

## Chapter 13.04 - WATER SERVICE SYSTEM

### 13.04.010 - Application for service.

When water service is requested where connection of the premises to the city mains is required, applications must be made ~~to the City on printed forms furnished by the water office~~, signed by the owner, or agent of the premises to be served, and the applicant must state fully and truly all the purposes for which water may be required, and must agree to conform to the rules and regulations that are now in force or may hereafter be adopted for the proper operation of the water system. The charges for supplying a water service connection shall be in accordance with a schedule of charges adopted by the city commission. All new water service connections shall be metered.

(Prior code § 3-3-1)

### 13.04.020 - Use by applicant only.

No person supplied with water from the city mains will be entitled to use it for any purpose other than that stated in his application, or to supply in any way other persons or families.

(Prior code § 3-3-2)

### 13.04.030 - Permits—Renewal—Change of service.

- A. The city issues engineering permits for water line work in the right-of-way either as a separate public works permit or as part of overall issued public infrastructure construction plans. The various fees for these permits are approved and modified from time to time by the city commission. Failure to meet the conditions of the issued permit shall constitute a violation of the Municipal Code.
- B. When permits for renewal or change of service are granted, the old service will be shut-off and disconnected at the main by ~~the contractor and inspected by~~ employees of the city. The charge for same shall be the reasonable costs as determined by administrative policy. (Prior code § 3-3-3)

(Ord. No. 10-1003, § 1(Exh. 1), 7-7-2010)

### 13.04.040 - Service pipe—Approval.

Service pipes, of all sizes, within or without the premises, whether for domestic, commercial or fire protection purposes, must be approved by the city.

(Prior code § 3-3-4)

### 13.04.050 - Service pipe—Installation.

The installation of all service pipes from the main to ~~a point at the curb line~~ the meter box shall be made by ~~the contractor and inspected by~~ employees of the water department.

(Prior code § 3-3-5)

### 13.04.060 - Stopcock and shutoff box.

A stopcock of approved pattern and material will be placed, and protected by means of ~~the meter~~ a suitable box, which will be furnished and installed by the ~~contractor and inspected by the~~ water department.

(Prior code § 3-3-6)

### 13.04.070 - Stop and waste cocks.

Just inside the basement wall a stop and waste cock of approved pattern, protected from frost, must in all cases be placed in a convenient location, by means of which the pipes in the building may be

drained at night during freezing weather. If the building is not provided with a basement, the stop and waste cock must be placed near the outside wall thereof. All stores and offices in the building must have separate shutoffs.

(Prior code § 3-3-7)

13.04.080 - Service pipes—Repair and protection.

The service pipe, within the premises, and throughout its entire length to the curb cock must be kept in repair, and protected from freezing at the expense of the owner, who shall be responsible for all damages resulting from leaks or breaks in the service pipe.

(Prior code §3-3-8)

13.04.090 - Temporary disconnection.

Should it be desired to discontinue the use of all water supplied to the premise for a period of not less than fifteen days, notice must be given, and payment in full of all arrears made at the water office. The water will then be turned off, and turned on again on application, without charge; provided however, no remission of rates will be made for a period of less than fifteen days.

(Prior code §3-3-9)

13.04.100 - Service for each house.

Hereafter, a separate service direct to the tap in the main, will be required for each house or business that is to be supplied with water, ~~provided that when there are two houses on an inside lot the service shall be divided at the curb, and a~~ separate meter provided for each place to be so supplied. Where two or more separate residential or business buildings are presently served by a single service the water superintendent may require separate meter installations wherever possible.

(Prior code §3-3-10)

13.04.110 - Discontinuance—Defective fixtures.

Water will not be furnished where there are defective or leaking faucets, toilets or other fixtures, or where there are toilets or urinals without self-closing valves, or tanks without self-acting float valves; and when such may be discovered the water superintendent shall have authority to immediately install a meter.

(Prior code §3-3-11)

13.04.120 - Plumber's report.

~~Plumbers doing any work by which additional water may be drawn from the city mains, must report the same at the water department as soon as the work is completed, or within twenty-four hours thereafter. Contractors must obtain a "hydrant meter" from the City for any unmetered City water usage.~~

(Prior code §3-3-13)

13.04.130 - Shut-off for repairs.

The water may at any time be shut off from the mains without notice, for repairs or other necessary purposes, and the city will not be responsible for any consequent damages. Water for steam boilers for power purposes will not be furnished by direct pressure from the city mains; tanks for holding an ample reserve of water shall always be provided by the owners of the boilers. While water is temporarily shut off from the mains, the hot water faucets should be kept open by the occupants of the premises to allow the



steam to escape from the water heater, and should damage result to meters by reason of steam or hot water, the owner shall be charged for repairs.

(Prior code §3-3-14)

13.04.140 - Right-of-entry.

Agents of the ~~Public Workswater~~ Department may have free access at proper hours of the day to all parts of the building and premises in which water may be delivered from the city mains, for the purpose of inspecting the condition of the pipes and fixtures and the manner in which the water is used, and for the purpose of fixing water rates for the premises.

