

City of Newton



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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK

## Utilities Division

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### **REGULATIONS FOR SECOND METER FOR OUTDOOR IRRIGATION**

Residents with no more than four (4) units per parcel are permitted to purchase an “Outdoor Water Meter” that will allow for separate metering for Outdoor Water Use Only. Water consumption through the “Outdoor Water Meter” will be billed at a separate rate that will NOT include a sewer use charge. In order to install a meter to measure such use, the following regulations shall apply:

- 1.) You must make your own arrangements with a licensed plumbing contractor for the installation of a second outdoor meter. Once you have selected a licensed Plumbing contractor he/she will need to apply for a plumbing permit in person at Inspectional Services Department. The plumber will need to supply two checks, one in the amount of \$50.00 for the plumbing permit and the second in the amount of \$120.00 for the Modular Transmitting Unit (MTU).
- 2.) A schematic showing the proper installation configuration, types of accepted meters and the MTU will be provided by the Inspectional Services Department when application for plumbing permit is accepted.
- 3.) All installation must be inspected and approved by the Inspectional Services and Water Departments. All local and state plumbing regulations shall be complied with, including all of the current regulations regarding back-flow prevention devices.
- 4.) Prior to inspection by the Inspectional Services Department, the meter must be installed according to the proper configuration and the MTU wire must be connected to the meter register and the MTU must be installed on the EXTERIOR of the foundation/building.
- 5.) Outdoor water rates will **ONLY** apply after the Inspectional Services and Water Departments have inspected and approved the installation of the outdoor water meter and modular transmitting unit (MTU).
- 6.) After the water meter and the modular transmitting unit (MTU) is inspected and approved, said water meter and modular transmitting unit becomes the property of the City of Newton Department of Public Works as per City of Newton Ordinance Section 29.24 (b)
- 7.) If a water meter installation is found to be tampered with or altered with after the final inspection at any time, all credits will be null and void, and the homeowner(s) will be charged for sewer use on all water consumed through the water meter. In addition, they shall be prosecuted under M.G.L. Chapter 165, Section 11.

For additional information please visit: [www.newtonma.gov](http://www.newtonma.gov) and link to Water & Sewer Home Page.

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