

Section 6 Water Taps

6.01 General Requirements for Water Taps:

Application shall be made on the prescribed form and shall include the legal description and street address of the property to be served.

The tap or other connection to the water main shall be made by Board personnel after any applicable *pro rata* charge for a water main(s) and the tap fee have been paid to the Board. The *pro rata* charge or water main assessment may be deferred when the tap is made in advance of paving and when water service is not desired at that time.

Tapping by unauthorized persons is a violation of these rules, and the violator will be prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Taps must be on the side of the water main nearest the property to be served. The Board requires separation of building sewers and building drains from water service lines in accordance with the *Uniform Plumbing Code* as adopted by the City.

Property to be served must be adjacent to a Board water distribution main and must be served directly there from. An exception may be allowed by the Board in the case of a townhouse or condominium complex or a residential or commercial special area plan where the individual lots do not front a Board main but are served from a private main that connects to a Board main. This is allowable only if covenants, a homeowner's association agreement, or business owner's association agreement, or other supplemental agreement(s), which must be recorded with the plat or deeds, are provided by the developer to ensure that the individual property owners recognize and accept their responsibility for maintenance of the private main. This exemption is not intended to relieve the developer of any obligations related to main extensions or main assessments required to serve the property under other provisions of these rules and regulations. See [Section 10.00](#).

Tap shall be located within the boundaries (projected) of the property to be served.

6.02 Schedule of Tap Fees: Tap fees shall be reviewed periodically and approved by the Board. Tap fees adopted by the Board shall become a part of these rules and regulations. See [Appendix D](#).

6.03 Transfer of Taps: If an owner has a bona fide tap on a Board water main not adjacent to the property served, and a Board water main is installed adjacent to the property served, the Board will relocate the number and size of tap to the water main adjacent to the property served upon payment of the cost of materials for the relocated tap and satisfactory arrangement for abandonment of the old tap at the water main, and the applicable tap fee shall be waived. If the Board initiates a water main installation for replacement of a Board water distribution main, the Board shall bear the cost of transferring taps and "tying over" the customer's water service line.

- A. If there is more than one customer served by a tap to be transferred, no credit is allowed to any of the customers.
- B. No credit is allowed when a tap is transferred from a private water service line or main to a Board water main.
- C. A customer relocating a tap to avoid future problems with freezing will receive a transfer tap upon payment of the cost of materials only.

6.04 Tapped Couplings and Tees: The customer must furnish all material including tee, valve, and valve box. These materials must be installed in accordance with Board specifications.

6.05 Fire Hydrants and Fire Lines: Taps, tapped couplings, or tees shall not be installed on City fire hydrant leads, private fire hydrant leads, or private fire lines.

6.06 Abandonment: No refund of tap fees shall be made to any customer for a decrease in size or abandonment of tap. An abandoned tap that once served a property may be reconnected at the expense of the property owner, with no additional tap fee.

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