

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 7-2-9 –
PRIVATE WATER LINES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CITY OF
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia:

That Section 7-2-9 be amended and re-enacted as shown:

Sec. 7-2-9. - Private water lines.

~~(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, without previous permission from the city manager in writing, to lay upon or under the public streets, or alleys of the city any private water line. No permit to lay such private water line upon any public street or alley of the city shall be granted to any person, except upon the condition that the work be done under the supervision of the director. Any private water pipe so installed shall, upon installation, pass to and be under the control of and become the property of the city, and be subject to all requirements pertaining to water lines.~~

~~(b) No connection shall be made by any other persons with any private water and line until such other persons shall have paid to the party originally laying the line or his assigns the proportional cost of such water line, which amount shall be determined by the director and approved by the city manager.~~

- (a) "Service connection" means the point of delivery of finished water from the city's water system to a customer's water system, fire protection system, irrigation system, and to all other points where finished water is delivered through the city's water distribution system to a customer.
- (b) Where the service connection occurs at the water meter, the "service connection pipe" between the main and the meter is owned and maintained by the city. The "service line pipe" means the pipe between the service connection and the customer's building connection. The service line pipe is privately owned and maintained by the customer.
- (c) Where no meter exists, the service connection occurs at the branch valve or corporation stop at the public water main. The valve or stop is owned and maintained by the city. The pipe between the valve or stop and the customer's building is a service line pipe and is maintained by the customer.
- (d) Exceptions to a) above occurs where the Director has allowed multiple meters to be installed on a single pipe of size inadequate to be a City owned public main. If a master / leak meter has been installed, it shall be the point of connection. If a master /leak meter has not been installed, item c) above shall apply. In either case, the customers shall perpetually own and maintain the common service line by agreement or, if there is not agreement, equally.

- (e) Any waterline existing on private property and not conveyed to the City by proper easement shall be considered private except where the waterline is an integral part of the public water system network. Such lines shall be considered “non-conforming public lines” requiring perpetual maintenance by the City, and such cost incurred to the City will be passed to the property owner until the easement is properly conveyed to the City.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any person, without previous permission of City Council and a public access permit issued by the City, to lay upon or under the public streets, or alleys of the city any private water line.

This ordinance shall be effective from the ____ of _____, 2023. Adopted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

MAYOR

ATTESTE:

CITY CLERK