

MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

1601.010. GENERAL OPERATION. The City municipal water system (hereinafter called the water system) shall be operated as a public utility and convenience from which revenue will be derived, subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

1601.020. USE OF WATER RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS. No person shall make, construct or install any water service installation or make use of any water service which is connected to the water system except in the manner provided in this Chapter.

1601.030. WILLFUL DAMAGE TO WATER SYSTEM. No person shall remove or damage any structure, appurtenance, or property of the water system or fill or partially fill any excavation, or raise or open any gate constructed or maintained for the water system.

1601.040. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE FOR VIOLATIONS. Water service may be shut off at any stop box connection whenever:

(1) The owner or occupant of the premises served, or any person working on any pipes or equipment thereon which are connected with the water system, has violated or threatens to violate any of the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) Any charge for water, service, meter or any other financial obligations imposed on the present or former owner or occupant of the premises served is unpaid.

(3) Fraud or misrepresentation by the owner or occupant of the premises served in connection with an application for service.

1601.050. DEFICIENCY OF WATER AND SHUTTING OFF WATER. The City shall not be liable for any deficiency or failure in the supply of water to consumers, whether occasioned by shutting the water off for the purpose of making repairs or connections, or from any other cause whatever. In case of fire, or alarm of fire, or in making repairs or construction of new works, water may be shut off at any time and kept off as long as necessary.

1601.060. SUPPLY FROM ONE SERVICE. No more than one housing unit or building shall be supplied from one service connection except by permission of the City.

1601.070. TAPPING OF MAINS PROHIBITED. No person except persons employed or contracted by the City shall tap any distributing main or pipe of the water supply system or insert stop-cocks or ferrules therein without the City's permission.

1601.080. REPAIR OF LEAKS. It shall be the responsibility of the consumer or owner to maintain the service pipe from the curb stop box into the house or building. In case of failure upon the part of any consumer or owner to repair any leak occurring in his pipe within twenty-four (24) hours after verbal or written notice thereof, the water will be shut off and will

not be turned on until the leak is repaired. When the waste of water is great, or when damage is likely to result from the leak, the water may be turned off immediately pending repairs. If the City becomes aware of a leak at an unoccupied property, it will attempt to shut off water service using the outside water shutoff valve at the earliest practical opportunity. If the outside water shutoff valve is inoperable, and the leak threatens to cause significant damage to public or private property, to the water system itself, or to public safety, the City's agents and employees may gain immediate entry to any building on the property in order to shut off water service. The determination that a leak poses a threat shall be made solely by the City's agents and employees charged with stopping the leak. If such emergency access is necessary to shut off service, the City shall post a notice of entry on any buildings entered on the property, and will secure the entire property to a condition similar to what existed before the emergency access occurred. A water shutoff charge shall be made in an amount set forth by City Council resolution. For leaks that were unmetered due to a broken water meter or the leak occurring in a pipe prior to passing through the meter a minimum 50,000 gallons of water shall be billed. More water may be billed if it is likely the leak exceeded the minimum amount based on the duration of the leak.

1601.081. REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT.

(1) The property owner shall comply with instructions from the city regarding the repair or replacement of any sewer lines or water lines or other improvements and, in the event the property owner fails to repair any sewer lines or water lines or improvements, the city may undertake the work and assess the property for all costs associated therewith as outlined in the nuisance ordinance.

(2) All repairs shall be performed to city specifications. An approved licensed contractor must perform the repairs. If the repair extends into a city street, right-of-way or easement, prior written notice of the city is required. All such areas shall be restored to city standards by an approved contractor.

1601.082 LIABILITY FOR REPAIRS. After the initial connection has been made to the curb stop, the applicant, owner, or the occupant or user of such premises shall be liable for all repairs required to any water line necessary for connection of the premises from the curb stop box to the building, including any repairs necessary to the curb stop box. The cost for repairs made at the curb stop box on either side will be split 50/50 between the City and the property owner. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant, owner, occupant or user to maintain the stop box at such height as will ensure that it remains at the finished grade of the land or property. Should the stop box be located in a driveway, a "Ford T cover" must be installed prior to the application of the impermeable surface. In the event a water main becomes frozen, the city will be responsible for thawing the same. The property owner shall have the sole responsibility of thawing the frozen water service line from its connection to the street main into the premises. All contractors engaged in thawing water lines must comply with the directions of the city in their activities. No water customer shall be given a credit on a water bill for allowing water to run to prevent freezing without specific prior authorization from the council annually.

