

ORDINANCE NO. 261

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ESTABLISHING IRRIGATION METER REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN METER, IOWA:

SECTION 1: Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish irrigation meter standards and procedures for the Van Meter Municipal Code.

SECTION 2: Chapter 13.20 of the Van Meter Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

13.20.260.

A. The City of Van Meter will allow the installation of an irrigation meter to measure water usage that will not be disposed of through the waste water collection system as defined in section 13.68.030(2). Water usage measured by the irrigation meter may be used for filling swimming pools, watering of lawns and gardens, or other similar uses. Meters shall be registered by and purchased from the City at the City's cost, plus \$25.00. The expense to install, maintain, and replace the meter will be the owner's responsibility.

B. Prior to installation of the irrigation meter the Director of Public Works shall review and determine whether the meter meets the guidelines set forth, including location and use of meter. Rates for water usage shall be set forth in section 13.32.010(A).

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the installation or use of an irrigation meter.

D. There will be two installation methods allowed for the irrigation meter:

(1) Inside the property: Type II meter/user.

(a) Irrigation meter must be installed within two feet of and parallel to the main meter. The meter must be installed parallel to the floor with the arrow of the meter being the direction of the flow of the water to the outside.

(b) Shut off valves must be installed within one foot both in front of and behind meter. Water lines must be valved separately from main system and lead directly outside.

(2) Outside the property: Type III meter/user.

(a) Irrigation meter must be attached to an existing outside faucet in series with the main system. The distance and location of meter from faucet to be approved by the director of public works. The arrow of the meter being in the direction of flow of water from the house to the hose.

(b) Meter while in use needs to be accessible to meter reader, and not removed and stored in garage etc.

E. When connecting irrigation meter to an underground irrigation system a back flow preventer must be installed between the irrigation system and the irrigation meter. The back flow prevention device must be approved by the public works director prior to installation. After initial approval, the back flow preventer must be inspected and certified annually on or before the anniversary of installation. The certification must be submitted to the city annually to continue service.

F. No irrigation systems are allowed in the public right of way.

G. Failure to certify back flow preventer may result in service being discontinued without further notice. Service will not be restored until certification and all outstanding bills are brought up to date or other arrangements are made with the city and the Public Works Director. A fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will be charged prior to reconnection in the event of service interruption.

H. Billing for a Type II user shall be:

Water- gallons from main meter plus gallons from secondary meter
Sewer-- gallons from main meter

Billing for a Type III user shall be:

Water- gallons from main meter
Sewer-- gallons from main meter minus gallons from secondary meter

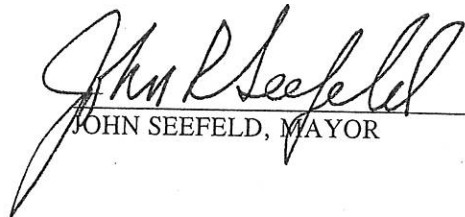
All rates shall be as outlined in section 13.32.010(A).

SECTION 3: Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.


SECTION 4: Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Van Meter, Iowa, on this 10th day of May, 2004, and approved this 10th day of May, 2004.


JOHN SEEFELD, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SONDRA SITTNER, CITY CLERK