

ORDINANCE 1988

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ANKENY, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 91 WATER METERS

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Ankeny, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTIONS MODIFIED. Water Use Metered, Section 91.02, Location of Meters, Section 91.04 and Meter Setting, Section 91.05 is hereby amended and Secondary Water Meter, Section 91.13 is hereby added as follows:

91.02 WATER USE METERED.

All water furnished to customers shall be measured through meters furnished by the City and installed by the City unless special written permission is obtained from the Administrator in accord with the following:

1. Independent Units. Each house, building, or individually owned unit shall be individually metered unless special written permission is obtained from the Administrator.

2. Multiple Units.

A. Multiple-family dwellings of two or more units or multi-unit commercial and industrial premises shall have each unit metered and billed individually, if individual curb stop shutoff valves are available for each unit.

B. Multiple-family dwelling or multiple-tenant commercial or industrial buildings that do not have separate curb stop shutoff valves and separate meters shall be metered and billed to the property owners, who is responsible for payment of the water used.

91.04 LOCATION OF METERS.

All meters shall be so located that they are easily accessible to meter readers and maintenance staff and protected from freezing and any other harmful elements or conditions (e.g., dirt, chemicals, manufacturing activities, etc.). Meters must be inside a building or heated enclosure. Meters located outside of a building must have a separate service address and a separate shutoff valve.

91.05 METER SETTING.

A. The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the domestic water meter and shall provide for the addition of a secondary water meter as shown in the plumbing diagrams included in the Ankeny Supplemental Specifications.

Any plumbing configuration to be constructed that does not follow the plumbing diagrams in the Ankeny Supplemental Specifications shall be approved by the Administrator. Backflow preventers must be supported. Meter pits may be used only upon approval of the Administrator and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Administrator. Meter pits are not allowed for secondary water meters. The City shall not be liable for the defacement or damage of any property caused by holes, fastening or other work required for the installation of meters or remote meter reading devices, except damage caused by the City's own negligence. Meter sizes larger than ¾" shall be approved by the Administrator.

B. For all new residential construction, the builder shall provide all necessary piping, fittings for the proper setting of both the domestic water meter as well as the secondary water meter as shown in the plumbing diagrams included in the Ankeny Supplemental Specifications.

91.13 SECONDARY WATER METER.

A secondary water meter may be installed for the purpose of providing a supply of water for which the sewer user charges shall not be assessed. The use of water supplied through the secondary water meter shall be limited to such uses which do not cause an increase or impact on sewer usage. The cost of the secondary water meter and its installation shall be at the expense of the customer. Secondary water meter size shall be approved by the Administrator, with a maximum size of 1 ½ inches without demonstrated engineering requirements.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Council the 16th day of December, 2019.

Gary Lorenz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk

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