

SECTION 4. REGULATION OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS *(Amended 3/19/2018, Ord. 89)*

Subd. 1. Water and Sewer Department. There is hereby established a water and sewer department, which shall be under the supervision of the City Council of the City of Silver Lake, Minnesota. The department shall be responsible for the management, maintenance, care, and operation of the water works and sanitary sewage system of the City of Silver Lake, Minnesota.

Subd. 2. Use Of Water Or Sewer System Restricted. No person shall make or use any water or sewer service installation connected to the city water or sewer system except pursuant to application and permit as provided in this chapter.

Subd. 3. Application for Service. *(Amended July 5, 2023)*

a. Procedure. Application for a water or sewer service shall be made to the City Clerk/Treasurer on forms prescribed by the City Council and furnished by the City. By his or her signature, the applicant shall agree to conform to this section, and to rules and regulations that are established by the City as conditions for the use of water.

b. Fees or Deposit. Application for a service connection shall be made by the owner of the property to be served or by his or her agent. The applicant shall, at the time of making the application, pay to the City the amount of fees or deposit required for the installation of the service connection.

Subd. 4. Charges for Service Connections.

a. Permits and fees. No connection shall be made to the City water or sewer system without a permit received from the City Clerk/Treasurer. The permit fees shall be outlined in the City's fee schedule.

b. Connection fees. When a connection requires installation of a service line from the main to the property line, the applicant shall bear the cost of making the necessary connections, tapes, and installation of pipe and appurtenances to provide service to the property and necessary street repairs.

c. Base fees. Base fees shall be charged to any property that has a water meter installed and connected to the City water system. If a second dwelling unit is permitted to connect to the water and sewer of the main dwelling via a Conditional Use Permit, a second Base fee for both water and sewer will be charged to the property. Said base fees shall be outlined on the City's fee schedule.

d. Water meter cost. At such time as a water connection is made to the City water system, the owner shall purchase a meter approved by the City and shall have said meter installed. The City shall provide the meter to the owner at the cost billed to the City, with any appropriate allowance for the cost of freight, etc. No meter shall be installed upon any water system in the City of Silver Lake, Minnesota, or water system connected to the water system of the City of Silver Lake, Minnesota, unless prior approval is obtained from the City Clerk/Treasurer.

e. Certification. No permit shall be issued to connect with any water or sanitary sewer main unless the City Clerk/Treasurer certifies to the truth of one of the following or payment as required in Paragraph "f" is made.

i. That the lot or tract to be served has been assessed for the cost of construction of the main with which the connection is made or the proceedings for levying such assessment have been or will be commenced in due course; or

ii. That the cost of construction of the main has been paid by the developer or builder platting the lot or tract; or

iii. That, if neither of the foregoing is true, a sum equal to the portion of the cost of constructing the main which would be assessable against the lot or parcel has been paid to the City.

Subd. 6. Water systems.

a. General water regulations. (*Amended July 5, 2023*)

i. Discontinuance of service. The City may discontinue service to any water consumer without notice for necessary repairs, or upon notice for non-payment of charges, or violation of rules and regulations affecting utility service.

ii. Supply from one service. No more than one house or building shall be supplied from one service connection unless allowed under a Conditional Use Permit and will be subject to inspection by Public Works. If service to a second dwelling is allowed from the main service under a Conditional Use Permit, that service will be subject to additional Base fees as noted under Subd. 3-c.

iii. Turning on water, tapping mains. No person except an authorized City employee shall turn on any water supply at the stop box or tap any distributing main or pipe of the water system supply or insert a stop cock or other appurtenance therein without a City permit.

iv. Repair of leaks. The consumer or owner shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the service pipe from the main into the building served. Such service pipes shall be all reasonable times subject to inspection by duly authorized officials of the City, and if repairs are ordered by the City, they must be made within twenty-four (24) hours of such notice, and if said repairs are not made, within said period, the City may turn the water off.

v. Use of fire hydrants. No person other than an authorized City employee shall operate a fire hydrant or interfere in any way with the City water system without first obtaining authority to do so from the City Clerk/Treasurer.

vi. Private water supply. No water pipe of the City water supply system shall be connected with any pump, well, or tank that is connected with any other source of water supply. When such connection is found, the Water Department shall notify the owner to sever the connection and if this is not done immediately, the city shall turn off the water supply forthwith. Before any new connection to the City system is permitted, the department shall ascertain that no cross connection will exist when the new connection is made.

vii. Restricted hours. Whenever the City Council determines that a shortage of water supply threatens the City, it may, by resolution, limit the times and hours during which City water may be used for sprinkling, irrigation, car washing, air conditioning, or other specified uses. After publication of the resolution or two (2) days after the mailing of the resolution to each customer, no person shall use or permit water to be used in violation of the resolution and any customer who does so shall be charged \$100 for each day of violation and the charge shall be added to his or her next water bill. If the emergency requires immediate compliance with terms of the resolution, the City Council may provide for delivery of a copy of the resolution shall be subject to the charge provided above. Continued violation shall be cause for discontinuance of water service.

viii. Permitting use by others. No person shall permit City water to be used for any purpose except upon his or her own premises except in an emergency and then only if written permission is first obtained for the City Clerk/Treasurer. Anyone wishing to obtain water from a hydrant for construction purposes shall make an application to the City Clerk/Treasurer for such services.

b. Meters.

i. Meters required. Except for the extinguishment of fires, no person other than an authorized City employee shall use water from the City water supply system or permit water to be drawn therefrom unless the water passes through a meter approved by the City. No person shall connect, disconnect, take apart, or in any such manner change or interfere with any such meter or its use. Said meters shall remain intact and in the same condition as installed pursuant to this section.