1601.090. ABANDONED SERVICES.

(1) All service installations that have been abandoned or have not been used for three (3) years shall be disconnected at the main by the City and all pipe and appurtenances removed shall be the property of the City, and any expense of the City shall be charged to the property.

(2) When new buildings are erected on the site of old ones, and it is desired to increase or change the old water service, no connections with the mains shall be made until all the old service shall have been removed and the main plugged by the City, and any expense of the City shall be charged to the property.

1601.100. SERVICE PIPES.

(1) Every service pipe must be laid sufficiently waving to allow not less than one (1) foot of extra length and in such manner as to prevent rupture by settlement. The service pipe must be placed no less than seven feet below the surface and in all cases so arranged as to prevent rupture by freezing. Any pipe laid at a depth of less than seven feet shall be approved by the City Inspector and insulated with a minimum of two inches of insulation per foot shallower than seven feet. The insulation shall be four-feet wide unless alternate width is approved by City Inspector. Service pipes must extend from the curb box to the inside of the building; or, if not taken into a building, then to the hydrant or other fixtures which it is intended to supply. Water service pipe materials shall be water tight, corrosion resistant, and be approved under the Minnesota State Plumbing Code and by the Public Works Director. All underground joints to be mechanical or silver-soldered. Joints shall be kept to a minimum, with not more than 1 joint used for service to 70 feet in length. All joints and connections shall be left uncovered until inspected and tested at normal water line pressure. All services over 2" shall be ductile iron. Connections with the mains for domestic supply shall be at least one-inch.

(2) Where ductile iron is used for service connections from the water main to the property line, the smallest size permitted shall be 4" ductile iron service connections with 4" gate valves. Each ductile iron service shall be rodded from the water main tee to the gate valve or as directed by the Public Works Director.

(3) All service pipe laid between the curb box and the building shall be able to be located with a locating device. If plastic pipe is used a tracer wire shall be installed along the pipe and brought up to ground level with permanent access for City personnel to connect to it with locating equipment.

1601.110. EXCAVATION AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

(1) No excavation shall be made until a permit for the connection has been issued.

(2) No water service pipe or water connection shall be installed in the same trench, or closer than 10 feet horizontally to a sewer trench or drain laid, or to be laid, either in the street or in private property, except that the water pipe on private property may be in a common trench with a sewer drain which is made of either ductile iron or schedule 40/SDR26 plastic pipe with caulked leaded joints or push on type joints with approved rubber gaskets, and provided further that the horizontal distances between the sewer pipe and the water service is at least 10 feet at property line, and provided that the water service pipe approaches the sewer trench at an angle with the property line of not less than 45 degrees and having bends with not less than a 3 foot radius.

(3) Where it is desired to lay the water service pipe and the building drain or building sewer pipe in the same trench, or in separate trenches less than 10 feet apart, the water-service pipe shall be above the sewer pipe and unless impractical it shall be placed at least 2 feet above the sewer and on a solid shelf excavated at one side of the trench. The sewer pipe shall be ductile iron or schedule 40/SDR26 plastic pipe with tested watertight joints. The water-service pipe shall be watertight and corrosion resistant. Copper pipe, plastic pipe, and ductile iron water pipe with specially protected joints is acceptable for this construction. Ductile iron pipe and plastic pipe shall conform to the American Water Association Specifications for such pipe. In all cases, precautions shall be taken to assure a firm foundation for the pipes. The intervening space between the pipes shall be backfilled with compact earth.

1601.120. PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES. No water pipe of the water system shall be connected with any pump, well, tank, or piping that is connected with any other source of water supply.

1601.130. USE CONFINED TO PREMISES. No person shall permit water from the water system to be used for any purpose except upon his own premises unless written consent is obtained from the City.

1601.140. CONNECTIONS BEYOND CITY BOUNDARIES. Where water mains of the City are in any street or alley adjacent to or outside the corporate limits of the City, the Council may issue permits to the owners or occupants of properties adjacent or accessible to such water mains to make proper water service pipe connections with such water mains of the City and to be supplied with water in conformity with the applicable provisions of this Chapter and subject to any contract for the supply of water between the City and any other municipality.

1601.150. PRIVATE WELLS.

(1) Private wells may be maintained and continued in use after connection is made to the water system, provided there is no means of cross connection between the private well and municipal supply at any time. Hose bibs, that will enable the cross connection of the two systems, are prohibited on internal piping of the well supply system. The threads on the boiler drain of the well volume tank shall be removed or the boiler drain bib replaced with a sink

faucet. Where both private and City systems are in use, outside hose bibs shall not be installed on both systems.

