

CITY OF PHOENIX
WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

POLICY GOVERNING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER METER AND SERVICE AND THE PROVIDING
OF WATER TO DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE PROTECTION

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to enable developers and builders access to water required for construction purposes before mains and appurtenances are approved by the Department, while at the same time ensuring that proper payment is received by the City of Phoenix for water used.

Definition: "Construction water" is defined as water to build a structure combining or arranging various building materials.

This does not include water used for the following purposes:

- ° landscaping irrigation
- ° swimming pools or ponds
- ° street medians or new development entrance right-of-way
- ° model home maintenance
- ° other operation or maintenance type uses

Background

Significant quantities of water have been used by developers, builders, and building occupants without payment being made to the City of Phoenix for the water used.

In some cases, building occupants have received water through unmetered connections for long periods of time following completion of construction. Developers and builders likewise have received water through unmetered connections for construction purposes.

The Policy

To ensure that water customers will not subsidize water used by any individuals, and to ensure that water services are metered at the earliest appropriate time, this policy will be effective on and after March 1, 1987.

CLASS I: All single family residence and/or 3/4" and 1" services.

1. Applications for water service and water meters will be accepted by the Engineering and Development Division of the Department after a building permit has been issued by the City of Phoenix Development Services Department, and the water mains have been accepted by the City Engineering Department. At the time of application, a processing fee of \$10.00 (including the charge for water used) plus tax for a 90-day access period will be paid by the applicant for each water service application in addition to the appropriate meter fee. Mail-in applications will require three to five days after receipt by the Engineering and Development Division for processing time.
2. A payment receipt will be issued, and it must be readily available for inspection at the construction site.
3. Construction water access entitles the user up to 90 days of construction water. Water meters will be installed as soon as possible during the construction water access period upon water main acceptance. Standard water billing will begin after the expiration of the 90-day access period.

Water meters will not be set if the water mains and appurtenances serving the construction site have not been approved by the Department and/or the building site is not properly graded for installation of the meter. If the water mains and appurtenances have not been approved by the Department, reapplication must be made prior to the 90-day expiration date or service will be disconnected.

Reapplication must be made in person, and only one reapplication is permitted. Construction water access fees are nonrefundable.

In those situations wherein the mains and appurtenances have been approved by the Department but the meter cannot be installed after the 90-day construction period, the developer or builder will be given an additional 60 days (not to exceed 150 days from date of application) to bring the site up to grade. The developer or builder will be billed an estimated monthly charge based on average citywide water use for the class of service involved (e.g., residential, commercial, or industrial). Charges will include sewer fees plus appropriate taxes.

After a total elapsed time of 150 days from application, the water service will be disconnected unless the water meter has been requested and installed on the service.

4. A prerequisite for meter installation will be approval and acceptance by the Engineering and Development Division of the water mains and appurtenances serving the building site.

5. Use of water not in compliance with this policy will result in the severing of water service and the payment by the water user of an enforcement fee of \$40.00 per service connection so used. Such fees will continue to be assessed until compliance is met. Enforcement for noncompliance will be under the direction of the Department's Theft and Revenue Protection Team of the Customer Services Division.
6. Water service provided to developers and builders under this policy will be considered strictly as construction and fire protection water. Developers and builders will be responsible for ensuring that water from such services is not ingested by workers or other persons until the water mains and appurtenances have been approved and accepted by the City of Phoenix.

CLASS II: Multi-family, commercial, and industrial service and/or all 1½" or larger services.

1. Applications for water service and water meters will be accepted by the Engineering and Development Division of the Department after a building permit has been issued by the City of Phoenix Development Services Department, and the water mains have been accepted by the City Engineering Department. At the time of application, the processing fee (including the charge for water used for the 90-day access period) will be paid by the applicant for each water service application in addition to the appropriate meter fee. Main-in applications will require three to five days after receipt by the Engineering and Development Division for processing time.

Construction water access fees for 1½" and larger services are as follows:

1½"	\$ 50.00 plus tax
2"	80.00 plus tax
3"	150.00 plus tax
4"	250.00 plus tax
6"	500.00 plus tax

These sizes of services and dollar amounts are based on City of Phoenix Water and Wastewater Department Policy No. P-12, revised November, 1984.

2. A payment receipt will be issued, and it must be readily available for inspection at the construction site.
3. Construction water access entitles the user up to 90 days of construction water. Water meters will be installed as soon as possible during the construction water access period upon main approval.

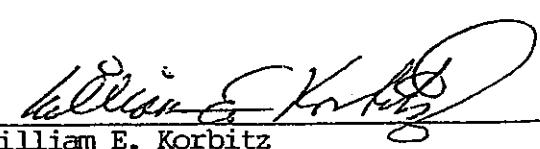
Water meters will not be set if the water mains and appurtenances serving the construction site have not been approved by the Development and/or the building site is not properly graded for installation of the meter. If the water mains and appurtenances have not been approved by the Department at the end of 90 days, the service will be disconnected. If the water mains and appurtenances have not been approved by the Department, reapplication must be made prior to the 90-day expiration date or service will be disconnection.

Reapplication must be made in person. Construction water access fees are nonrefundable.

In those situations wherein the mains and appurtenances have been approved by the Department but the meter cannot be installed after the 90-day construction period, the developer or builder will be billed for water used during this 60-day period. The developer or builder will be billed an estimated monthly charge based on average citywide water use for the class of service involved (e.g., residential, commercial, or industrial).

4. A prerequisite for meter installation will be approval by the Engineering and Development Division of the water mains and appurtenances serving the building site.
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Approved


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