

Code Section

Reasons for change

Chapter 87. – Water Code – Water Service Connections

Sec. 87.13. Cost and payment of street service connections.

- (a) Street service connections ~~shall be installed by the utility after a contract has been executed. All street service connections~~ shall be installed based on actual cost, including labor, equipment, materials and overhead, except for those addressed in section 87.14.
- (b) The council may order street service connections made to vacant property and to occupied property not presently serviced by city water in advance of any pavement to be laid on the street. The cost of such street service connection shall be at the rates or actual costs as provided in this chapter and paid for through assessment against benefited properties upon completion of the work.
- (c) Unless installed under provisions of paragraph (b), payment shall be made or arranged for prior to installation. Payment shall be at the rate in effect at the time payment is made; ~~and shall include payment for meter setting costs in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 88.~~

Allows for the circumstances in Section 87.03(b)(3) (attached for reference)

Meter setting costs are paid with plumbing permit

Sec. 87.14. Charges for one-inch street service connections, taps of all sizes and related work where excavation is provided by others.

A schedule of charges for installation of 1-inch street service connections, taps of all sizes and related work where the water utility determines excavation and restoration is to be provided by the owner shall be approved by city council resolution based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners in the same manner as water charges, as described in Section 85.01. Excavation and restoration as required by the water utility shall be accomplished by a contractor licensed to perform such work.

Complete rewrite of Section 87.14 to provide 1) that schedule charges be applied only where excavation and restoration are provided by others, and 2) the utility will determine who is to provide excavation.

~~**Sec. 87.14. Charges for street service connections, taps and related work.**~~

- ~~(a) Charges for 1-inch street service connections and all taps shall be approved by city council resolution based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners, at the same time and in the same manner as water charges, as described in Section 85.01.~~
- ~~(b) One-inch street service connections and all taps in the following categories are excluded from the charges approved by city council resolution and shall be charged actual cost in accordance with section 87.13.
 - (1) ~~Connections in the downtown area. The downtown area shall be defined as follows: An area bounded by and including University Avenue on the north, Lafayette Road and State Trunk Highway 3 on the east, Shepard and Warner Roads on the south and Chestnut Street to Summit Avenue to John Ireland Boulevard to Rice Street on the west.~~~~

- ~~(2) Connections in rock areas and tunnels, as determined by the water utility.~~
- ~~(3) Connections in rights of way wider than seventy-nine (79) feet.~~
- ~~(4) Connections that cannot be installed utilizing pneumatic underground piercing equipment.~~
- ~~(5) Connections that require extraordinary excavation or restoration.~~
- ~~(e) An administrative fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) shall be charged for each street service connection or fire service installed by a contractor in conjunction with new street mains described in section 87.03 and each connection installed by a contractor in conjunction with a new private water main. This fee will compensate the water utility for account initiation and account maintenance costs which costs are included in the schedule charges for service connection installation work performed by the water utility.~~

Sec. 87.16. Cut off of street service connections.

The property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with the cut off of street service connections addressed in this section, including providing for excavation and restoration as required by the water utility. Excavation and restoration required for cut off work shall be accomplished by a contractor licensed to perform such work. In certain circumstances and as may be required by the water utility, excavation and restoration may be performed by the water utility. All pipe work required for the cut off of street service connections shall be performed by the water utility, except as described in paragraph (d).

- (a) *Cut off at water main by water utility.* The following circumstances require the cut off of street service connection(s) at the water main:
 - (1) Whenever a property is redeveloped. This shall apply to all unused street service connections that extend to the property;
 - (2) Whenever a property owner requests that an existing lead street service connection be replaced in a different location, more than three (3) feet from the existing location, as provided in section 87.03(f);
 - (3) Whenever a property owner requests that a street connection serving an existing building be replaced;
 - (4) Whenever required by the water utility when certain water pipe materials, excavation obstructions or other such considerations make a property line cut off described in paragraph (d) unfeasible.
- (b) *Delay due to recent street surface paving.* Where cut off of street service connection(s) at the water main is required within a public street right-of-way where the street surface has been recently repaved, and the authority governing excavation within said street right-of-way has a duly adopted ordinance or other law restricting excavation within such recently repaved street surfaces, said governing authority may require a delay of such cut off(s) until such time as said street surface is again repaved. In the case of such requirement, said

governing authority shall, at its own expense, provide for the excavation and backfilling for said delayed cut off.