(2) All new homes or buildings shall connect to the municipal water system if a water main is available to the property unless the Council approves a private well where circumstances exist.

(3) Where new homes or buildings do not have a water main available to the property, the Council shall determine whether and under what conditions the municipal water systems will be extended to serve the property or a private well allowed.

(4) If the well is not continued in use at the time a municipal water connection is made, the well shall be sealed in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health Standards. The owner or occupant must advise the Minnesota Department of Health within thirty (30) days from the date of inspection that the well has been sealed.

1601.160. USE OF WATER FOR AIR CONDITIONING. All air conditioning systems which are connected directly or indirectly with the public water system must be equipped with water conserving and water regulating devices as approved by the City Engineer.

1601.170. PERMITS REQUIRED FOR AIR CONDITIONING. Permits shall be required for the installation of all new or replacement air conditioning systems to the public water system. Said permit shall be on forms as provided by the City.

WATER CONNECTIONS

1601.200. APPLICATIONS.

(1) All applications for service installations and for water service shall be made to the City on printed forms furnished by the City.

(2) All applications for service installations shall be made by the owner or agent of the property to be served and shall state the size and location of service connection required; the applicant shall at the time of making application, pay to the City the amount of fees or deposit required for the installation of the service connection as hereinafter provided. Applications for services larger than 1" shall be accompanied by two (2) sets of plans, or sketches, indicating preferred location of service pipe and size of service based on building demand.

(3) When service connections have been installed, application for water service may be made to the City either by the owner, agent, tenant or occupant of the premises.

(4) The size of water service connections and meters shall be subject to approval of the City Engineer.

(5) For all ¾" and 1" sized water meters, a meter spacer with tailpiece couplings will be furnished to the contractor or plumber, at the time a connection permit is issued. Meter spacers will be picked up by City personnel when the City installs meter after completion of water service installation. All other new meter installations, including 5/8" fire detection meters, will be the responsibility of the property owner.

(6) The plumber shall notify the City when piping is complete and a minimum of 24 hours prior to when they are ready for meter installation, giving street address and permit number.

(7) Water billing shall start at the time of installation of the water meter or, in the event the meter is not installed, seven (7) days after completion of outside piping, and shall be calculated upon the minimum quarterly rate, pro-rated on a monthly basis.

1601.210. CONNECTION AND SERVICE CHARGES.

(1) A permit must be obtained to connect to the existing water service leads at the curb stop, and interior plumbing. The fee for the permit shall be established by City Council resolution.

(2) All persons connecting to the City's municipal water system shall pay a water availability charge (WAC) prior to connection in an amount determined by City Council resolution.

(3) For all water turn-ons or turn-offs a service fee will be charged for each action as established by City Council resolution. This fee will either be billed to the utility account of said property or paid at the City offices by either the property owner or the contractor performing the work prior to the appointment. The service fee is based on appointments occurring within normal business hours of the Public Works Department. Additional charges will result if the water turn on/off occurs after hours or on weekends.

1601.220. DAMAGE TO SHUT OFF BOX. Before any grading or excavation is started the water shut off box (curb stop) shall be located and checked for damage by the Public Works Department at the time connection permit is issued. If the shut off box cannot be located or is found bent or in a damaged condition, the City Inspector is to be called at once. The contractor assumes all responsibility for damage to shut off box unless the Public Works Department certified that damage existed before excavation or grading started. If the shut off box is found to be damaged or inaccessible at any time following construction the property owner shall be responsible for necessary repairs. If the City needs immediate access to the shut off box it reserves the right to undertake the work and assess the property for all costs associated therewith as outlined in the nuisance ordinance.

1601.230. SERVICE APPOINTMENTS. Notice must be given at least 24 hours prior to any service appointment. Service appointments are scheduled Monday through Friday between 7:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., except in situations pre-approved by the Public Works Superintendent. If, from any cause, the property owner or contractor will not ready at the scheduled appointment notice must be given to the Public Works Department as soon as possible. A new appointment must be scheduled and may be subject to the 24-hour notice requirement. Additional service fees may result if more than one service appointment is required.

