

Sec. 34-64. - Water service pipes.

- (a) *Installation.* All service pipes from the mains to the premises served shall be installed by, and at the cost of, the owner of the property to be served or the applicant for the service. Such installation shall be under the inspection of the public works superintendent.
- (b) *Pipe specifications.* No service shall be installed unless it conforms to specifications prepared by the city and approved by the council.
- (c) *Repairs.* All repairs for service pipes and plumbing systems of buildings shall be made by and at the expense of the owners of the premises served. In the event of an emergency or a failure by the owner of the premises served to repair a service pipe or shut off box as directed pursuant to paragraph (f)(2) below, the municipality may repair service pipes and, if this is done, the cost of such repair work shall be repaid to the municipality by the owner of the premises served. Delinquent charges for repairs may be certified to the county auditor with taxes against the property served for collection as other taxes are collected.
- (d) *Excavations.* Excavations for installing service pipes or repairing the pipes shall be made in compliance with the ordinance provisions relating to making excavations in streets; provided, however, that it shall be unlawful to place any service pipe in the same excavation with, or directly over, any drain pipe or sewer pipe. Fees for service pipe excavations shall be in the amount duly established by the council from time to time.
- (e) *Shutoff boxes.* Shutoff boxes or service boxes shall be placed on every service pipe, and shall be located between the curblineline and the sidewalk line where this is practicable. Such boxes shall be so located that they are easily accessible and shall be protected from frost.
- (f) *Maintenance.*
 - (1) It shall be the obligation of the owner of the property served to maintain and keep in operating order all water service pipes and shut off boxes located between the city water main and the private premises served thereby.
 - (2) In the event of failure on the part of any owner to meet their obligation to maintain or repair their service pipe or shut off box, between the main in the street and its termination on the premises, within 24 hours of verbal or written notice, the water may be turned off at or near the main. If there is, in the opinion of the public works superintendent or his authorized representatives, a great waste of water or likely damage to ensue from the leak, the water may be turned off if repairs are not commenced immediately upon service of the notice. Any cost to the city involved in shutting off the water service due to the maintenance or repair shall be borne by the property owner and billed to him. If charges are not paid, the charges may be assessed against the property in the same manner as a delinquent water bill.

(Code 1982, § 240:15; Ord. No. 481, § 1, 2-21-2012)