(Prior code §3-3-15)

13.04.150 - Emergency regulations.

Under emergency conditions the city manager may enforce such regulation of the use of water as conditions require.

(Prior code §3-3-16)

13.04.160 - Water for building purposes.

Water for building purposes may be obtained at the rates herein prescribed.

(Prior code §3-3-18)

13.04.170 - Fire protection pipes.

Pipes to be used for fire purposes only will be allowed within buildings only where such pipes are entirely disconnected from those used for any other purposes, and have a separate connection to the mains. The connection with the city main must be made as prescribed in Sections 13.04.050 and 13.04.060.

(Prior code §3-3-19)

13.04.180 - Use of meters.

- A. The ~~Public Workssuperintendent of the water~~ Department ~~and its agents~~ shall have the right at any time to attach a meter to, or detach a meter from the service pipe of such places and of such places only, as he may deem best; and where water is supplied through a meter to charge for the quantity of water used or measured at the regular established meter rates. When a meter fails to register accurately, the charge shall be according to the average quantity used daily, as shown by the meter when in order.
- B. The ~~Public Works Department and its agents~~water-superintendent shall immediately install a meter for any unmetered consumer who is found guilty of violating any of the rules and regulations of the water department.
- C. Any householder desiring metered water service may obtain the service by making written application to the city for the installation of a meter and by agreeing to pay for the quantity of water used or measured at the regular established meter rates.

(Prior code §3-3-20)

13.04.190 - Ownership of meters.

All meters, ~~except such as are required to be purchased by the water users,~~ shall be and remain the property of the city, and may be removed whenever the Public Works Department~~superintendent~~ may decide to do so.

(Prior code §3-3-21)

13.04.200 - Use of private water and city water.

Buildings supplied with water other than that furnished by the city, may obtain city water at meter rates; provided, that no physical connection shall in any way, directly or indirectly exist between the private system and the city's water system. When a connection is found to exist the water will be shut off.

(Prior code §3-3-22)

13.04.210 - Testing and correcting meters.

When any consumer whose water supply is metered shall make a complaint that the bill for any particular month is excessive, the water superintendent will, upon request, have the meter reread.

(Prior code §3-3-23)

13.04.220 - Failure to comply with rules.

Should anyone fail to comply with the rules and regulations established as conditioned to the use of water, or to pay the water rates at the time and manner hereafter provided, the water may be shut off until payment is made of the amount due, including delinquent payment penalty fees, as well as with five dollars in addition the amount for the expense of turning the water on.

(Prior code §3-3-24)

13.04.230 - Authority to turn on water.

After the water has been shut off at the curb cock, if it should be turned on by any person other than an employee of the water department, the water will be again shut off, a section of the service pipe removed, and service will not be furnished until the arrears, current month and an additional charge for the reasonable cost of disconnection and resumption of service, as determined by administrative policy, are paid. If the curb cock is damaged from being operated by parties other than city agents, the party who is responsible will be billed for city agents to repair.

(Prior code §3-3-25)

13.04.240 - Water charged to premises.

All charges for furnishing water within the city shall be chargeable to the premises where water is supplied. Whenever any charge for furnishing water shall not be paid when due on or before the fifteenth day following the due date shown on the billing, the same shall become delinquent and shall be subject to a delinquent payment penalty fee and discontinuance of service. Written notice of shutoff of water shall be given by mail at least fifteen days in advance of such shutoff. After water service has been discontinued, water shall not again be furnished until all outstanding charges shall have been paid in full. All charges for furnishing water or for services relating to the furnishing of water shall be a lien on the property to which the water or water services are supplied. Enforcement of the lien may be commenced at any time after the charge or charges are delinquent for thirty days by suit in equity following the procedures for foreclosure of a mortgage.

(Prior code §3-3-26)

13.04.250 - Applications.



Applications for permits to connect premises with the city water system, or requests to turn off water, shall, in all cases, be in writing and signed by the owner, lessee, or agent of the premises to be served.

(Prior code §3-3-27)

13.04.260 - Water rates.

- A. Water Rates in City. The rates for water furnished by the city to each user within the city limits shall be established by city commission resolution.
- B. Water Rates Outside City. The rates for water furnished by the city to each user outside of the city limits shall be one and one-half times the rate charged to users within the city limits.

~~C. Senior Citizen or Disabled Rates. The principal residence of a person sixty-five years of age or older or certifiable disabled, residing in a residence with a three-quarter inch meter may qualify for a special user rate if meeting certain income criteria as established by city commission resolution. Senior or disabled citizens requesting the special user rate shall make annual written application for this rate and shall certify as to meeting the income criteria established by the city commission.~~

(Prior code §3-3-28)

13.04.270 - Meter sizes.

The minimum meter sizes shall be as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Size in Inches</u>
1 unit	$\frac{3}{4}$
2—4 units	1 (or two $\frac{3}{4}$ " for duplexes)
5—10 units	1- $\frac{1}{2}$
11—30 units	2 disc
31—50 units	2 compound

All services shall have the proper size meters as designated by the water superintendent and approved by the city ~~engineer~~manager on existing and future meter installations, and the user shall pay the minimum charge per Section 13.04.260 above for large-size meters.