1601.240. PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS. The permit fee for water main tapping shall be paid for each connection in the amount specified in Section 1601.210. In addition thereto, before any permit shall be issued, the following conditions shall be complied with:

(1) No permit shall be issued to tap or connect with any water main of the City directly or indirectly from any lot or tract of land unless:

- (a) Such lot or tract of land has been assessed for the cost of construction of the water main with which the connection is made, or
- (b) If no assessment has been levied for such construction cost, the proceedings for levying such assessment have been or will be completed in due course, or
- (c) If no assessment has been levied, and no assessment proceeding will be completed in due course, that a sum equal to the portion of the cost of constructing said water main would be assessable against said lot or tract has been paid to the City, or

(2) If the above conditions have not been met, no permit to tap or connect to any water main shall be issued unless the applicant shall pay an additional connection fee which shall be equal to the portion of the cost of construction of the said main which would be assessable against said lot or tract to be served by such tapping connection. Said assessable cost shall be determined upon the same basis as any assessment previously levied against other property for the said main. If no such assessment has been levied, the assessable cost will be determined upon the basis of the uniform charge which may have been or which shall be charged for similar tapping or connection with said main, determined on the basis of the total assessable cost of said main, allocated on a frontage basis, acreage basis, or both.

1601.250. LOCATION OF STOP BOXES. Curb stop boxes will be installed at a point on the property line most suitable to the property and shall be left in an accurate position when back filling is completed. Curb stop boxes will be installed at an approximate depth of seven (7) feet below the grade established by the City Inspector.

1601.260. SUPERVISION OF PLUMBER. LICENSE REQUIRED. All piping connections from curb box to house supply piping shall be made under the supervision of a plumber or a water sewer installer, subject to inspection by the Public Works Department. Before any person, firm or corporation engages in the business of water/sewer installation within the City, he shall make application to the City for a license, shall pay a fee, and shall file with the City Administrator a bond and certificate of insurance per Section 302.020. This license must be obtained before a permit shall be issued.

1601.270. TURNING ON WATER. No person, except an authorized City employee, shall turn on or off any water supply at the stop box without permission from the Public Works Director.

1601.280. WATER USE RESTRICTIONS. The use of the municipal water system for lawn sprinkling shall be regulated as provided in this Section.

(1) Conditions

- a. Between May 1 and September 30, lawn, garden and shrub watering is not permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- b. Water use restrictions for lawn, garden and shrub watering apply equally to all Little Canada properties regardless of water source, and include properties using the municipal water supply, existing private wells or surface water appropriations.
- c. Attended water uses such as car washing, filling kiddie pools or hand-watering of plants and gardens is permitted at all times.
- d. In the event the City Council determines that a water shortage exists, the City Council is authorized to restrict the sprinkling of lawns within the City by adopting a resolution setting forth the restrictions. During the period of time set forth in the resolution, all property with addresses that end with an odd number may be sprinkled on odd numbered days, and property with addresses that end with an even number may be sprinkled on even numbered days. This Section does not apply to private wells.

(2) Enforcement

- a. Violations of water use restriction provisions will result in a warning letter for the first violation and the imposition of civil penalties in accordance with the schedule shown below, which will be reflected on future utility billings or in the issuance of a citation in accordance with the adopted Council ordinance.

Civil Penalties

First offense: Verbal or written warning

Second offense: \$50.00

Third offense: \$75.00

Fourth offense: \$100.00

Further offenses: Any person who shall fail to pay the civil penalty or who commits more than four offenses shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the County jail for not more than ninety (90) days.

1601.300. WATER RATES AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES.

A. There shall be a quarterly charge for water taken from the municipal water system. In addition, there shall be a quarterly water service charge assessed to each property that has water available for connection. The quarterly water service charge shall be a flat fee per quarter as set by Council resolution. Commercial properties will be billed the quarterly flat fee multiplied by the number of SAC units as determined by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. For residential properties, including all single-family, multi-family, duplexes, four-plexes, etc. the flat fee per quarter will be multiplied by the number of residential units within that property. In the case of properties assigned more than four (4) SAC units, but not yet connected to city water, the number of water service charges is determined by the water main linear footage abutting the property and dividing that number by 75 to generate a residential equivalency unit. That residential equivalency unit shall then be multiplied by the water service charges flat fee in effect at the time to determine the quarterly water service charge. These charges and the penalty in (G) below shall at all times be subject to provisions of pertinent contracts with the St. Paul Water Department.

