

RULE VIII

DOMESTIC AND PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND TAPS

1. **PAYMENT AND INSTALLATION:**

If a prospective customer's premises can be served by a standard domestic water and/or fire service connection with an existing water Distribution Main that is in full compliance with Rule X, the Water District shall accept an application for a service connection. The customer shall pay a connection charge based on the costs of materials, labor and overheads provided and performed by the District, and he shall install the service connection in accordance with the Water District's conditions and specifications. The Water District may require from any applicant for a new service connection a security deposit in the amount of 1/2 of the connection charge to cover costs the District might incur in the correction of a service installation that fails to pass final inspection. Such deposits or any balance thereof will be refunded upon District approval of the service installation at final inspection.

A. **Refusal to Accept Application:**

The Water District may refuse to accept an application for a service connection by an applicant if that applicant has any unpaid delinquent obligation due to the Water District, whether such obligation is for unpaid accounts, charges, services, materials, guarantees, or damages; the application for a service connection may also be refused if such applicant has any unpaid delinquent obligations or if such applicant has a substantial relationship to any entity which has any unpaid delinquent obligations. A "delinquent" obligation and "substantial relationship" shall be defined as set out in Rule V, Section 5, Subsection G.

The Water District may also refuse to accept an application for service connection

if the water main to be connected to is not directly adjacent to the property to be served and does not comply with Rule X, Section 2, Subsection C.

B. Refusal to Allow Individual Service Connections

From and after February 8, 1994, the Water District may refuse to issue a service connection permit wherever the existing distribution system capacity is inadequate to serve the applicant's premises without potentially creating or intensifying conditions which adversely affect the safety or health of the applicant or other existing customers. The adequacy of the existing distribution system to serve new customers shall be determined by the Water District by testing and/or by engineering analysis. Such testing or engineering analysis, shall be based on the maximum flow capacity of the meter proposed. If the test and/or analysis shall confirm that 30 pounds per square inch (p.s.i.) or greater water pressure at the water main will be sustained under maximum-hour system conditions at the proposed point of connection and all points in the distribution system affected by the new connection, a service connection permit will be issued. If the test and/or analysis confirms the 30 p.s.i. minimum pressure cannot be sustained, the Water District will not issue the service connection permit.

C. Refusal to Allow Increased Capacity

The Water District may refuse to allow the enlargement of an existing service connection, or the installation of a water meter of a greater capacity than an existing meter if it is determined by the Water District that 30 p.s.i. or greater water pressure cannot be maintained as required in the foregoing Subsection B.

D. Applications for Service Connections in Newly Acquired Distribution Systems:

Because of limited information and records provided to the Water District when it

acquires the Distribution System of another water utility, information included on the Service Connection Permits relating to the location of existing mains shall not constitute any representation or guarantee that such mains actually exist or are located as indicated, and such information shall be provided as only the assumed location from information as is then available to the Water District. No applicant, owner or other person interested in the connection shall have any right, claim, or cause of action against the Water District for erroneous information as to the location of mains contained on such permits, and they shall bear their own expense or loss in adjusting, relocating or eliminating the proposed service connection by reason thereof. In the event an inadequate supply exists or no water main exists, the applicant may be required to initiate a Water Main Extension Petition and Agreement pursuant to Rule X. In the event of cancellation of the application for a new service connection, the service connection charge and any security deposit shall be refunded to the applicant. The conditions of this Rule VIII, Section 1, Subsection D shall apply for a period not to exceed five years from the date of such acquisition.

E. Inspection of Service Connections: All new service connection installations shall be inspected by the Water District to determine installation conformance with the District's specifications.

(1) Preliminary Inspection:

The Water District shall conduct a preliminary inspection of a new service installation only at such time as the service is completely installed to the stop and waste valve and still completely exposed.

(2) Final Inspection:

The Water District shall conduct a final inspection of a new service installation only after final site grading and sodding (or resurfacing) has been completed.

(3) Failure to Pass Inspection:

Upon failure of a new service installation to pass final inspection, the Water District shall notify the customer and customer shall proceed immediately to correct the fault. Should the customer fail to correct the fault within 10 days from such notification, the District may discontinue water service through the installation until the fault is corrected or the District may correct the fault and charge the customer for costs incurred in such correction.

- (a) Costs incurred by the District for correction to a new service installation and charged to the customer, that become delinquent and unpaid may be transferred to an account for water service to such customer at any other location served by the Water District and if such transferred liability of the customer remains unpaid, the water service at the location where transferred shall be subject to delinquency shut-off of service. (See Rule V, Section 5, Subsection G.)

F. Refund of Service Connection Charges:

(1.) Installations Not Started:

At the option of the Water District, the Service Connection Permit may be canceled and refunded, or subject to change, if delivery of materials and service connection installation has not been requested by the applicant

within 120 days from the date of application for service. If the Service Connection Permit has been canceled for any reason, upon later reapplication for a service connection, the applicant shall pay the appropriate Service Connection Charge according to the applicable schedule of Service Connection Charges then in effect.

2. MAKING CONNECTIONS OR DISCONNECTIONS:

A. Prohibited Connections to Transmission Mains:

No Domestic Service Connection or private Fire Service Connection shall be made to Transmission Mains.

