inspection: Prior to covering any water service connection lines, the city water department shall inspect the installation.
- C. Maintenance:
 - 1. All water users shall at their expense keep their customer lines, connections and other apparatus in good repair and in a condition that avoids waste of water.
 - 2. Frozen Lines: Customer water lines that become frozen are the responsibility of the customer, provided the city may thaw the same and charge the customer for the fair and reasonable costs therefore.

7-1-6: WATER METER

- A. Ownership: The applicant shall pay the cost of a water meter based on size and type.
 - 1. The city will own and maintain all water meters.
 - 2. The city will not pay rent to any user or customer or any other charge for a meter or other water facilities, including housing and connections on a customer's premises.
- B. Installation: Installation of water meters shall be performed only by authorized employees or agents of the city. All meters shall be sealed by the water department at the time of installation, and no seal shall be altered or broken except by one of its authorized employees or agents.
- C. The Size and Type of Meter: Applicant may request and receive any size meter regularly stocked or furnished by the water department, provided the request is reasonable and further provided that the meter is not greatly oversized or undersized, as determined by the water superintendent. The water department reserves the right to determine the type of meter to be installed.
- D. Location of Meters: Meters shall normally be placed approximately two feet (2') from the property lines on the customer's property, but within the designated easement; the meter will be installed wherever the applicant desires within reason, but the location must be approved by the water department. The meters will not be located in driveways or other location where damage to the meter or its related parts may occur.
- E. Joint Use of Meters: The joining of several customers to take advantage of the single minimum charges and large quantity rates shall be prohibited, except under special contract, in writing, with the city council.
- F. Changes in Size or Location: If for any reason a change in the size of a meter and service is required, the installation will be accomplished on the basis of a

new connection, and the customer's application shall be amended. Meters or services moved for the convenience of the customer will be relocated only at the customer's expense.

7-1-7: EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

- A. Extension of Water Mains Inside the City: The water department, with approval of the city council, may extend water mains within the city at city expense whenever, in their sole discretion, such extension is necessary for the health, welfare or safety of the residents of the city, provided however, nothing herein shall require that such extension be made at city expense.
 - 1. The city may require any customer desiring water service to install at the customer's expense a water main along the entire frontage of such customer's property.
 - 2. The city may also require the customer to submit design drawings and specifications prior to the commencement of the construction of such extension.
- B. Extension of Water Mains Outside the City: Water mains shall not be extended outside the corporate limits of the city.
- C. Subdivisions: It shall be the responsibility of the developer to extend the water mains to the subdivision from the existing line.
 - 1. All water mains shall be laid according to city specifications.
 - 2. A developer shall have property for a subdivision platted by a certified engineer and the plat presented to the city council for approval before the water line can be laid. (See Subdivision Ordinance Title 9 Chapter 11)
 - 3. All connection fees and costs of installation shall be paid prior to utility service.
 - 4. Water lines shall form a loop configuration. No dead-end water lines shall be allowed.

7-1-8: PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS

The City of Tetonia Public Works Standards, Specifications and Drawings shall be the official reference manual for construction and quality control of public works infrastructure projects. (Ord. 2008-2)