(B) All accounts shall be kept by the street number and under the account number assigned thereto, and by the name of the owner. All bills and notices shall be sent to the owner's address. If a non-residing owner desires bills and notices be sent to a different address, they shall notify the Utility Billing Department. If the property owner has requested bills and notices be sent to the property's tenant, and should the tenant be delinquent in payment of account balances, the property owner shall be ultimately responsible for payment of the water and water service charges.

(C) In case the meter is found to have stopped, or to be operating in a faulty manner, the amount of water used will be estimated in accordance with the amount used previously in comparable periods of past years.

(D) Where service is for less than a quarterly period, the quarterly charges will be pro-rated on a monthly basis.

(E) Where a separate connection is made to the Municipal water system for an irrigation system, the water and water service charge rates due and payable by the user shall be

equal to the rates charged in (A) above. Should the irrigation system be supplied from the primary service connection, water service charges shall not apply. On automatic sprinkler accounts, the water and water service charge as delineated in (A) above shall apply regardless of the method of connection. Individual accounts shall be established for sprinkler and irrigation systems and water meters must be installed on such services.

(F) Rates due and payable by each water user located beyond the territorial boundaries of the City shall be determined by special contract.

(G) Statements for water and water service charges for the preceding quarterly period shall be mailed to each customer on or around the 15th day of January, April, July, and October of each year. Any account which remains unpaid thirty (30) or more days after the bill is mailed is a delinquent account. A penalty as set forth by City Council resolution shall be added to each delinquent account. Any pre-payment or overpayment of charges may be retained by the City and applied on subsequent quarterly statements.

(H) Once annually, or as deemed necessary by the City Administrator, notice shall be provided to account holders and owners with a delinquent balance notifying them of the delinquency. If the delinquent accounts remain unpaid after the date specified on the notice, an administrative charge as established by City Council resolution shall be assessed on these delinquent accounts, and this fee along with the delinquent utility charges, including penalties, shall be certified by the City Council to the Ramsey County Department of Property Taxes for collection with taxes due against said premises.

(I) At the sole discretion of the City, water service provided to a property where a delinquent account is present may be terminated. In such case, the City shall send a written notice to the account holder giving them seven (7) days to pay the account in full. Water service shall be terminated without further notice if the delinquent account is not paid in full within the period of time specified in the notice. Additionally, a turn off/on fee as indicated in 1601.210.(3) shall be added to the amount due and full payment of the delinquent amount, including penalties, and the turn off/on fees shall be required before water service is resumed. Property owners requesting that their tenant's water service be turned off due to a delinquent account shall send a written request to the City. Upon receiving the written request, the City, at their sole discretion, may terminate the water service following the same procedures as above.

WATER METERS AND HYDRANTS

1601.400. WATER METERS. Except for extinguishment of fires, no person, except authorized City employees, shall use water from the water system or permit water to be drawn therefrom, unless the same be metered by passing through a meter supplied or approved by the City. No person not authorized by the Public Works Director shall connect, disconnect, take apart, or in any manner change, or cause to be changed, or interfere with any such meter or the action thereof.

(1) A service charge for installation in an amount established by City Council resolution to be made by customers for water meters and payment for the same shall be made in advance of installations.

(2) Where a customer has need for a larger line in addition to his domestic line, as in the case of a commercial consumer who needs a one-inch line for normal use and a six or eight inch line for fire sprinkler system, he will be permitted to run one line into the property and Y off into two lines prior to entering the building. The small or domestic line will have a curb stop and box shortly after the Y with easy access by City Personnel. When this is done, a meter will be attached to the small or domestic line and a check valve as well as a 5/8-inch detection meter shall be put on the large line.

(3) The City shall maintain and repair all meters when rendered unserviceable through ordinary wear and tear and shall replace them, if necessary. However, where replacement, repair or adjustment of any meter is rendered necessary by the act, neglect, including damage from hot water backup, or carelessness of the owner or occupant of the premises, any expense caused the City thereby shall be charged against and collected from the water consumer.

(4) A consumer may, by written request, have his meter tested, by depositing the amount established by City Council resolution with the Administrator. In case a test should show an error of over five (5%) percent of the water consumed, the deposit will be refunded to the consumer, a correctly registering meter will be installed, and the bill will be adjusted accordingly if the meter erred in favor of the City. Such adjustment shall not extend back more than one (1) billing period from the date of the written request.

(5) All water meters shall be and remain the property of the City.

