

STANDARD AND NON-STANDARD SERVICE

- 1) *Standard Service: Defined as service that can be provided from an existing water line where line or service facility extensions are not required and special design and/or engineering considerations are not necessary. Standard water service is provided through a standard 5/8" x 3/4" meter set on an existing waterline. (Note: This also assumes there is capacity on the existing line and no improvements are needed to provide for the requested service.)*
- 2) *Non-Standard Service: Defined as service that requires a larger than 5/8"x3/4" meter for water service, temporary water service, water service to a Master- Meter Account pursuant to Section E.2(b)(4), or addition to or extension of the City's water system. Except for temporary service applicants, a non-standard service applicant must comply with the service requirements prescribed by Article F of this Ordinance prior to receiving service. (Note: Even though there is an existing water line along a property, if there is not capacity in the existing line to provide the requested service, then the application request would be a Non-Standard Service.)*

Article E of the City Ordinance provides requirements for both Standard and Non-Standard Service. Some of the key requirements are as follows:

- 1) *Applicant shall complete and sign a service application.*
- 2) *As a condition for service, the applicant shall complete and execute an easement across the applicant's property.*
- 3) *Applicant shall provide proof of ownership of property to receive service. (Warranty Deed or other recordable documentation of fee simple title)*
- 4) *Notice of application approval and costs of service as determined by the City shall be presented to the applicant in writing and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) day, after which time the applicant must re-apply for service.*
- 5) *If a water main has been located in the public right-of-way and is adjacent to applicant's property, the applicant, prior to receiving the requested service, shall grant an easement (totally across the applicants property from property line to property line) and in addition to the normally required fees for new service, applicant shall pay such sums as are reasonable necessary to remove or cap the existing water line main in the public right of way and to construct the appropriate line or lines within that easement for the City's system-wide service.*

Article F of the City Ordinance defines the process by which the specific terms and conditions for service to subdivisions and other kinds of non-standard service are determined, including the non-standard service applicant's and the City's respective costs. For the purposes of Article F, the term "applicant" shall refer to a developer or person that desires to secure non-standard service from the City. (Note: Developer means any person that subdivides land, requests two (2) or more water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land or is engaged in developing a tract of land for non-residential use with water demands that cannot be served through a standard residential water meter.

Under Article F (3) Application of Rules: As currently stated... "Examples of non-standard service to a single tract of land include, without limitation, service requests and require road bores, extensions to the City's distribution system, services lines exceeding two inches (2") internal diameter in size, service lines exceeding twenty (20') in length, or which require a meter larger than 5/8" x 3/4" for service. (The modifications recommended to the City is the elimination of the words "road bores" and also the elimination of the words "service lines exceeding twenty (20') in length)... Therefore the recommended modified sentence would read..."Examples of non-standard service to a single tract of land include, without limitation, service request that require extensions to the City's distribution system, services lines exceeding two inches (2") internal diameter in size or which require a meter larger that 5/8" x 3/4" for service. (Note: The definition of "Service Line" is the pipe connection the service meter to the main distribution line).

Some key requirements of Article F are as follows:

- 1) Applicant shall properly complete a non-standard service application and a non-standard service contract.*
- 2) Applicant must submit three (3) copies of the proposed final plat showing the applicants requested service area for approval by the City.*
- 3) Plan and specifications shall be submitted with the final plat.*
- 4) Applicant shall pay a Service Investigation Fee to the City in accordance with the requirements of Article G for the purposes of pay the City's administrative, legal and engineering fees.*
- 5) The City's consulting engineer shall design or review and approve, plats and plans for all on-site and off-site service facilities for the applicant's requested service in accordance with the City's specifications, and shall notify the applicant in writing of any necessary changes to the applicant's proposed plats and/or plans withing thirty (30) days after submission.*
- 6) Any water line extensions constructed by the applicant shall be constructed completely across (property line to property line) the side of the subdivision or development which is contiguous and adjacent to the road or street on which the main entrance to the project is located.*
- 7) Before the applicant's project or a phase is approved and accepted by the City, the applicant shall pay any fees due the City.*
- 8) Applicants requesting or requiring non-standard service shall be required to execute a written Non- Standard Service Contract prepared by the City's Attorney.*
- 9) The applicant shall pay for all costs of easement acquisitions as part of the applicant's project;*
- 10) The City shall require an "exclusive" dedicated utility easement on the applicant's property and title to the property required for other on -site facilities.*
- 11) Easements and facilities sites shall be prepared for the construction of the City's pipeline and facility installations in accordance with the City's requirements and at the expense of the Applicant.*