

SECTION 11

311.001

EXTERNAL SERVICE LINES AND FIRE SUPPRESSION LINES

- A. **External Water Use.** In addition to metered water service within a building, a water user may apply for a metered water line for exterior use only. Such application shall be on a form provided by the City and shall include a plan for plumbing approved by the City or their designated representative, name and address of applicant and address location for which water sprinkler service line will be installed.
1. **Approval of Application.** Approval of the application shall be granted where an inspection demonstrates that:
 - a. Two water meters have been installed on the water service line for the building for purposes of recording total water consumption for the user and water used exclusively for exterior use or fire suppression.
 - b. The water meters are sized to be equal to the water service line entering the building.
 - c. The meter used for the external service line must only serve lines which lead outside a building or to a fire suppression system.
 - d. No connection may exist between water lines inside the building and outside the building.
 - e. No tapping, tying in, or connection may be made to the external service line or fire suppression line which is inside the building.
 - f. The building must have no footing drains, peripheral lines and/or roof leaders that discharge directly or indirectly into the sanitary sewer.
 - g. **Sump Pump Discharge.** Any discharge pipe/hose from a sump pump system shall discharge water on to the resident's property or City street. At no time shall said discharge pipe/hose from a sump pump system discharge water on another person's real estate, or in a manner as to cause it to go upon another person's property. Said discharge pipe/hose from a sump pump shall not be cut into the curb or gutter on any street or alley without first obtaining permission from the City of Winsted. Any such alteration of a curb or gutter without permission from the City will result in the City repairing said curb or gutter to its original condition and assessing the cost of same, together with reasonable attorney fees, against the property owner. Any person, property owner or other legal entity violating any term or condition of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by such amount of jail time or fine, or both, as prescribed by law in Minnesota Statutes.
 2. **Meters.** All meters installed for the external service line or fire suppression line shall be secured from the City of Winsted, at full cost to the applicant.
 3. **Costs.** In addition to bearing all plumbing and installation costs, the owner shall bear liability costs of repair and replacement of the meter.
 4. **Water Rates.** Rates for water consumption through an external service line or fire suppression line will be adopted annually by the City Council on the utility rate schedule.
 5. **Interior Use Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use or permit the use of an external service line to supply water within a building.

6. **Use Limited to Boundaries of Property.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use or allow distribution of any water derived from the external service system or fire suppression system, beyond the boundaries of the premises served.
 7. **Enforcement.** No charge for sewer usage will be made based upon the water flow through a meter monitoring an external service line or fire suppression line, unless an external service line is found to have been used to place or supply water within a building, or otherwise in violation of this Ordinance. Three (3) times the normal sewage charge for all water supplied through the external service line or fire suppression line for the twelve (12) months preceding discovery of the illegal use of the external service line or fire suppression line shall be made. Additionally, use of the external service line to distribute or supply water within a building shall result in revocation of the permit for an external service line and to be exempt from all sewer charges for an external service line for a period of not less than five (5) years.
- B. **Fountains.** The water supply to all fountains must be capable of regulation by a shut off valve accessible by City personnel. The service pipes of outdoor fountains must be provided with a stop valve, and means of draining the line as a preventative measure to avoid freezing.
- The right is reserved to the City Council to suspend the use of fountains and hose for irrigation, yards and gardens, whenever in the opinion of the City Council, the public exigency may require it, including but not limited to water bans imposed during drought conditions.
- No hydrants, except public drinking fountains, shall be placed within the limits of any street, unless such are securely closed and protected against general use; and no drinking fountain shall be erected for the public use which has openings by which it can be used as a source of domestic supply.
- C. **Private Fire Hose Connections.** Owners of structures with self-contained fire protection systems may apply for and obtain permission to connect the street mains with hydrants, large pipes, and hose couplings, for use in case of fire only, at their own installation expense and at such rates as the City Council may adopt by resolution as herein provided.