

ARTICLE II. CONNECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS

1. **RELATED ORDINANCES.** Ordinances 6264 and 5822 contain the most current Board Policy related to water and wastewater connections and extensions. The requirements of those ordinances are included in these water and wastewater standards by reference. Should those ordinances be revised in the future, then the replacement ordinances shall govern and shall be used to interpret the affected sections of these water and wastewater standards.
2. **EXISTING CONNECTIONS.** Existing water meter boxes, taps, wastewater services, grinder stations, etc. are not considered new connections. A property owner may continue to use or re-purpose existing connections if the proposed use meets other city codes, fire codes, plumbing codes, and Planning Commission and land use or zoning codes, where applicable.
3. **EXISTING SHARED GRINDER STATION USE.** Each single family residence shall provide its own simplex grinder station. In rare occasions when grinder stations are shared, each connected home shall be built with the electrical services extended to the grinder station and fully capable of operating the grinder station independently from the other connected home.
4. **EXISTING SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS.** New water connections may be approved for properties with existing septic tank systems as long as the septic tank systems are performing properly and the request complies with all other Utility connection policies. The Utility may require a certification from the local Health Department that the system is performing properly. If the existing septic tank system is not performing properly and the Health Department states that repair or replacement of that system is not practical, then the new water connection must also include a connection to the Utility's wastewater system if the wastewater system is available at that location.
5. **MAINS MUST BE ACCEPTED.** The tapping of a water main or connection to a wastewater main will be permitted only to those mains that have been officially accepted by the Utility. The process for acceptance is contained in a later section of this document.
6. **CAPACITY.** The location, size, and other details of requested water or wastewater connections or extensions will be based on service availability, fire protection requirements, and system capacity. The Utility may require that the applicant contract with the Utility's system modeling consultant(s) for an evaluation of the capacity, pressures, pump station capacity, etc. related to the proposed project.

7. **MAIN ADJACENT TO PROPERTY.** If a water or wastewater main is not adjacent to the property proposed for service, then if approved by the Utility and if in conformance with current City extension policy, the property owner (or developer) shall construct, at their expense, an extension of the water or wastewater main to a point adjacent to the property proposed for service. Said construction shall be in accordance with Utility construction standards.
8. **CANNOT CROSS PROPERTY LINES.** No service lines from one property may cross other adjacent properties even if in an easement. If property is expected to be split and sold, then service lines shall be designed and constructed with this in mind to mitigate potential future conflicts.
9. **STREET FRONTAGE.** Water and wastewater mains and fire hydrants for public ownership and maintenance shall be located along public streets and on public property or public rights of way. Water meters shall be located along city streets, in public rights of way. Water meters will be placed for a property only if there is a water or sewer main at that property. Service lines shall extend from the meter or tap onto the property of the user. Service lines may not be extended along or within the public right of way to reach the user's property line.
10. **AUXILIARY BUILDINGS.** Only one water meter or wastewater connection is permitted for single family residential lots. However, auxiliary buildings on the same lot may be connected to the water and wastewater lines that serve the main building or residence on a lot. Said auxiliary buildings include, but are limited to, a cottage, garage apartment, shop, garage, or pool building. This exception does not include two primary homes or construction of a duplex or multi-family building or buildings on property not zoned or otherwise established for that use. Multiple meters on one lot shall be approved only for lots approved for said use, see Approved Developments below.
11. **APPROVED DEVELOPMENTS.** Only one meter or wastewater connection is allowed for each lot of record except for projects approved for that use by the Utility. Approved projects may include duplex, multi-family residential, commercial, manufacture, storage, mobile home, or industrial developments or educational or governmental campuses, industrial parks, sports and recreation complexes. The above uses shall comply with fire protection, wastewater disposal, plumbing requirements, and with land use, zoning, Planning Commission, and Arkansas Department of Health approval where applicable. Where multiple connection developments are approved, they must comply with the development requirements stipulated in the Design Criteria Section of these standards and the requirements of the Hot Springs Planning Commission, where applicable.

12. MASTER METERS. Unless a master meter is approved by the Utility, each living unit of a duplex or larger multi-family structure or each commercial unit or space, or each building in a campus or development, even if leased or rented, shall have individual meters and wastewater services and taps.
13. LARGE METER CONNECTIONS. Taps larger than 2 inches shall be made by the developer. The City will inspect the installation. The Developer shall buy all materials for the tap. Meters shall be provided by the City based on the current price schedule.
14. TRANSMISSION MAINS. No individual services or main extensions may be connected to a water or wastewater transmission main. If an existing main or service is connected to a transmission main, no additional services or extensions may be added to the main or service and the size of that service may not be increased.
15. OTHER WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. Water service in developments shall be solely served by the Hot Springs Water System. No splitting/sharing of service with other water system(s) in the same development will be permitted.

If customer(s) or developer(s) are not served by the Hot Springs Water System, but is served by or desires to be served by the Hot Springs Wastewater system, the customer shall obtain an agreement from the water system they are served by to provide water usage data to Hot Springs to use to calculate monthly wastewater fees. Said agreement shall be in a form acceptable to the Utility.

16. ROYAL WATER AGREEMENT. The City of Hot Springs is party to an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Royal Water Public Facilities Board. Nothing in these water and wastewater connection and extension policies shall supersede the terms of that agreement. The extension of water mains in the Royal Water District will be considered by the Utility only when requested in writing by the Royal Water District Board.
17. EXTENSIONS IN COUNTY OR STATE RIGHT OF WAY. If a water or wastewater extension is to be placed in a county or state right of way, the developer shall provide written permission from that agency for the extension including the City's perpetual ownership and maintenance.
18. EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAY. All new water or wastewater extensions must be located in approved, recorded easements granted to the Utility. Standard easement forms are provided by the Utility.
19. FILL OVER UTILITIES. If a property owner causes or allows fill, pavement, concrete, a structure, or obstruction to be placed over a utility line or appurtenances without prior written permission from the Utility, that property Owner shall be responsible for

restoring or relocating the damaged utility line as directed by the Utility. If, after written notice and a 60-day period for the repair or relocation and if, the property owner has not made the repair or relocation, or has not entered into an agreement with the Utility regarding the repair or relocation, then the Utility may complete the repair or relocation and invoice the property owner for said cost. Should the property owner fail to repay the Utility within 120 days from the date of the invoice for the work, then Utility shall seek legal remedies for the damages and place a lien on the property.

20. **DAMAGE TO UTILITIES.** If a property owner causes, either directly or through contractors employed by the property owner, damage to utility line(s) or appurtenances, that property Owner shall be responsible for repairing or replacing the damaged utility line as directed by the Utility. If, after written notice and a 60-day period for the repair or relocation and if, the property owner has not made the repair or relocation, or has not entered into an agreement with the Utility regarding the repair or relocation, then the Utility may complete the repair or relocation and invoice the property owner for said cost. However, if the damage results in a wastewater system overflow, or a water system break or leak, then the Utility may immediately take action to repair the damage or employ a contractor to repair the damage and invoice the property owner for the cost of the repair. Should the property owner fail to repay the Utility within 120 days from the date of the invoice for the work, then Utility shall seek legal remedies for the damages and place a lien on the property.