



City of Newton Department of Public Works, Utilities Division

TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The cost information provided is an estimate. If the actual costs are higher, the City will bill the property owner for the difference. If the actual costs are lower than what has been paid, the City will reimburse the property owner.

PLEASE NOTE: [Excerpt from City of Newton Ordinances: Section 29-27]

“All service pipes shall be supplied and laid by the commissioner of public works at the expense of the applicant... No service pipes shall be furnished or laid until the applicant has deposited the cost of the same, as estimated by the commissioner of public works.”

Payment must be received in full before work will be scheduled. Please call (617) 796-1640 to schedule the work.

For reasons of health and maintenance, water and sewer pipes may not be laid in the same trench.

The property owner is responsible for the re-establishment of walks, driveways, lawns, or other appurtenances located on private property which may be disrupted in the process of making the service connection installation. The applicant must make separate arrangements to repair those areas disturbed in the course of this work.

The City will not be responsible for blasting. Where impacted boulders or ledge is encountered, the applicant must arrange with a private contractor for blasting. Until such time as the trench is cleared, the work will be suspended or postponed. In the interim, the trench will be back-filled and made safe, the expense of which will be borne by the property owner, in which case a separate billing will be issued (exclusive of the original cost estimate). Blasting permits are issued by the City of Newton Fire Department and must be obtained by the licensed blaster.

The City assumes no responsibility for disruption of water supply, through or from any private water conduit, due to dislodged pipe debris (which forms naturally on the interior of certain plumbing conduits/components). Faulty or inoperative valves, corroded fittings, or lack of properly functioning valves on the house or upstream side of the water meter, as well as electrical faults may result in the work being postponed until such time as the problem is corrected by the applicant.

The City assumes no responsibility for the attachment of electrical service ground clamps. Ground clamps are a mandatory requirement to satisfy the National Electrical Code providing an electrical conduit to safeguard occupants of the building against shock and the building against fire hazard, therefore, the importance must not be overlooked. The applicant must arrange for the connection or re-connection of the ground clamp. This service will not be provided by the City because of varying conditions with regard to connecting wire and age of clamps. Neither does the City assume responsibility for any electrical component made part of or connected to the water pipe by means of the grounding system.

When, in the opinion of the Superintendent, police details are necessary to ensure the safety of the workers and/or general public, such expense shall be borne by the property owner.

****UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, NO CONNECTIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE CITY DRAIN SYSTEM WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY ENGINEER.****