

IRRIGATION METERS

Irrigation meters are any meters installed to measure water which is not disposed of through the public sanitary sewer system, including water for swimming pools, yards, gardens or others uses where water is not disposed of through the sanitary sewer. Irrigation meters shall be installed with RPZ backflow prevention devices. Irrigation meter installation shall be permanent. Property owners wanting an irrigation meter shall be responsible for the water bill and shall not pay less than the minimum standard rate. The rate on the irrigation meter may be subject to a higher fee. The cost for the irrigation meter is dependent upon the size of the water meter needed, charges are as follows:

- ¾" meter, two hundred dollars (\$225.00)
- 1" meter, three hundred thirty dollars (\$355.00)
- 1 ½" meter, five hundred dollars (\$525.00)
- 2" meter, seven hundred dollars (\$700.00)

Irrigation meters remain the property of the Water Department. The cost of the irrigation meter and RPZ is the responsibility of the property owner. The meter installation shall be set by the Water Department or designated agent. All City permits and fees apply. The RPZ, backflow prevention device, is to be set by the irrigation company or designated agent.

Installation of the irrigation meter shall be as follows: (a) irrigation meters shall be installed not more than twenty four inches from the house meter; (b) the irrigation meter shall connect to the main service piping before the house meter and shall have a ball type valve before and after the irrigation meter, (c) the RPZ is installed to have all the water flow from the meter through the RPZ to the outside Hose bibs and/or irrigation system only; (d) the property owner shall provide a drawing of the system to be installed; (e) this drawing shall show locations of valves, meter, RPZ, water lines, hose bibs and sprinkler heads if applicable.

The Water Department has the right to inspect a system at anytime within normal working hours and to have the system temporarily discontinued from water service as the Water Department deems necessary in high water use periods or terminated because of violation of the rules and regulations of the Water Department or City of Hiawatha Code of Ordinances. The irrigation meter will be read each month and the usage will be billed out during the normal billing cycle. If usage is detected during the cold weather months the property owner agrees to let the City inspect the plumbing inside the premises, if an illegal connection is found the City will calculate the sewer fees for the last year and the property owner will be charged for those fees.

The property owner must receive a sanitary sewer waiver from the City before the sanitary sewer fees will be waived. The irrigation meter system must conform to all rules and regulation of the Water Department and the City of Hiawatha Code of Ordinances.