

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 86-46 AND ORDINANCE 88-62, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, PART 4, ARTICLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED WATER SEWER UTILITY METERS.

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Vineland adopted Ordinance 86-46 and Ordinance 88-62, setting forth the policies and procedures for the location and installation of water meters for the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Municipal Utilities has recommended changes to be made to outline new policies and procedures for the location and installation, furnishing, protection and repair of water meters in the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vineland finds it to be in the best interest of the City to amend Chapter 687 in accordance with the recommendations of the Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Ordinance 86-46 and 88-62, as amended, Chapter 687, Part 4, Article XV, of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Water-Sewer Utility Meters be deleted in its entirety and be replaced as follows:

Chapter 687. Utilities
Part 4. Water-Sewer Utility
Article XV. Meters

§ 687-106. Location and installation.

[Amended 8-26-1986 by Ord. No. 86-46]

The Water Utility shall supply the tap, meter and meter pit, the charge for installation of a 5/8 inch to two inches in size shall be in accordance with the established schedule of fees. The charge for the installation a tap for a meter of larger than two inches in size shall be at current cost as per ordinance. All fees shall be payable in advance.

§ 687-107. One premises per service pipe or meter.

Only one dwelling, store or other premises shall be attached to or supplied by one service pipe or meter.

§ 687-108. Furnishing of meters.

[Amended 11-27-2018 by Ord. No. 2018-68]

All meters used on any City water services measuring the quantity of water consumed shall be obtained from the Water-Sewer Utility. The applicant or consumer or their contractor shall pay for the cost of the tap, meter pit and meter as well as all necessary associated fittings for the new installation. The cost for the new meter and associated fittings shall be the current cost as stated on the rate sheet at the time of the request. All meters shall remain the property of the Water-Sewer Utility.

§ 687-109. Meters required for services.

[Added 8-26-1986 by Ord. No. 86-46]

All services shall be metered by a water meter of the same size as the water tap and service pipe, except that one-inch residential services may be metered with smaller meters in accordance with the schedule of water rates.

§ 687-110. Remote meters.

[Added 7-26-1988 by Ord. No. 88-62]

The Utility reserves the right to install a meter which may be read by remote means, either manually or by telephone, cable or other data communication devices. The owner of any property served by the Water-Sewer Utility shall permit installation and provide uninterrupted access to any such device so installed. The remote meter shall be installed in a place suitable to the Water-Sewer Utility.

§ 687-111. Protection of meter from damage.

The owner of any premises where a meter is installed shall be held responsible for its care and protection from freezing or hot water and from other injury thereto. The owner or consumer shall notify the Water-Sewer Utility of any injury to or of the nonworking of the meter as soon as the same comes to his knowledge. No bypass around the meter will be permitted.

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§ 687-112. Repairs to water meter.

Repairs to water meters will be made by the Water-Sewer Utility only at its expense; provided, however, that if proper protection has not been provided a meter, all expenses incurred by the Utility for the repairing or replacing of said meter shall be charged to the owner or consumer of the premises where such meter is located. It is understood that such repairs will be charged only when evidence is obtained that such repairs are due to gross neglect on the part of the consumer.

§ 687-113. Faulty meters; determination of charges.

Where water is furnished by meter measurement, the quantity recorded by it shall be conclusive on both the applicant and the City, except when the meter has been found to be registering incorrectly or has ceased to register. In such a case or cases, the quantity may be determined by the average registration of another meter for a period of 30 days or of the same meter for a period of 30 days after it has been repaired and tested, or the quantity used during a previous corresponding period may be used as a basis for settlement.

§ 687-114. Water testing.

[Amended 7-26-1988 by Ord. No. 88-62]

The Water-Sewer Utility will, at the request of any customer with an abnormally high consumption, based upon past billing records and the age of the meter, test the meter at an approved testing facility and make the certified test results available to the customer. If the meter is found to be recording water in excess of that delivered, bills rendered will be adjusted. If the meter is found to be accurate, the contended bill will stand, and the cost of removal and testing will be due from the property owner.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any portion of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion so determined to be unenforceable, shall be void and the balance hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that should any Ordinance or portion thereof be inconsistent herewith, such Ordinance or portion thereof shall be void to the extent of such inconsistencies.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk