

Code of Ordinances

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Ordinance Number & Title	16000 - Temporary Water Service	Date Amended	February 23, 2022

16000.01 Definition of Temporary Water Service

Temporary service is water service furnished to a Customer pursuant to an application for such service without payment of capital facilities fees required under Section 14000 of this Code for permanent water service. Temporary service shall not exceed 120 days, unless extended in writing by the District. Temporary water service shall be furnished only under the conditions set forth in this Section.

16000.02 Requirement of Temporary Meter for Water Service

Temporary water service may be provided after installation of a temporary meter pursuant to a Customer's written application for such service. Temporary water service by means of a "jumper" or other unauthorized connection by the customer to the District water system is prohibited.

16000.03 Fees and Charges for Temporary Meters

16000.03.1 Temporary Water

Upon application for such service, the Customer shall pay all of the District fees and charges for tapping and new service as if applying for new water service. The payment of the capital facilities fee is not required for temporary water service. At its sole discretion, the District also may collect a temporary water meter deposit, which shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in light of factors such as type of water use, and location and exposure of the meter. Water supplied to a temporary construction meter will be billed at the District's water service fees and charges provided for Class D – Temporary Water Service. See Ordinance 12000 for additional information.

After installation, the Customer shall be responsible for protection of the meter and for any loss or damage thereto. If at the end of the temporary use period the District inspects the meter and determines that there has been no loss or damage to the meter, the meter security deposit will be refunded after all outstanding water charges have been paid. If in the opinion of the District, a temporary water meter has been lost or damaged to the extent that repair or replacement is necessary, the Customer shall be obligated to pay to the District the full cost of removal and repair or replacement of the temporary water meter. Such charges shall be deducted from the deposit paid by the Customer. The District will not approve a Customer's permanent connection to its water system and begin providing water service until the Customer has paid in full all temporary water meter repair or replacement charges and all tapping, capital facilities fees, and new services fees and charges.

16000.03.2 Size, Location, Connection and Disconnection of Meters

The size and location of temporary meters will be determined solely by the District. The Customer shall pay time and materials charges to abandon the temporary service connection at the end of the temporary agreement period or if terminated early by the District for any reason. If any connection, disconnection or relocation of a temporary meter or other connecting device does not comply with District standards, specifications and requirements the District may terminate the temporary water service.

16000.03.3 Rates for Temporary Service

Payment for temporary water service shall be in accordance with rates and charges as set forth for Class D – Temporary Water Service in Section 12000.03.2.

16000.04 Hydrant Meters for Construction

16000.04.1 Construction Water – Metered

Water service may be provided for construction purposes, including the filling of tank trucks and trailers from a metered hydrant connection. Contractors or Customers shall obtain a Hydrant meter from the District and will be required to report usage on a monthly basis. A fee will be charged for each meter permit as listed in the District's current Schedule of Rates, Fees, Charges, and Deposits. Construction water permits shall not exceed 120 days.

To receive construction water service, the Customer shall make application at the District office and use a water meter with backflow prevention device or assembly, provided and approved by the District to measure the amount of water furnished. The Customer shall deposit the amount listed in the District's current schedule of Rates, Fees, Charges, and Deposits for use of the meter.

The Customer shall be responsible to take care of the water meter and associated equipment, and shall protect from damage. At the request of the District, the Customer shall return the meter to the District for inspection, refurbishing, repair, or calibration as deemed necessary by the District.

Upon termination of the service, the District will refund the amount of the deposit remaining after making the following deductions:

- Cost of repairing or replacing the meter, backflow prevention assembly, fire hydrant and/or any fittings damaged or lost while in use; and
- Unpaid charges for water used, meter rental or other applicable charges.
- If the meter is not returned, the deposit will be forfeited to the District.

Any unauthorized use of District fire hydrants shall be subject to immediate shut-off without notice and an unauthorized connection fee (as set forth in the District's current Schedule of Rates, Fees, Charges, and Deposits) plus the actual cost of the repair of any damage to District property, mains, fire hydrants, or other facilities shall be paid to the District by the unauthorized user of District fire hydrants.

16000.04.2 Construction Water – Unmetered

Taking water for the filling of tank trucks and trailers on a non-metered basis is not allowed, and doing such shall be subject to penalty. Those needing water from a District hydrant shall make application at the District office and use a water meter with backflow prevention assembly furnished by the District to measure the amount of water furnished, as described in 12000.03.02.E.

Revision History:

Revision Date	Description of Changes	Requested By	
6/25/08	Ord. 08-001 repealed all prior ordinances		
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