(Prior code §3-3-29)

~~13.04.280 — Reduced rates and financial assistanceWater rates for hardship and handicapped users. The commission may grant water users under sixty-five years in hardship and handicap cases the same adjusted minimum water rates applicable to senior citizens and under their same restrictions. An owner-occupied residence with a 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meter may qualify for a reduced user rate, or other financial assistance, if the income of its residents meets certain criteria. Customers requesting the reduced user rates, or other financial assistance, shall make written application and shall certify as to meeting the income criteria established.~~

(Prior code §3-3-30)

13.04.300 - Cost participation.

In the event it is necessary for any developer to extend a city water main larger than necessary to serve the particular development, the city may agree to participate with the developer in the excess cost, said cost participation may be paid from the water fund.

(Prior code §3-3-32)

13.04.310 - Water connection—Required.

- A. All new residences, other new buildings, or any other new use requiring domestic water must be connected to the city water service if the same is available at the time of construction and prior to the use thereof.
- B. All residential and other uses connected to a public water supply system must be connected to the city system within sixty days of the city water being made available. ~~In the event the existing meter or tap does not meet city standards, required modifications will be performed by the city and the reasonable costs thereof as determined by administrative policy shall be paid by the user. These costs shall be in lieu of the connection charge ordinarily imposed.~~ All water connections must meet current City standards and regulations.

(Prior code §3-3-33)

13.04.315 - Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this chapter:

"Back-flow" means any reversal of the normal flow of water from the distribution system that may allow contamination or pollution of the public water supply and render it nonpotable.

"Back-flow prevention device" means any devices or methods approved by the appropriate regulatory agencies for use in the prevention of back-flow.

"Contamination" means an impairment of the quality of water that creates an actual hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of disease by sewage, industrial fluids, wastes, etc.

"Cross-connection" means any actual or potential piping connection or structural arrangement allowing the introduction of any liquid, gas, material or substance into any potable water system, thereby rendering it nonpotable.

"Distribution system" means the network of storage facilities, pumps, pipes, valves and other appurtenances between the source and the point of delivery of potable water in the public water system.

"Nonpotable water" means potable water that has been chemically, biologically or physically altered and thereby rendered unfit for human consumption.

"Point of delivery" means the terminal end of a service connection between the distribution system and the consumer's water system at which point the city of Oregon City loses its jurisdiction of and sanitary control over the potable water supply.

"Pollution" means an impairment of the quality of water to a degree that does not create a hazard to public health, but affects the aesthetic qualities of such water for domestic use.

"Potable water" means water from any source that has been investigated by the health agency having jurisdiction, and has been approved for human consumption.

"Public water supply" means the distribution system supplying potable water to the city of Oregon City consumers.

"Regulatory agencies" means one or more of the following agencies whose specifications and requirements, as presented in their associated publications are accepted as industry standards:

American Water Works Association—Standards C510, C511 and Manual M14.



American Water Works Association, Pacific Northwest Section—Cross-Connection Control Manual, Sixth Edition, December 1995.

Department of Human Services—OAR 333-61-025 (9), OAR 333-61-0070 (1), OAR 333-61-0071.

University of Southern California, Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research—Manual of Cross Connection Control, Ninth Edition, December 1993.

"Service connection" means the supply piping between the distribution system main and the consumer's water system, normally terminating at the downstream end of the water meter.

"Unprotected cross-connection" means any cross-connection which may exist that allows the introduction of any liquid, gas, material or substance into the public water supply, thereby rendering it nonpotable.

(Ord. 04-1006 §1, 2004: Ord. 98-1001 (part), 1998)

13.04.320 - Control of cross-connections.

The city shall establish, maintain and monitor an on-going cross-connection control program which shall be administered by the public works director and/or their designated appointee(s). Information pertaining to the policies and procedures of the program can be obtained from the public works director.

(Ord. 98-1001 (part), 1998)

13.04.330 - Back-flow prevention devices.

The public water supply shall be protected from any existing and/or future unprotected cross-connections by the installation of a back-flow prevention device at or near the point of delivery according to standards and procedures established by one or more of the defined regulatory agencies. Back-flow prevention shall be required in circumstances where an unprotected cross-connection condition may exist. Failure to install an approved back-flow device or conduct a required annual test on a back-flow device shall result in denial or discontinuation of water service.

(Ord. 04-1006 §2, 2004: Ord. 98-1001 (part), 1998)

13.04.340 - Standard construction specifications.

The workmanship and materials for any work performed under permits issued per this chapter shall be in accordance with the edition of the "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction," as prepared by the Oregon Chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA) and as modified and adopted by the city, in effect at the time of application. The exception to this requirement is where this chapter and the Public Works Water Distribution System Design Standards provide other design details, in which case the requirements of this chapter and the Public Works Water Distribution System Design Standards shall be complied with.

(Ord. No. 10-1003, § 1(Exh. 1), 7-7-2010)