

Sample Policy on Tapping Water Mains Ordinance

The City of _____ personnel will no longer be directly involved with tapping water main on the Public Utilities water system.

1. All water main taps will be made by a licensed and insured plumbing contractor. Excavation is to be done by an experienced, insured, and bonded excavator.
2. All taps, regardless of size, are to be "wet" or pressure taps unless otherwise specified by the Utilities.
3. All excavations are to be made according to OSHA guidelines. Safety and safe work practices of all personnel, other than personnel of the City of _____ are the responsibility of the contractor.
4. A member of the City of _____ staff will be on site when the water main is being tapped to insure that proper procedures are followed.
5. The City of _____ will no longer supply the tapping machine. Tapping equipment will be the responsibility of the plumbing contractor and must be of the type specified by the City of _____.
6. Material to complete the tap and associated water service to the curb stop will be supplied by the City of _____ or the plumbing contractor. All material must be the type and size specified by the City of _____ and agreed upon by the owner or their contractor before taps are made.
7. All costs associated with tapping the water main, including proper backfill, compaction, and surface restoration, are the responsibility of the owner.
8. The City of _____ assumes no responsibility, other than for their own personnel, for the safety and/or liability of other persons or property.
9. If the water service to the curb stop has been installed previously and unused, the connection fee is _____.

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