(6) Authorized City employees shall have free access at reasonable hours of the day to all parts of every building and premises connected with the water system for reading, inspection, repair, or replacement of meters. In the event the water consumer denies authorized City employees access, the water consumer will, at their own cost, provide for meter replacement or maintenance by a licensed plumber, and said licensed plumber shall be required to provide documentation to the City as to validity of work performed.

(7) All ¾" and 1" water meters shall be installed by the City. 5/8" fire detection meter installation shall be the responsibility of the property owner or contractor.

(8) All meters must be located so as to afford accessibility to the Public Works Department to perform tasks as identified in 1601.400.6.

(9) Water meters must be installed on all holding tank systems.

1601.405. NON-COMPLIANCE SURCHARGE. A quarterly surcharge, as determined

by Ordinance, shall be added to the utility billing statement for a property where:

(1) An inspection has not been allowed or certification provided within 30 days after notice by the City.

(2) The necessary installations, inspections, and/or repairs have not been made within the time specified.

A surcharge will be added for every quarter during which the property is not in compliance, whether the non-compliance has been for the entire quarter or a portion thereof.

1601.410. WATER METER SETTING. All water meters hereafter installed shall be in accordance with the following rules:

(1) The service pipe from the water main to the meter, when the same enters the building, shall be brought through the floor or bottom course of concrete block of foundation.

(2) The meter shall be located so that the bottom is from 12 inches to 24 inches above the finished floor line. Any deviation from the above installation heights shall be approved in advance by the Public Works Department.

(3) All meter installations shall have a stop and waste ball valve on the street side of the meter. In no case shall there be more than 12 inches of pipe exposed between the point of entrance through the basement floor and the stop and waste valve. A stop and waste ball valve shall also be installed on the house side of the meter. All fittings and pipe to be red brass, or bronze. Ball valves shall be brass 125 pounds standard.

1601.420. USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS. No person other than authorized City employees shall operate fire hydrants or interfere in any way with the water system without first obtaining a permit to do so from the City as follows:

(1) Permit to use a fire hydrant shall be issued for each individual job or contract and for a minimum of thirty (30) days and for such additional thirty (30) day periods as the City shall determine. The permit shall state the location of the hydrant and shall be for the use of that hydrant and none other.

(2) The user shall make an advance cash deposit in an amount established by City Council resolution to guarantee payment for water used and to cover breakage and damages to hydrant, which shall be refunded upon expiration of the permit, less applicable charges for use.

(3) The user shall pay a rental charge as established by City Council resolution for each thirty (30) day period or fraction thereof, and a charge as established by City Council

resolution for each 1,000 gallons of water used.

1601.421. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS. Private water hydrants, as well as public water hydrants, shall be maintained and repaired by the Little Canada Public Works Department to ensure their operation as part of the community's fire protection system. The Public Works Department of the City is hereby granted access to any and all private fire hydrants within the City that are connected to the municipal water system irrespective of the availability of a dedicated access point. Should the maintenance and/or repair of a private fire hydrant require the usage of water from a metered source, no adjustment will be made to the property owner's water bill. If damage occurs to the property during maintenance and/or repair activities, the property owner is to be responsible for the damage and for restoration of the site after the City completes its work. If the repair of a private fire hydrant requires installation of a new hydrant or replacement of part(s) of the existing private fire hydrant, the cost of labor and materials associated with said repair will be the responsibility of the property owner. All such costs which are not paid after first and final billing by the City will be sent to the Ramsey County Department of Property Taxes for collection with taxes due against said property. The property owner can also use a licensed contractor to repair a private hydrant. The work shall be inspected by City personnel and the property owner shall pay the contractor directly for the work.

1601.430. TEMPORARY CONNECTION TO FIRE HYDRANTS. An owner of a private water system may make a temporary above ground connection to a fire hydrant, subject to the time periods, conditions and payment specified in Section 1601.420. In addition, the method of connection to the private system shall conform to all existing requirements of the Code and the type of meter used shall meet the approval of the Plumbing Inspector.

1601.440. HYDRANT RENTALS. There shall be a rental fee for fire hydrants as established by City Council resolution payable by each owner upon whose property such hydrant is situated.

1601.450. PENALTIES FOR DAMAGE TO WATER SYSTEM. Whoever intentionally destroys, damages or tampers with any property of the water system shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or to payment of a fine as established by City Council resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1601.500. UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT. The Council may appoint a Utilities Superintendent who shall assume and discharge the responsibilities imposed by this Chapter, along with such other duties as may be required or assigned to him.

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