B. Connections Only by Authorized Water District Employees:

No person except a duly authorized employee of the Water District or other person duly authorized by the Water District shall make any connection or disconnection, either temporary or permanent, to any water main of the Water District.

C. Application to Disconnect:

If the owner of property served by the Water District determines that a service connection is no longer needed, said property owner should request that the service connection be disconnected by the Water District. An application to disconnect must be executed by the property owner or his duly authorized agent. No charge will be made by the Water District for such disconnection.

3. OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS:

A. The domestic water service connection shall include the corporation stop or valve at the water main, the meter, the tubing or pipe to the customer's property, and the "shut-off" and appurtenances thereto at the customer's property line. Such service

connection shall after installation by the customer and upon inspection and approval by the Water District, become the property of the Water District and shall be maintained by the Water District as such maintenance and replacement becomes necessary. If the customer should desire a service replaced with one of a different size, such service replacement costs shall be paid by the customer and thereafter the new service shall become the property of, be maintained by and be replaced by the Water District.

- B. The fire service connection shall include only the tapping sleeve and valve at the water main. Such service connection shall after being installed by the Water District become the property of the Water District and shall be maintained by the Water District as such maintenance becomes necessary.

4. CHOICE OF DISTRIBUTION WATER MAINS FOR SERVICE:

If there is more than one water Distribution Main adjacent to the premises to be served, the Water District shall have the sole decision as to which water Distribution Main is to be tapped for service connection.

5. INSTALLATION SEPARATE FROM GAS, SEWERS, UNDERGROUND POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS LINES:

Service connection between the water Distribution Main and the customer's property line on into the customers' building shall be laid in a trench separate from gas trench, underground power trench, communication lines trench and sewer trenches in conformance with specifications of the Water District.

6. MULTIPLE METERS- SINGLE SERVICE CONNECTION:

Single service connections for multiple meters may be made with the approval of the Water District when separate curb stops and/or valves can be installed which shall in-

dividually control the meters and service lines.

7. MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE LINES:

A. Domestic service lines on the customer's property from the curb stop, valve or meter pit to the customer's point of use shall be installed, owned and maintained by the customer.

B. Fire service lines from fire service connection valve to the customer's point of use shall be installed, owned and maintained by the customer including that portion on public or common rights-of-way.

8. PAYMENT FOR WATER LOST ON SERVICE LINE LEAKS:

If a leak should develop on the customer's service line and due to the meter being located beyond the leak, the Water District may make an estimate of and charge the customer for lost unmetered water after notice of the leak has been given. After giving the customer 3 days notice of its intention, the Water District may discontinue service if the repair has not been made. In instances where the leak is extremely great, the District may discontinue service immediately. (See also Rule XV, Section 2, APPARENT OR OBVIOUS UNATTENDED LEAKS)

9. INSTALLATION OF "STOP-AND-WASTE" VALVE:

Customers shall have a stop-and-waste valve installed in their service lines properly maintained to enable them to cut off their water supply for repairs and draining of the plumbing or in emergencies.

10. TRANSFER OF DELINQUENT CHARGES:

All charges and costs for service performed by the Water District under this Rule becoming delinquent and unpaid shall be subject to transfer as stated in Rule V, Section 5, Subsection G.

11. TEMPORARY SERVICE FROM ADJOINING WATER UTILITY:

A. Where a tract of land meets all of the following conditions:

- 1) it is contiguous to the Water District's boundary;
- 2) there is erected upon said tract a residential, agricultural, commercial or industrial building, any part of which is situated within 300 feet of the property line nearest the Water District boundary, which has been continuously occupied for the previous six months under a certificate of occupancy issued no later than March 1, 1996;
- 3) no connection to an adequate Water District main meeting the requirements for connection set out in this Rule VIII and the requirements of the jurisdictional zoning authority for fire flow is available within 300 feet of any property line of the tract; and
- 4) adequate water service meeting the requirements for connection set out in this Rule VIII and the requirements of the jurisdictional zoning authority for fire flow is available from another water utility with a service area adjoining the property line of the tract;

the owner may apply to the Water District for temporary water service from the adjoining water utility under a three-party contract among the owner, the Water District and the adjoining utility.

The contract shall be upon such terms and conditions as are approved by the Water District, and shall include a provision for termination of such temporary service whenever an adequate source for water service from the District becomes available within 300 feet of the original property lines of the tract as they existed at the time of the application. Collection of the System Development Charge shall be delayed until the owner permanently connects to a Water District main. All expenses for both the temporary and subsequent permanent extensions and

connections shall be borne by the owner at the charges, rates and fees then in effect.

B) Where the tract meets all conditions and requirements in subsection A except for condition (2), the owner may petition for a variance from compliance with condition (2) only if all of the following further conditions have been met:

- 1) The owner is the genuine title holder of record of the entire tract and not merely a purchaser under a contract of sale;
- 2) The need for water service is unique from that which is ordinarily found for tracts within the District that are remote from existing mains;
- 3) the unique need for water is not the result of the owner's own actions or neglect;
and
- 4) the granting of the temporary connection will not foreseeably deter the initiation of a line extension petition for service to a separate tract within 300 feet of the petitioner's tract.

The General Manager shall consider in writing whether all four conditions exist in substitution of condition (2) of Subsection A, and that determination shall be final unless appealed to the Water District Board within sixty days as provided in Rule XVI.

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