

WATER DEPARTMENT POLICY STATEMENT FOR IRRIGATION METER (NO SEWER CHARGE)

The Marion Water Department will allow the installation of a second meter by its customers for the purpose of separate metering of outside water use. (see attached)

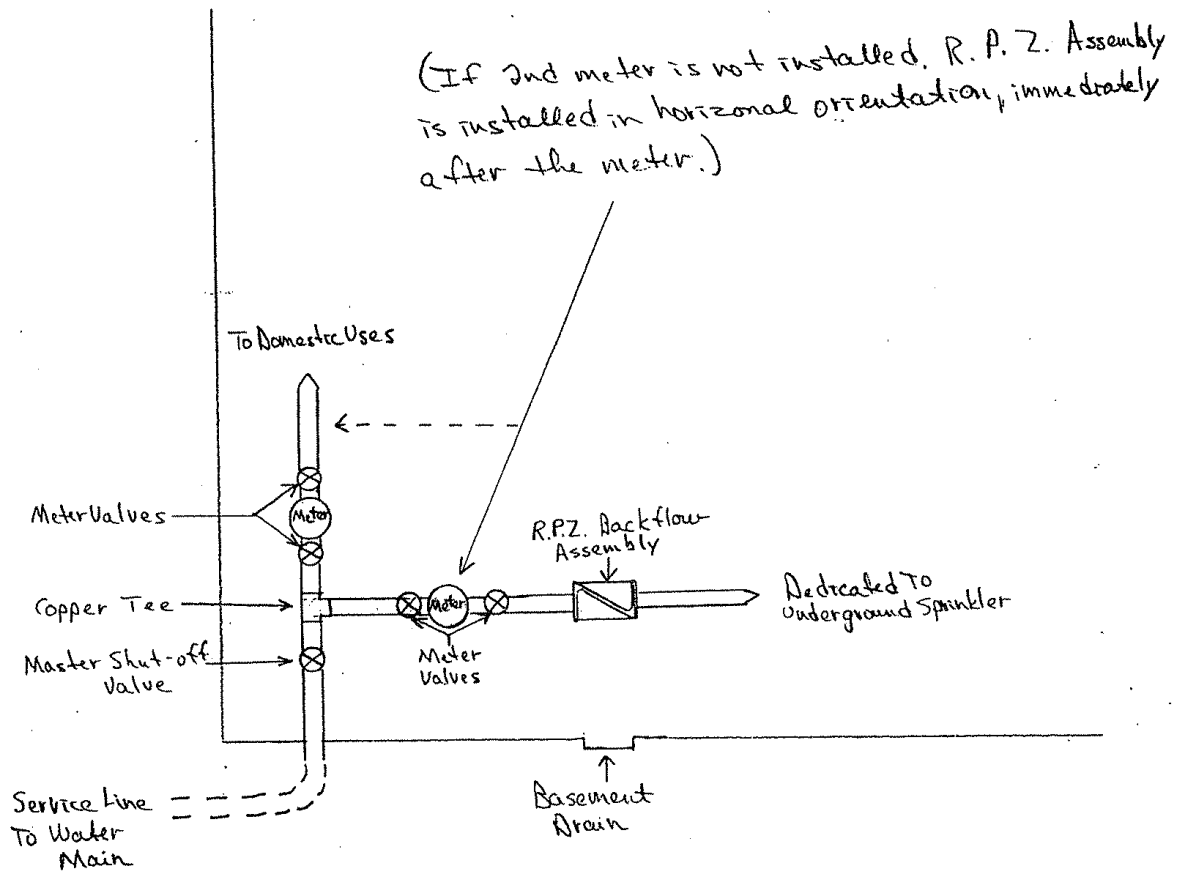
The following provisions shall apply:

1. Customers shall make the necessary changes to the house plumbing to allow for the meter installation at their expense. The installation shall meet applicable plumbing codes and Water Department regulations for meter installation, except that branching of the existing service line to service the second meter shall be allowed. The only connections allowed to the second meter shall be of a type for outside the house usage of water, not connected to the sanitary sewer system.
2. Any direct connection to underground yard sprinkling systems shall meet applicable cross connection prevention standards, including backflow prevention. For such underground sprinkler systems, a reduced pressure-device is required and must be installed in the vicinity of a drain.
3. The Water Department shall provide and install the second meter and bill the contractor for the cost of the meter. A homeowner needs to pay for a second meter before it is installed. Ownership and future maintenance of the meter shall be by the Water Department.
4. The second meter shall remain installed as an active meter year round, and billed year round with or without usage, unless its use is permanently terminated or water service to the property is shut off.
5. Department employees shall at anytime be allowed the right of inspection of the meter installation.
6. Billing of service for the second meter shall be in accordance with standard water rates for the Water Department, except that no sewer charge shall be made. Rate provisions shall include a monthly minimum charge in accordance with the standard water rates for the City of Marion.

IRRIGATION METER REGULATIONS:

- Irrigation systems must have a backflow prevention device in order to comply with state and federal regulations.
- State and federal regulations require annual testing of backflow devices by a licensed tester.
- A copy of the inspection/test report must be submitted to the Marion Water Department within 15 days of the test.

Schematic For Underground Yard Watering Installation



1. Service Lines To Be Type K Copper
2. Tee Fitting To Be Sweat-Joint Copper
3. Valves To Be Brass-body Full-flow Ball Valves.
4. Reduced-pressure-zone (R.P.Z.) Backflow Device Must Be Installed By Licensed Backflow Technician, and Must Be Inspected Annually At Owner's Expense.