§401.010 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; CONNECTIONS, PERMITS, FEES, ASSESSMENTS.

Subd. 1. Permit, Inspection Fee. Before a connection can be made to any water line or main in the City, an application for permit shall first be made to the City Clerk which shall be signed by a plumber licensed by the State of Minnesota and accompanied by a fee of twelve ($12.00) dollars. After such permit has been issued, the holder thereof shall obtain the approval of the Public Works Director before any connection is made to a City water line or main and before the excavation is covered or backfilled.

Subd. 2. Connection Charge. Before a permit is issued allowing the initial connection to a water line or main in the City there shall be paid a connection charge of three hundred ($300.00) dollars for a single family residence, six hundred ($600.00) dollars for a two (2) family residence or one hundred eighty ($180.00) dollars per unit for a multiple dwelling unit. For industrial and commercial property there shall be a connection charge of five hundred ($500.00) dollars per acre or three hundred ($300.00) dollars per unit for each one hundred thousand (100,000) gallons of estimated annual flow, whichever is greater. Commercial or industrial building units shall be assigned a minimum of one (1) unit.

Building additions, remodeled buildings or buildings with a change of occupancy that require additional SAC units shall pay Water Availability Charge units in accordance with additional use units. Units of estimated annual flow shall be computed in accordance with the current estimates used by the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission. If for improvements made after January 1, 1980, the property has previously paid or been assessed a lump sum connection or trunk charge for the water distribution, treatment and storage facilities of the City, such payment or assessment shall not reduce the amount charged for the additional use units since the present dedicated use of each financing method is independent of the other. (Ref. Ord. No.679, 12/11/84)

Subd. 3. Assessments Generally. The connection fee described in Subdivision 2 above shall be in addition to any assessments that may be made against the property as provided for by City Charter Section 8.01 and Municipal Code sections §401.010 Subd. 4; §403.020 and §902.010. If the property has previously paid or been assessed a lump sum connection or trunk charge for the water distribution, treatment and storage facilities of the City, it shall receive a credit toward the aforesaid charge for all sums paid.

Subd. 4. Utility Availability Charge. The owner of any property desiring to connect such property to an existing municipal water main, where such property has not previously been connected to said main and has not been previously assessed for the cost of the main, may do so on the approval of the City and upon paying a utility availability charge. The utility availability charge shall be the proportionate cost of construction, maintenance and use of the main in question. Determination of the amount of such proportionate cost shall be made by the Public Works Director, upon the same basis as assessments then being charged against comparable benefitted properties for water mains in the City. The utility availability charge may be made payable in equal installments spread at not greater than annual intervals for the period of years that assessments for similar water mains are then
being spread over in the City, and at an interest rate equal to interest rates then being 
charged for such assessments. (Ref. §1201.010, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 446, 11/14/67; 497, 
7/14/70; 520, 10/13/71; 589, 9/7/76; 591, 11/9/76; 614, 6/13/78; 638, 3/4/80)

§401.020 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; METERS. The City will furnish water to consumers only 
through a water meter of the kind especially designated by the City Council. A suitable place, 
safe from frost and other damage, and of easy access for examination and reading, must be 
provided.

The City shall provide 5/8” meters at its expense for installation by the customer 
with such installation costs being at the customer’s expense. All meters will be equipped with 
an outside reading device. This device will allow the City to record customer water usage 
without entering the premises. Installation of the standard outside reading device will be at 
the City’s expense for material and labor. Customers requiring special reading devices will be 
responsible for the cost difference between their reading devices and the standard outside 
reading device. All outside reading device installation will be at the City’s expense. The City 
shall provide meters larger than 5/8” with the costs of the meter and its installation being the 
customer’s expense. All customers are required to have outside meter reading capabilities. 
All meters shall be under the control and supervision of the City and shall be sealed by the 
proper City employees. No persons other than City employees in charge of said work shall 
brack said seals. (Ref. Ord. 980, 5/9/00)

