

SECTION 33            GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR USE OF WATER METERS

33.01            FURNISHED AND INSTALLED ONLY BY DISTRICT

Water meters used for service from a District water distribution system shall be furnished and installed by the District. Meters will be furnished only for use for a specific parcel of land. Master meters and meters for irrigation purposes may be furnished for more than one specific parcel of land upon the approval by the District. The Fees and charges are set forth in Appendix A, 28.02.

33.02            OWNERSHIP OF METERS

The District shall retain title to all meters installed within the District. Payment by a customer of installation fees, capacity fees, meter charges, connection charges or any other fees or charges shall not transfer ownership of a meter from the District to the customer.

33.03            RELOCATION OF METERS

With prior District approval, water meters may be moved at the request of the owner from one location to another location on the same parcel or within the same tract owned by the customer upon payment of an amount determined by the District.

33.04            METER TURN-OFF REQUESTED BY CUSTOMER

At the request of the customer, a water meter may be turned off and locked without charge; provided, however, the system charge shall continue to apply.

33.05            REMOVAL OF METERS

- A. Abandonment of Service. The District may remove any water meter where the customer has abandoned water service through that meter.
- B. Permanent Removal of Meters for Agricultural or Irrigation Service. When service is no longer required, meters for agricultural and irrigation service may be removed upon the request of a lessee who paid the fees and charges (or upon request of the owner if the lease has expired), or upon the request of the owner if the fees were paid by the owner.
- C. Request for Removal of a Water Meter After Installation. If, after installation of a water meter, a request is made by a customer for the removal of that water meter from service, the customer shall be credited with the number of Equivalent Dwelling Units ("EDU")

for that meter size. If thereafter a request is made for the installation of the same size water meter at the same location, no capacity fee shall be due. If the customer's request is for a larger meter, all capacity fees and charges per 28.01 and 28.02 shall be due and payable for all EDUs, less the EDU credit for the meter previously removed. No refund shall be due or payable for any portion of a capacity fee previously paid. The customer shall pay any expenses incurred by the District for removing and replacing the meters.

- D. Removal of Meters for Delinquent Payment of Water System Charges. If an owner/customer remains delinquent in the payment of water charges or system charges after written notice of delinquency from the District, the District may remove the owner/customer's water meter. Refer to Section 72 for additional information regarding the procedure for removal of the meters. The fees and charges are set forth in Appendix A, 72.04 A.1.

If the request for such service is made more than six months after removal of the meter, the request shall be processed as a new order for service and all applicable fees and charges for a new service (except for capacity fees) shall be due and payable.

33.06 READING OF METERS

Meters shall be read once each calendar month.

Meters are read each time a meter is "turned-on" or "turned-off" and when water service is established as a new account.

33.07 ADJUSTMENT FOR METER INACCURACIES

- A. Customer Request for Meter Test. A customer may request that the meter for the customer's service be tested for accuracy upon making a deposit with the District. The deposit is set forth in Appendix A, 33.07 A. per meter size.
- B. Results of Meter Test. If upon testing, the meter does not register more than five percent (5%) in excess of the rated calibration for such meter size, the deposit shall be retained by the District. If the meter so tested registers more than five percent (5%) in excess of the rated calibration for such meter size, the meter will be replaced by the District and the deposit shall be returned to the customer. No adjustment in billing shall be made for excess registration during any period prior to 120 days before the request for the test.

- C. Failure of Meter to Register During Service. Should any meter in service fail to register during a billing period, a bill will be issued by the District for the estimated amount of water used during the period of the meter failure, based on prior use under that account.