

Sample Water Ordinance

Resolution Adopting Policy on Checking Water Meters

WHEREAS, Consumer water meters shall be reread by City employees upon request by the City Clerk, should the quarterly reading appear too high; and

WHEREAS, If the meter was read correctly, it shall be at the discretion of the City Clerk to notify the consumer of a possible leak, either on the next billing or by phone, if usage seems much higher than normal; and

WHEREAS, If the consumer is dissatisfied with the reading and desires the meter to be tested, said consumer shall then make a deposit of \$20.00, and the City shall test the meter at the consumer's property, with the consumer being present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF _____ that:

1. If the test shows an error of over 5% of the water consumed in favor of the City, according to AWWA specifications, the deposit will be refunded to the consumer, the meter replaced at the City's expense, and the last billing adjusted by averaging the previous four quarters.
2. If the test shows an accurate measurement of water, or an error in favor of the consumer, the amount deposited shall be retained by the City to cover the expense of making such test.
3. Should the consumer request testing of the meter by an outside agency, those expenses shall be borne by the consumer if the meter tests accurate or in favor of the consumer.

Adopted by the City Council of _____, Minnesota this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mayor

Clerk