Consumers must keep their service pipes, attachments and meters in order, and 
must protect them from frost. In case of the breakage or stoppage of any meter, the con-
sumer shall immediately notify the City and any repairs necessary shall be made at the 
expense of the City. In cases where the meters are so placed as to render them difficult of 
access to the officers of the City, or are exposed to danger from frost, the water shall be shut 
off from such premises until the obstruction is removed or the danger is avoided. (Ref. 
§1201.020, Code 1966; Ord. No.681, 12/11/84; 980, 5/9/00)

§401.030 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; METER READING. The reading of water meters is 
necessary to accurately determine water usage and charges. Reads shall be taken from 
outside reading devices. If a water meter cannot be read from the outside upon the City’s 
attempt to install the outside reading device, a 10,000 cubic feet water consumption will be 
included on their statement with no adjustment authorized until an outside reading device is 
installed. A statement will be prepared based on estimated usage and no adjustment will be 
made until the next quarterly billing. (Ref. Ord. No. 498, 7/14/70; 980, 5/9/00)

§401.040 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; WATER USE RATES

Subd. 1. Water Use Rates: All water supplied to consumers, both within and 
outside the corporate limits of the City of White Bear Lake that is measured by meter 
shall be sold at the following rates:

1. Residential:
   0 - 799 cubic feet: Minimum fee of $9.00 per meter per quarter effective March 
   1, 2016 for residential accounts
   0 - 799 cubic feet: Minimum fee of $9.75 per meter per quarter effective 
   February 1, 2017
   800 and greater cubic feet: $1.05 per 100 cubic feet effective March 1, 2016
as measured during winter quarter reading period
800 and greater cubic feet: $1.15 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017 as measured during winter quarter reading period
Non winter quarter billing periods recorded consumption that is higher than the winter quarter reading period: $1.30 per 100 cubic feet effective March 1, 2016
Non winter quarter billing periods recorded consumption that is higher than the winter quarter reading period: $1.40 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017

2. Commercial:
0 – 799 cubic feet: Minimum fee of $9.00 per meter per quarter effective March 1, 2016
0 – 799 cubic feet: Minimum of $9.75 per meter per quarter effective February 1, 2017
800 – 2,699 cubic feet: $1.05 per 100 cubic feet effective March 1, 2016
800 – 2,699 cubic feet: $1.10 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017
2,700 – 74,999 cubic feet: $1.10 per 100 cubic feet effective March 1, 2016
2,700 – 74,999 cubic feet: $1.15 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017
75,000 and greater cubic feet: $1.20 per 100 cubic feet effective March 1, 2016
75,000 and greater cubic feet: $1.30 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017
Non winter quarter billing periods recorded consumption that is higher than winter quarter reading period: $1.30 per cubic feet effective March 1, 2016
Non winter quarter billing periods recorded consumption that is higher than winter quarter reading period: $1.40 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017

3. That sale to other municipal districts shall be sold at a rate of $1.15 per cubic feet during the winter quarter billing period effective March 1, 2016. $1.25 per 100 cubic feet during the winter quarter billing period effective February 1, 2017. Non winter quarter billing periods recorded consumption that is higher than winter quarter reading period: $1.30 per cubic feet effective March 1, 2016. Non winter quarter billing periods recorded consumption that is higher than winter quarter reading period: $1.40 per 100 cubic feet effective February 1, 2017

4. Rates shall be effective for water billings processed after March 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017

(Ref. §1201.030, Code 1966; Ord Nos. 454, 2/13/68; 588, 9/7/76; 625, 1/9/79; 661, 5/17/82; 670, 1/10/84; 681, 12/11/84; 713, 3/12/86; 740, 4/14/87; 917, 1/10/95; 3/1/07; 1071; 7/27/10; 8/24/11, 2/3/16)

