



Important Information Regarding City of Two Harbors Residential Water Meter Installation

As part of the City's water system improvement projects, the City Council has adopted an ordinance which requires that all residential dwellings within the City have (a) water meter(s) installed. (Please see reverse side of this document for ordinance language.) The City hopes to have the process completed in 2012. Residents may now begin scheduling appointments with licensed plumbers.

The City will provide and pay for one water meter, the associated parts and the installation of said meter as follows:

City of Two Harbors will supply:

- 1- Badger 5/8x3/4 Water Meter
- 1- Set of Tailpieces or
- 1- Meter Setter

City of Two Harbors will incur cost for:

- Labor (see billing sheet for breakdown)
- 1- Isolation valve (outlet side of meter)
 - Miscellaneous adapters/fittings
 - #6 Copper jumper wire with connectors National Electric Code 250.53 (D) (1)
- 1- Scheduled shut off at curb stop (if needed)

Homeowner will incur cost for (if needed):

- 1- House valve MN Plumbing Code 4715.1800 subp 3.
- 1- Pressure regulator valve (PRV) MN Plumbing Code 4715.1740
 - Readily accessible placement MN Plumbing Code 4715.2280

The installation *must* be performed by a MN licensed, bonded and insured plumbing contractor. Following are Plumbing Contractors who have offered to install:

Brubakken Plumbing & Heating	218-834-2180	Carlson Duluth Co.	218-727-0063
Cavallin Plumbing & Heating	218-834-4542	Do Right Plumbing & Heating	218-830-8985
Phil Wright Plumbing Co.	218-428-3094	Steve's Plumbing & Heating	218-834-4830
WN Plumbing	218-390-6379 or 218-365-5548		

The City of Two Harbors has learned that Bluewater Services has sent a letter advising home owners that they must contact Bluewater Services in order to have a water meter installed.

The notice from Bluewater Services was not authorized by the City of Two Harbors. Property owners may select a licensed plumber of their choice to install their water meter.

Please note that metered rates will not go into effect immediately upon connection of the water meters. At this time, the City intends to gather data for the purpose of creating a rate structure for metered water for the future.

Please contact City Hall at (218) 834-5631 if you have questions regarding the water meter ordinance and rates. Questions pertaining to the acquiring or installation of water meters should be directed to the City's Gas, Water & Sewer Department at (218) 834-8812.

The forgoing provisions are subject to change at any time by ordinance or resolution of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 65, SECOND SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.20 OF THE
TWO HARBORS CITY CODE REGARDING WATER METERS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF TWO HARBORS DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose and intent of this amendment to Section 3.20 of the Two Harbors City Code regarding water meters is to provide regulations governing the installation, maintenance, replacement, repair and reading of water meters in the City of Two Harbors. It is the further purpose and intent of this Amendment to provide procedures, charges, and penalties for the enforcement of the provisions of this Amendment.

Section 2. Amendment to Subdivision 10 of Section 3.20.

Subdivision 10 of Section 3.20 of the Two Harbors City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 10.1 One water meter will be provided and installed or caused to be installed by the City, at City cost, on each residential property serviced by City water service as of August 22, 2011. If more than one water meter is desired by the owner of the property ("Property Owner") to be installed on any residential property then the Property Owner shall be responsible for the cost of the additional water meters and the installation of the additional water meters. The installation of the water meters shall be done by a licensed plumber in accordance with all applicable codes, rules and regulations. The installation will not be deemed to be complete until the installation is inspected by the City of Two Harbors and a certificate that the water meter has been inspected and the installation has been approved is issued by the City.
- 10.2 The owner of the property for the purpose of this Subd 10 of this Section 3.20 shall be the person or entity as shown on the most recent real estate tax statement for the Property.
- 10.3 One water meter will be provided at City cost for each non-residential property serviced by City water service before or after the effective date of this Ordinance and for each residential property serviced by City water service after August 22, 2011. The Property Owner shall cause any water meter provided to a Property Owner by the City pursuant to this Section 10.3 to be installed at the Property Owner's sole cost and expense. The installation shall be done by a licensed plumber in accordance with all applicable codes, rules and regulations. The installation will not be deemed to be complete until the installation is inspected by the City of Two Harbors and a certificate that the water meter has been inspected and the installation has been approved is issued by the City. No fee will be charged by the City for such inspection. No water service will be provided to a property that is not serviced by the City water service on August 22, 2011 until a certificate of inspection has been issued by the City with respect to the installation of a water meter for such new service.
- 10.4 If a water meter cannot be installed because it is impossible to shut off the water supply to the Property because the curb stop for the water service to such Property is missing or defective then in that event, the City will, at its cost and expense, replace or repair the curb stop.
- 10.5 City shall at City's cost and expense make all repairs, maintenance and/or replacements to water meters installed pursuant to the terms of this Subd. 10, provided however that all repairs, maintenance and replacements of water meters resulting from improper use or from damage caused by neglect or carelessness of the Property Owner or any other person shall be the responsibility of the Property Owner.
- 10.6 City shall be entitled to access to the Property of a Property Owner at all reasonable times in order to install, repair, maintain or replace a water meter or to read a water meter.
- 10.7 A surcharge of \$100.00 per month is hereby imposed and added to every water billing for water service to a Property that is mailed on or after the date that a Property Owner refuses to allow the City or its authorized contractor or agent access to install, maintain, repair or read a water meter on the property of the Property Owner. The surcharge shall be added every month until the Property Owner allows access to the property so that the City can install, maintain, repair or read a water meter. The imposition of the surcharge shall not limit the City's authority to (i) seek an injunction in District Court that orders the Property Owner to allow the City access to the property to install, maintain, repair or read a water meter or (ii) to correct a violation and certify the costs of correction as an assessment against the a property.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective: (a) thirty (30) days after (1) its passage and (2) approval by the Mayor, and (b) upon its publication once in the legal newspaper for the City of Two Harbors.

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