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13.08.010 Connection–Application and consent required.

It is unlawful for any person to make any connection to any water main or service pipe through which water is supplied by the city to water consumers or to interfere or tamper in any manner with such mains or pipes to use any water supplied by the city without first having made application to the ~~superintendent~~ City Clerk on forms furnished by the city and having received ~~his written consent~~ approval of the application by the City Council.

13.08.020 Use restrictions–New application and permit required when.

It is unlawful for any person supplied with water from the city mains to be entitled to use it for any purposes other than those stated in his application or to supply it in any way to other persons. Should the owner or occupant of any premises desire additional outlets or fixtures or desire to use water for a purpose not stated in the original application, a new application must be made to the City Clerk, and a new permit obtained from the ~~superintendent~~ City Council.

13.08.025 Connection Fee.

Whenever an applicant receives approval to connect to the city's domestic water system, the applicant must pay ~~the following~~ a connection fee prior to actually connecting to the system. The connection fee will be in accordance with the City Master Fee List, which is set by resolution of the City Council.

- ~~(a) One inch (1") hook up \$750.00 plus the actual costs of parts, labor, etc. for the connection~~
- ~~—(b) Two inch (2") hook up \$1,200.00 plus the actual costs of parts, labor, etc. for the connection~~
- ~~—(c) Any other size hook up as determined by the City Council~~

The applicant must state fully and truthfully all purposes for which water is to be used and must agree to conform to the rules and regulations as a condition for the use of water.

13.08.030 Report required for connections, attachments, extensions.

~~Every person who shall make any connection, attachment, or extension, shall make a report in writing to the superintendent within three days after the same shall have been done, giving the name of the owner, the number of hydrants, faucets, bathtubs, water closets and other connections made with the pipes of the water system.~~ When connections, attachments, or extensions have been completed under the approved permit, a report shall be made to the City Clerk within three (3) days.

13.08.040 Service regulations.

The service pipes must be so arranged that the supply to each separate house or premises may be controlled by a separate accessible exterior stop cock placed within or near the curb. Where water is already supplied through one service to several houses, ~~families or persons~~, the City Council may, at ~~his~~ its discretion, either decline to furnish water until separate services are provided or continue the supply on condition that one ~~person~~ party shall be responsible to pay for all ~~the same~~ parties on the shared service.

13.08.050 Equipment maintenance duty.

Each property owner or water user shall maintain ~~his~~ their service line and from the curb box ~~from the main~~ to ~~his~~ their premises. Tampering with, altering, or manipulating any curb valve, water meter, or other city water system component without prior approval from the City Maintenance Supervisor is prohibited.

13.08.060 Establishment of regulations authorized.

- A. The Mayor and City Council, by resolution, are authorized to restrict irrigation usage of city water; to specify changes to days and hours when water may be used for irrigation ~~such purpose~~, and, in case of emergency, may prohibit use of water for irrigation purposes for a specified time period ~~certain~~, or until further notice.
- B. Notice of such regulation or prohibition shall be published in the official city newspaper one time, and shall become effective two days after such publication. ~~A violation of such regulation or prohibition shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for a first offense, not more than one hundred dollars for a second offense, and a fine of not more than one hundred fifty dollars or jail imprisonment of not more than two days, or both such fine and imprisonment for a third or subsequent offense.~~
- C. The Mayor and City Council, by resolution, may impose additional rationing provisions should the City's water capacities or production approach dangerously low levels. Should water rationing become necessary, and other conservation methods become required, the City will inform residents through public announcements, mailings, or other means. Water rationing provisions shall remain in effect until conditions are resolved and will be strictly enforced.

13.08.070 Wasting water prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to waste water. All outlets must be kept closed ~~except during the time which~~ unless water is being drawn for necessary use. The only exception to this is the allowance for running a trickle of water from an interior fixture during winter months to prevent pipes from freezing within the

building. Letting the water run to keep the water cool in warm weather is prohibited. Using water for irrigation in such a way that it flows, sprays, or is otherwise excessively discharged upon any street, sidewalk, or alley is prohibited.

The owner of any premises shall keep ~~his~~ **their** faucets, ~~elaset and other~~ fixtures, and ~~his~~ pipes to the curb line in good repair and free from leaks. Any and all leaks found in a water system must be repaired within five days of discovery. **In the event of large, damage-causing leaks or flooding, City maintenance should be contacted promptly. Water service will be secured until repairs can be completed. There will be no charge for securing or restoring water service in the event of a reported emergency.**

13.080.080 Contaminating water supply prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to contaminate or befoul any reservoir, stream, watershed, spring, or other source from which the supply of water for the city is obtained, nor any pipe, fountain, or any other device forming a part of the city water system.

13.08.090 Tampering with or obstructing water supply system prohibited–Exception.

It is unlawful for any person except ~~a fireman~~ **a firefighter** in the performance of ~~his~~ **their** duty to open or in any way tamper with any fire hydrant connected with the water system unless permission **is** first ~~be~~ obtained from the ~~superintendent~~ **City Maintenance Supervisor**. ~~No person shall place upon or about any water gate connected with the water system any material substance whatsoever which will prevent access at all times to such hydrant or gate and no vehicle shall be allowed to stand within eight feet of such hydrant.~~

It is unlawful to obstruct access to a water valve or fire hydrant and no vehicles shall be parked within eight (8) feet of any hydrant. The use of private hose ~~in time of or~~ during ~~an alarm of~~ a fire is strictly prohibited unless ~~for protection of property~~ approved by a prior written agreement with the City Fire Chief.

13.08.100 Watering Schedule

The following watering schedule shall be in force throughout the irrigation season, roughly May to September:

- Even-numbered addresses (i.e., 102 Park Avenue) may water on even days of the month (June 2nd, June 4th, etc.)
- Odd-numbered addresses (i.e., 203. Park Avenue) may water on odd days of the month (June 1st, June 3rd, etc.)
- There shall be no watering at any address on the 31st of any month (May 31st, July 31st, August 31st, etc.)
- Watering must be done between the hours of 1:00 AM and 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM and 11:00 PM on the designated watering days.

The water conservation schedule applies to all outside watering at residences, businesses, institutions, and public areas that have grass, trees, landscaping plants, or other vegetation. Newly seeded or sodded lawns, newly planted trees and shrubs, and newly planted landscaping plants are exempt from the watering day restrictions for up to 60 days or until the vegetation is well-established (for example, once

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mowing begins), whichever comes first; however, watering time restrictions shall still be in force. The City Clerk or Maintenance Supervisor must be notified when this exempted use begins.

Irrigation associated with gardens and greenhouses for food crops is exempt from watering day restrictions; however, conservative irrigation practices must still be employed to minimize unnecessary water use.

Automatic watering systems or spigot timers with preset start and stop times are strongly recommended to prevent violation of allowed watering hours. Watering during mid-day hours is counterproductive and wasteful; therefore, it will be treated and enforced as such.

Businesses or Public Entities that must water at alternative times due to customer use or other unique circumstances may apply to the City for an alternative water use agreement. Approval in writing from the City is required prior to deviating from standard watering times.

13.08.110 Enforcement-Penalty for violation.

A violation of a regulation or prohibition under this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to three hundred dollars (\$300) and/or suspension of water service. Any subsequent offenses shall constitute an additional violation per day of non-compliance.