

CITY OF PHOENIX
WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT
UNMETERED WATER USE

This policy provides for a method of maintaining accountability of water usage for unmetered water at construction sites while providing an equitable cost of the water used.

When a contractor requires water to settle backfill in a utility trench, build a perimeter wall, or for other construction and metered water is not available or practical, the contractor shall be charged for unmetered water use at the time of right of way or on site construction permit application, depending on the proposed use.

The factors used for calculating unmetered water usage are as follows:

SETTLING TRENCH BACKFILL

	<u>Cost Per Lineal Ft.</u> <u>Depth 5' or Less</u>	<u>Cost Per Lineal Ft.</u> <u>Depth Greater than 5'</u>
Water Mains (12" or less)	.10	.15
Sewer Mains (12" or less)	.20	.25
Storm Drains (24" or less)	.10	.15
Irrigation Pipe (24" or less)	.10	.15
Other Utilities	.09	.14

An administrative fee of \$45 shall be assessed by the Development Services Department with each permit in addition to the water use fee.

These fees will be collected at the time of right of way permit application.

Utility projects larger than those identified above are viewed as major construction. Due to a variety of trench conditions, bedding requirements, and rate of installation normally associated with major utility construction, continuing with metered construction water will be required.

PERIMETER WALLS

Minimum fee is \$20.00 for 1000 feet or less of perimeter wall. Standard fee of \$.02 per lineal foot will be assessed for any footage over 1000 feet. This fee will be collected at the time of on site construction permit application.

The above water use fees for trench settling and perimeter walls are subject to applicable state, county, and city taxes.

Permits issued which allow for the use of unmetered water shall be at the job site and presented upon request for review by the city inspector.

Failure to produce a valid permit for unmetered water will result in a citation written for unauthorized use of water.

This permit fee is non-refundable.



Michael Grizuk, P. E.
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