

### **8-1-3: WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS:**

- A. **Meters Required:** Each structure, dwelling unit and other establishments using water from the city water system shall be connected to said system through a water meter. Each service connection shall have an additional stop or stop waste valve for user control. A connection will be assigned to a specific address when issued and may be transferred only with consent of the city. (1995 Code § 91-3-1)
- B. **Application And Permit Required:** It shall be unlawful for any person, member of his family or agent, to obtain water from the city system without first submitting an application for and receiving a permit to do so, as provided for in this chapter. Any person desiring, or who is required, to secure water service shall apply in writing to the city recorder on a form furnished by the city as hereinafter set out. A connection shall be granted only upon payment of all water connection fees, the issuance of a building permit, and a determination by the city council that water for the connection is presently available at the address at which the water is to be delivered. In addition, all ordinances and regulations must be complied with before the connection may be granted. (1995 Code § 91-3-2)
- C. **Fees For Connection:** The connection fees shall be paid by each person, firm or entity connecting to the city water system prior to connection to the system shall be as established by resolution of the city council. (1995 Code § 91-3-3; amd. 2003 Code)
- D. **Application For Connection:** The application to connect to the city water system shall be in such form as is on file in the city office. (1995 Code § 91-3-4; amd. 2003 Code)
- E. **Waiting List Of Applicants:** In the event there are more applicants for water connections than there are available connections, the city shall maintain a list of applicants waiting for a connection. When a connection becomes available, the city shall attempt to contact the person whose name is at the top of the list and ascertain whether that person wishes to purchase the connection. If the person does not wish to do so, his name will remain in place on the list, and the process will be repeated until someone purchases the available connection. It shall be sufficient that the city mailed notice of the availability of a connection to the address given on the list. The person shall have ten (10) days from the time the notice is mailed to notify the city that he wishes to purchase the connection. (1995 Code § 91-3-5)

- F. **Priorities Granted:** The city may grant priority according to use independent of the waiting list, and the commitment of many connections to a single person or entity is discouraged. General priority of uses at the discretion of the city may be commercial, industrial, single-family dwellings or multi-family dwellings. (1995 Code § 91-3-6)
- G. **Deadline For Installation:** When a connection is approved, the applicant shall have two (2) months following the approval to have the meter installed; provided, that reasonable extensions for cause may be granted in the discretion of the city. In the event the connection is not utilized, the applicant shall forfeit all applicable fees. (1995 Code § 91-3-7)
- H. **Deposit Required:** A deposit equal to two (2) months of water bill can be assessed before water and sewer service can be instated. (1995 Code § 91-3-8; amd. 2003 Code)
- I. **Turn On And Turn Off Requests:** Each person requiring water to be turned on or turned off at the meter will contact the city office and complete the form provided therefor, giving date of requested service, name and address, and meter address. (1995 Code § 91-3-9)
- J. **Abandoned Connections:** Each site of water use where the improvements served by the water system have been demolished or which have been out of use in excess of one year shall be deemed to have been abandoned for the purpose of continuing active water service by the city. Upon the recommendation of the water superintendent, the city will notify the property owner by certified mail at the last known property tax address that the connection has been determined to be abandoned. (1995 Code § 91-3-10)
- K. **Maintenance Fee:** Should a property owner desire to keep a water connection on his property after it has been determined to be abandoned, he will be required to pay a fee in such amount as established by resolution of the city council. (1995 Code § 91-3-11; amd. 2003 Code)
- L. **Reinstatement Of Service:** Service may be reinstated to any previously abandoned site upon approved application and payment of the current established connection fees in accordance with this chapter. (1995 Code § 91-3-12)
- M. **Abandonment Notice; Contents:** The notice of abandonment will contain language that informs the owner of the following:

1. The date of notification, reasons given for the determination of abandonment, time allowed for reply.
2. Language to indicate his choice of whether to have the connection removed or to pay the monthly maintenance fee.
3. Notification that, should he decide to abandon the connection, a new application and connection fee will be required. (1995 Code § 91-3-13)