§401.050 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; PAYMENTS. The City Clerk shall compute the amount due to the City for water charges and for sewer charges and render a statement thereof quarterly. All amounts due as shown on the statement shall be payable at the Municipal Building on or before the fifth (5th) day of the month following the month the statement is presented. A penalty of ten (10) percent shall be added to all accounts that are not paid in full by said due date. This ten (10) percent penalty shall be computed on the unpaid balance
of the last billing not paid by the appropriate date at the time each quarterly statement is prepared and presented. The City reserves the right to shut off water service if the account is delinquent for an unreasonable length of time as determined by the City Manager. (See also §401.090)  (Ref. §1201.040, Code 1966; Ord Nos. 499, 7/14/70; 713, 3/12/86; 822, 11/27/90)

§401.060 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; LIEN. Each charge levied by and pursuant to this chapter is hereby made a lien upon the corresponding lot, land or premises served by a connection to the water or sewer system of the City and all such charges which are on July Thirty-First (31st) of each year more than thirty (30) days past due and having been properly billed to the occupant of the premises served, shall be certified by the City Clerk to the Auditor of Ramsey County before the tenth (10th) day of October of each year. A certification fee of fifteen (15.00) dollars shall be added to the delinquent amount. The City Clerk in so certifying such charges to the County Auditor shall specify the amount thereof, the descriptions of the premises served and the name of the owner thereof. The amount so certified shall be extended by the Auditor on the tax rolls against such premises in the same manner as other taxes, collected by the County Treasurer and paid to the City Clerk, along with other taxes. (Ref. §1201.050, Code 1966, Ord. No. 713 3/12/86)

§401.070 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; BROKEN SERVICE LINES. If at any time a break or blockage occurs in the service line between the building connection and the lateral or main in the street, the property owner shall repair the same at his expense. If the property owner fails to make the necessary repairs, the City Manager after giving the property owner ten (10) days written notice, may effect the necessary repairs and the cost thereof shall be a lien against the property and collected in the same manner as is provided in section 401.060 of the Code. (Ref. §1201.060, Code 1966; Ord. No. 451, 2/13/68)

§401.080 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; INSPECTION OF PREMISES. Every water consumer shall at all reasonable times permit any duly authorized officer or agent of the City to enter his premises or buildings and to examine the building, the water pipes and fixtures, the meter and the manner in which water is used. (Ref. §1201.070, Code 1966)

§401.090 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE. The City expressly reserves the right to shut off the water at any time when deemed necessary or desirable and to discontinue the service on any or all premises. (Ref. §1201.080, Code 1966)

§401.100 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; RESTRICTED USE. The City expressly reserves the right whenever it may deem it necessary for securing adequate fire protection or for the proper and necessary husbanding of the water supply for domestic use or other necessary or desirable purposes, owing to drought, shortage of water supply or other cause, to prohibit for such length of time as it may deem proper, the use of water for sprinkling purposes or otherwise than for the most necessary and essential domestic purposes. (Ref. §1201.090, Code 1966)

§401.110 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; DAMAGE CLAIM EXEMPTION. The City reserves the right at any time to shut off the water in the main pipe for the purpose of repairing the same, making connections of extensions thereto or for the purpose of cleaning the same. No claim shall be made against the City by reason of the breaking of any service pipe or service cock or for any damages arising from shutting off water for repairing, laying or relaying mains, hydrants or other connections. (Ref. §201.100, Code 1966)
§401.120 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM: CONSERVATION

Subd. 1. Purpose. To conserve groundwater resources and prevent the wasteful and harmful effects of irrigation during the mid-day hours and during times when it is improvident to irrigate due to excessive moisture.

Subd. 2. Irrigation Restriction. No person shall irrigate using the public water supply between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any day from May 1 through September 30. This water restriction applies to all property within the City.

Subd. 3. Excessive Moisture Detection. All new commercial, industrial, and institutional automatic irrigation systems must install rain sensors using best available technology on their control systems at the time of installation. Existing commercial, industrial and institutional applications must install rain sensors on their irrigation system no later than August 1, 2007.

Subd. 4. Penalty. Failure to comply with this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

1st violation: Written warning
2nd violation: As provided in the most current resolution of the City Council establishing administrative fines (Ref. Ord. No. 1033; 3/28/06)

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