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91.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the conservation of water and facilitate the equitable distribution of charges for water service among customers.

91.02 WATER USE METERED. All water furnished customers shall be measured through meters furnished by the City and installed by the City. All meters shall be equipped with a remote reading device.

91.03 FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS – EXCEPTION. Fire sprinkler systems may be connected to water mains by direct connection without meters under the direct supervision of the Superintendent. No open connection can be incorporated in the system, and there shall be no valves except a main control valve at the entrance to the building which must be sealed open.

91.04 LOCATION OF METERS. All meters shall be so located that they are easily accessible to meter readers and repairmen and protected from freezing.

91.05 METER SETTING. The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the meter including a valve on the discharge side of the meter. Meter pits may be used only upon approval of the Superintendent and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Superintendent.

91.06 METER COSTS. The full cost of the water meter shall be paid to the City by the property owner or customer prior to the installation of any such meter by the City, or, at the sole option of the City, the property owner or customer may be required to purchase and install such meter in accordance with requirements established by the City.

91.07 METER REPAIRS. Whenever a water meter owned by the City is found to be out of order the Superintendent shall have it repaired. If it is found that damage to the meter has occurred due to the carelessness or negligence of the customer or property owner, or the meter is not owned by the City, then the property owner shall be liable for the cost of repairs.

91.08 RIGHT OF ENTRY. The Superintendent shall be permitted to enter the premises of any customer at any reasonable time to read, remove, or change a meter.

91.09 METER INSTALLATION FEE. The property owner shall pay an installation fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each new installation of a water meter and remote reader. Such meter is to remain the property of the City.

91.10 METER TESTING. The Superintendent shall make a test of the accuracy of any water meter when requested in writing. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee to cover costs associated with the test is required prior to the test. If the test shows the meter to be defective, resulting in an overcharge, the \$25.00 fee shall be refunded.

91.11 IRRIGATION METERS. Customers may have an irrigation meter installed to measure water that is not disposed of through the public sanitary sewer system. The water measured by an irrigation meter may include water for swimming pools, watering yards, watering gardens or other similar uses. Prior to installation of such meter the customer must obtain an irrigation system permit. A written application for the permit shall be filed with the City and shall be accompanied by a permit fee of forty dollars (\$40.00). The cost of the irrigation meter and its installation shall be at the expense of the customer. No sewer charge will be assessed to water usage through the irrigation meter.