

Code Ordinance

By: Public Works Department  
Introduced: April 28, 2014  
Public Hearing: May 12, 2014  
Adopted: May 12, 2014

Vote: Buswell, Harris, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall, Wilson in favor

**City of Wasilla  
Ordinance Serial No. 14-24**

**An ordinance of the Wasilla City Council amending WMC 13.04.060(G)(1), Water Service System, Customer Plumbing, and repealing Administrative Policy No. 03-01.**

**Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

**Section 2. Amendment of section.** WMC 13.04.060(G)(1), Customer's Plumbing, is hereby amended to read as follows:

G. Customer's Plumbing. ~~New—Construction.~~ Customer plumbing including the water extension lines and all plumbing, piping, fixtures and other appurtenances carrying or intended to carry water on property owned or controlled by the customer, shall comply with the Uniform Plumbing Code (current edition) and city standard specifications.

**1. In all new construction that is Metered customers connected to the city sewer system, customer plumbing shall may include an irrigation meter installed at the customer's expense that measures the volume of water that is used for irrigation. Irrigation water that is measured by a city approved meter installation shall be deducted from the sewer portion of the monthly utility bill. Irrigation meters must be hard plumbed and read on a monthly basis.** An irrigation meter shall be subject to inspection and testing as provided in Section 13.04.070.

~~2. Existing Facilities.~~—The city shall have the right to inspect existing facilities to make sure there are no cross-connections or possibilities of contamination to the city water system.

**Section 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on May 12, 2014.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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Underline, added. ~~Strikethrough, deleted~~





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**CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**Ordinance Serial No. 14-24: An Ordinance of the Wasilla City Council Amending WMC 13.04.060 G 1 and repealing Administrative Policy No. 03-01.**

Originator: John Becker, Utility Maintenance Supervisor  
 Date: 4/10/2014 Agenda of: 4/28/2014



Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		4/16/14
X	Finance Director		4/16/14
X	Deputy Administrator		4/16/14
X	City Clerk		4/16/14

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright: 

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes or  no      **Funds Available:**  yes or  no  N/A

**Account name/number:**

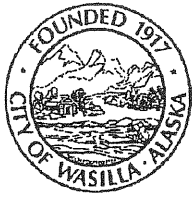
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**Attachments:** Administrative Policy No. 03-01 (1 page)

**Summary Statement:** City code addresses the use of irrigation meter in 13.04.060(G)(1). By including this changes in wording in the Wasilla Municipal Code, Administrative Policy No. 03-01 can be repealed. This will allow one place for the public and administration to view our process.

This amendment will update the Wasilla Municipal Code to allow for irrigation (non-sewer) water use, to be deducted from the sewer portion of the customer's utility bill.

**Staff Recommendation:** Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 14-24.



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**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. 03-01  
REPEALS AND REPLACES ADMIN. POLICY NO. 01-03**

**Re: Sewer Utility—Separating irrigation or other Non-Sewer Water Use  
For Purposes of Sewer Billing**

**Non-Sewer Water Use**

This policy applies only to services that use more than 5,000 gallons per month, and regardless of the amount of irrigation water used, the minimum sewer bill will be 5,000 gal per month. When a water user determines that a structure's water meter measures a significant volume of water that is not directed to the sanitary sewer, that volume of water may be exempt from sewer service charges if the following is accomplished;

- (a) The property owner or water customer may purchase and install a second "subtractive" water meter. The installation shall be permanent and installed in a heated, non-freeze area. The plumbing of the subtractive water meter may only be directed for water use outside of the structure that does not enter the sewer system.
- (b) The City water utility personnel will inspect the installed second meter and downstream plumbing. The reading of the approved second meter will be subtracted during the sewer billing process each month.
- (c) The property owner or water customer will adhere to the Uniform Plumbing Code for the installation of the second water meter and insure that no cross connection occurs. Back flow prevention can be insured through the use of an atmospheric device installed on your hose bibs.

Water meter purchases, installation inspection fees and special turn-ons and turn-offs are to be charged to the customer at the regular rates.

The payback period for a typical meter installation is 30 months of irrigation or 6 years, based on 3,000 gallons per month irrigation 5 months per year and an installation cost of \$450.00.

APPROVED AS CITY OF WASILLA ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY July 14, 2003.

  
MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER      7-14-03  
DATE