

8.01 AUXILIARY WATER METERS

- General - In such instances where the owner of a Premises desires to install an auxiliary water meter in order to meter water consumed which does not discharge to the sanitary sewerage system, an application shall be made by the Property Owner on the form provided by the Authority requesting approval of a proposed meter installation and a permit must be issued therefore. In general, the installation of the meter shall be made at the cost of the applicant in accordance with the regulations as relate to meters for regular water service of the water utility serving the general area.
- 8.01.1 Size of Meter - The Authority reserves the right, in all cases, to stipulate the size and type of the meter to be installed on each service or other type line and to require the installation of a larger size meter in any case where the peak use of water places any meter under undue or unusual strain, and/or exceeds the recommended meter capacity. The minimum size of a meter installed shall be the same size as the water service line except that on a 3/4-inch line serving a residential customer the privilege of using a 5/8-inch meter may be allowed by the Authority.
- 8.01.2 Location - The location for the meter shall be subject to the approval of the Authority, shall be at a convenient and accessible point, shall permit control of the entire supply which does not drain to the sanitary sewerage system, and shall allow proper protection of the meter from freezing or other harm. No fixture shall be attached to, or any branch made in, the service pipe on the outlet side of the meter which drains to the sanitary sewerage system.
- 8.01.3 Installation of Meter - All piping, fittings, meters, remote reader, valves, check valves, gauges, bolts, nuts, meter pit structures, manholes or other accessories or materials, and the labor for installing the same, used in connection with meter settings within the property line of the Premises, shall be at the expense of the applicant. The customer shall employ for this work the services of a registered master plumber, qualified and approved by the Authority, who shall cooperate with the Authority and ACHD, and install all the piping and appurtenances in accordance with the dimensions and requirements for each specific case. The customer shall furnish and install on the service line a wheel handle, round way stop cock or gate valve, without waste, the same size as the service line on the inlet side and immediately before the meter, and a stop and waste cock or valve on the outlet side and immediately after the meter. The customer shall provide a remote reading system recording in 1,000-gallon units at a convenient point on the exterior of the building to permit reading the water consumption without entering the building. The remote reader location must be kept accessible and at least 3' above ground.
- 8.01.4 Maintenance, Care and Responsibility for Damage - The owner and/or tenant shall maintain all meters and appurtenances at his expense. In the event of injury, freezing or nonworking of the meter or breaking of the seal or seal wire, the customer shall promptly notify the Authority. The customer shall furnish and set another meter to replace the one frozen or damage by such causes; and the cost of the repairs to the same, including replaced parts, labor and transportation charges, as well as the costs of testing and costs for reinstallation or changing of the meter and any inspection fees shall be paid by him.
- 8.01.5 Meter Tests - All meters shall be accurately tested before installation and thereafter periodically tested at the discretion of the Authority in a manner prescribed by the Authority, all at the owner and/or tenant's expense.
- 8.01.6 Inspection - The Authority reserves the right to enter the Premises to inspect the plumbing system of the Premises at any reasonable time.
- 8.01.7 Seals - No seal placed by the Authority for the protection of any meter, valve, fitting or other water connection shall be tampered with or defaced. If a seal is installed, it shall not be broken except upon authorization from the Authority or in the presence of an Authority representative.

Where any installed seal is broken, the Authority reserves the right to remove the meter for test, at the expense of the customer, even though said meter registers accurately.

8.01.8 Leaks - Customers are urged to give careful attention to their plumbing and fixtures and make immediate correction of all leaks. No allowance will be made by the Authority for water used, lost, stolen or otherwise wasted through leaks, carelessness, neglect, or otherwise after the same has passed through the water meter.

8.01.9 Reading and Registration of Meters - Readings of meters shall be taken 1 or 2 times a year by the Authority, and the quantity recorded by the meter shall be taken to be the amount of water passing through the meter, which amount will be conclusive on both the customer and the Authority, except when the meter has been found to be registering inaccurately or has ceased to register. In such cases, the quantity will be determined by a method that will be just and reasonable to the Authority and to the customer. The Reading Fee charged for reading the auxiliary meter will be included in the monthly sewage charge.

The date of the reading of the auxiliary meter by the Authority will coincide as nearly as possible with the date of the reading by the water utility serving the general area and the water consumption recorded by the auxiliary meter will be credited against the total consumption recorded by the water utility.

8.01.10 Procedure

- A. Customer makes application at Authority office on required form and pays applicable fee.
- B. Customer installs meter in accordance with said Rules and Regulations governing the Installation of Auxiliary Water Meters.
- C. Customer requests an inspection of the auxiliary meter.
- D. Authority inspects the installation of the auxiliary meter and remote reader and, if satisfactory, records the initial reading of the meter.
- E. If the installation is not approved, the procedure returns to Step C of this section and continues as before, except that the request for an inspection must be accompanied by the payment of an additional Application Fee.