

RULE IX**WATER METERS****1. OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPLY OF WATER METERS:**

The District shall own and maintain the Water Meter and will provide the Water Meter.

2. LOCATION OF WATER METER:

New Water Meters shall be installed in meter pits or vaults at or adjacent to the Customer's property line or utility easement. The location shall be determined and approved by the District. Water Meters located on private property are considered a condition of service to the Customer and will not require a separate easement for the location of the Meter or access to the Meter by District personnel.

3. METER PITS OR VAULTS:

Water Meter pits and vaults are the property of and shall be maintained by the District. The pits and vaults shall be installed in accordance with the District's standards and specifications.

4. METER SIZES:

A Single-Family Residential Customer shall be a minimum of a 5/8" Water Meter. A larger Water Meter may be required if the maximum anticipated flow rate exceeds the capacity of a 5/8" Water Meter as determined by the District. Commercial and Multi-Family Customers shall provide the District with proposed water consumption demand on a form provided by the District. The District shall determine the size and type of Water Meter.

5. IMPROPERLY SIZED METERS:

If the water demand by the Customer changes which requires changing the Water Meter

size and/or type, the Customer shall reimburse the District for replacing the Water Meter. If the Water Meter capacity is increased, the Customer shall pay the incremental System Development Charge (SDC) based upon the current SDC rate. (See Rule XI). If the existing Service Connection requires modifications for the new Water Meter, the conditions of Rule VIII shall apply and costs shall be paid for by the Customer.

6. ACCESSIBILITY OF WATER METERS:

The Water Meter shall be accessible to the District at all times. If the District has been unable to gain access to a Water Meter located inside a building for three (3) consecutive billing periods, the District may require the Customer to move the meter to the property line or utility easement at the Customer's expense.

If the District determines that a Water Meter is no longer reasonably accessible, is subject to freezing, or otherwise poses a safety or property damage hazard, the District shall notify and require the Customer to correct the fault at the expense of the Customer. If the customer does not correct the fault after notice thereof and passage of a reasonable period of time, the District shall move the Water Meter at the expense of the Customer.

7. RELOCATING WATER METER BY THE DISTRICT:

The District reserves the right to relocate the Water Meter at the discretion of the District.

8. TESTING, REPAIRS, AND REPLACEMENT:

The District will periodically test Water Meters for accuracy using accepted industry practice and will repair or replace the Water Meters, as required, at the District's cost.

The Customer shall reimburse the District for costs to repair, recalibrate, or replace Water Meter if the damage was caused by negligence or abuse by the Customer.

9. AUTHORIZED HANDLING:

Only the District shall set, change, remove, or by-pass any Water Meter. Customers that tamper with Water Meters may be subject to fine(s), criminal charges, and disconnection of the Service Connection.

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