

ORDINANCE NO. 44

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CITY WATER MAINS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Underwood, Minnesota.

SECTION 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Subd. 1. Excavation for tapping. Excavation made for the purpose of making a tap from the City water mains shall be curbed with approved cribbing at the water main and at the curb stop locations and shall be at least 2.5 feet wide unless the excavation is made at an angle. Excavation shall be from a point at least six inches beyond the side of the main opposite to that which is to be tapped and from said point toward the building with which said water connection is to be made. Such excavation shall in no case be less than eight (8) feet deep. Ample clear space shall be allowed around the main in all cases to insert the tapping machine. All excavations for tapping shall be safely curbed or sloped to the satisfaction of the City tapper. In case the excavation is improperly curbed or sloped the tap shall not be made until the excavation, clear space and curbing are proper and safe.

Subd. 2. Deficiency of Water and Shutting Off Water. The City shall not be liable for any deficiency or failure in the supply of water to consumers, whether occasioned by shutting the water off for the purpose of making repairs or connections, or by any other cause whatever. In case of fire, or alarm of fire, water may be shut off to insure a supply for fire fighting or in making repairs or construction of new works, water may be shut off at any time and kept off so long as may be necessary.

Subd. 3. Turning on Water. No person, except an authorized City employee, shall turn on any water supply at the cub stop. No permit will be issued unless the house number as assigned by the City Engineer is prominently displayed.

Subd. 4. Tapping of Mains Prohibited. No person except authorized agents or employees of the City shall tap any distributing main or pipe of the City water system.

Sub. 5. Repair of Leaks or Stoppage. It shall be the responsibility of the consumer or owner to maintain the service pipe from the curb stop into the house or building. In case of failure upon the part of any consumer or owner to repair any leak occurring in his service pipe within twenty-four (24) hours after oral or written notice has been given the owner or occupant of the premises, the water will be shut off and will not be turned on until a reconnection fee has been paid and the water service has been repaired. When the waste of water is great, or when damage is likely to result from the leak, the water will be turned off if the repair is not proceeded with immediately.

Sub. 6. Abandoned Services Penalties. All service installations connected to the water system that have been abandoned or, for any reason, have become useless for further service, shall be disconnected at the curb stop. If it is feasible, it shall be done at the main. The owner of the premises, serviced by this service, shall pay the cost of the excavation. The City shall perform the actual disconnection and all pipe and appurtenances removed from the street right-of-way shall become the property of the City. When new buildings are erected on the site of old ones, and it is desired to increase the old water service, a new permit shall be taken out and the regular tapping charge shall be made as if this were a new service. It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any service pipe to be hammered or squeezed together at the ends to stop the flow of water, or to save expense in properly removing of water, or to save expense in properly removing such pipe from the main. A plug and/or fitting of suitable material shall be used for such purposes, and is to be inspected by authorized City personnel at the time of installation. Also, such improper disposition thereof shall be corrected by the City and the cost incurred shall be borne by the person causing or allowing such work to be performed.

Subd. 7. Violation a Misdemeanor. Every person who violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance when he performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof.

Passed by the Underwood City Council this 7th day of November, 1989.

Clarence A. Jensen
Mayor

Attest:

Katy Johansen
City Clerk