

WELLS SANITARY DISTRICT Private Water Meter Policy

HISTORY:

A portion of the sewer user charges in the Wells Sanitary District are based upon water usage as metered by the KKW Water District, upon the assumption that there is a very high correlation between the water consumption and the amount of wastewater delivered to the sewer.

Since its inception, the District has allowed its customers the privilege of installing private water meters to measure any water usage that does not become sewage so that a credit may be given against the sewer charges. Most private meters are installed to monitor water usage for such purposes as swimming pools, lawn irrigation systems, etc.

Over the last few years the District has seen a sizeable growth in the number of private meters, along with an increase in meter related problems. The principal problem with private meters is the multitude of different types of meters, which directly affects the District's ability to accurately read the meters.

PURPOSE:

It is the propose of this policy to establish fair and standardized methods of reading, interpreting, managing, and administering private water meters within the District.

THE POLICY:

1. The Superintendent shall have the authority, consistent with the history, purposes and limitations of this policy: to approve, deny, or terminate the use of private water meters for obtaining credit against sewer user charges; to establish meter readings and reporting procedures; to periodically inspect any such meters; and to review their uses.
2. The District shall supply all new private meters. The District will sell the meters at its cost plus \$100.00 for stocking and administration expenses.
3. Private meter readings shall be submitted to the District between October 1st and November 30th for the calendar year ending October 1. Failure to submit the reading during this time period will result in forfeiture of the credit for non-sewered water usage for that year. Submissions of meter readings are the responsibility of the property owner.
4. The District shall allow one private meter per residential account and not more than four private meters per commercial account, except in the best interest of the District.
5. Present customers with existing private meters may continue to utilize them until a replacement is needed.
6. Decisions made pursuant to this policy are subject to the District's appeal procedure.
7. The effective date of this policy is January 1, 1998.

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