- (c) *Charges for cut off of street service connection by water utility.* Charges for cut off of street service connections shall be approved by city council resolution based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners, ~~at the same time and in the same manner as water charges, as described in section 85.01.~~
- (d) *Cut off required for building demolition.* Prior to the demolition of a building, all street service connections shall be cut off, properly capped and retained at the property line or stop box, exact location to be determined by the water utility. Property line cut off pipe work inside property shall be performed by a city licensed plumber and inspected by a water utility plumbing inspector.
- (e) *Change in cut off location.* Where certain water pipe materials, excavation obstructions or other such considerations make a cut off location required by this section unfeasible, the water utility may require the cut off be performed at a different location.

Removes the requirement that cut-off charges be established at the same time as water charges

For Reference Only

To be used with revisions to Chapter 87

Section Sec. 87.03. Installation, maintenance and guarantee.

- (a) *Installation.* The property owner or agent must distinctly stake, and mark, the point on the property line where the street service connection is to enter the premises. Water service connections shall be installed in accordance with water utility standards. The point where the street service connection is to enter the property must be distinctly marked, by a stake, by the owner or agent before the street service connection is installed, and said stake shall be marked "water" and shall be no closer to the house drain location than ten (10) feet horizontally.
- (b) *Limits of installation and maintenance.* The water utility shall install all street service connections from existing street mains to the property line, and shall maintain them in the manner provided in sections 87.03(e) and 89.10.
- (1) When the building is on the property line, the pipe shall be installed from the street main to a point just inside the property line or, inside of the building wall. When a hole in the building wall is required, such hole and approved sleeve shall be provided by the owner.
 - (2) When the building is on the property line, the owner must provide access to the water utility, at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, for installation or maintenance pursuant to this chapter. Failure to provide such access shall be deemed a violation of this code and subject to penalties, including shutoff, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91.
 - (3) When the building is located back from the property line and the service is continued underground beyond the point where the work is performed by the water utility, such service shall be installed by a plumber licensed by the City of Saint Paul and shall be subject to inspection by the water utility. Testing and flushing of underground piping shall be done by the property owner or developer at the expense of the property owner or developer. In certain situations, as described in the most recent revision of the water utility standards for the installation of water mains, street service connections may be installed by contractors in conjunction with contractor-installed street mains.
 - (4) The balance of the water service connection or fire service connection between the property line and the meter shall be installed and at all times maintained by the owner. Certain obstacles such as trees, utilities, retaining walls and other obstructions may make it advisable for the owner or the owner's plumber to install a replacement water service connection from the meter to the stop valve in the boulevard. Such an installation may be authorized by the water utility if, after review by the utility, it is deemed to be in the best

interests of both parties. Service connection piping installed by the owner's plumber between the property line and the stop valve in the boulevard with water utility approval shall be guaranteed as if it has been installed by the water utility.

- (c) *Authorized material-existing street service connections.* If an existing street service connection extends to a property on which a new building is proposed, application for use of the street service connection to serve said building shall not be accepted if the existing street service connection is constructed of lead or galvanized iron. Application for use of six-inch and smaller cast iron street service connection shall likewise not be accepted. A new application for water service must be made and paid for by the owner.
- (d) *Authorized material-repair.* Service connections shall be replaced and not repaired if constructed of lead or galvanized iron.
- (e) *Street service connections; maintenance and guarantee.* The water utility will, in accordance with its standards and without cost to the property owner, repair and maintain the street service connections which it has installed. Private contractors shall, for a period of one (1) year and in accordance with water utility standards, repair and maintain street service connections which they have installed. One (1) year after installation, the water utility will begin repairing and maintaining these privately installed street service connections as if the water utility had installed them. Service connection piping installed by the property owner or property owner's contractor shall be repaired and maintained by the property owner except as provided in section 87.03(b). Fire service connections shall be guaranteed as provided in section 89.10
- (f) *Lead street service replacements.* A lead street service connection to an existing building will be replaced by the water utility with copper pipe at no cost to the property owner whenever the property owner installs new water piping from the property line to the water meter.

Existing lead street service connections which are one and one-half (1½) inches in size and smaller will be replaced with one-inch or one-and-one-half-inch copper pipe as determined by the water utility. Two-inch lead street service connections will be replaced with two-inch copper pipe.

If a property owner requests that the lead street service replacement be located more than three (3) feet from the existing location, the existing lead street service shall be cut off by the water utility and the property owner shall pay for the actual costs of said cutoff.

The board of water commissioners shall adopt, and may amend from time to time, a plan for the implementation of this replacement program.

(Code 1956, § 248.03; Ord. No. 17001, 2-24-83; C.F. No. 93-905, § 2, 7-15-93; C.F. No. 94-499, § 1, 5-11-94; C.F. No. 94-1487, § 1, 11-2-94; C.F. No. 97-1419, § 1, 12-22-97; C.F. No. 99-1157, § 1, 1-5-00; C.F. No. 02-814, § 1, 10-2-02; C.F. No. 07-1048, § 1, 11-28-07)