

TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE & BULK WATER PURCHASES

POLICY NO. 23-01

PURPOSE: It is the purpose and intent of the Hernando County Water & Sewer District Board to establish a uniform policy for providing temporary water service or bulk water purchases from its systems for circuses fairs, carnivals, public gatherings, civic or service organizations and activities, construction work (residential and commercial), and any other related uses.

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Temporary Commercial Water Service** – Temporary water service provided for fairs, carnivals, public gatherings, non-residential construction purposes, civic or service organizations and activities, and/or any other commercial use, for a period not to exceed one year.
2. **Temporary Residential Water Service** – Temporary water service provided for the construction of a single family home for a period not to exceed one year.
3. **Bulk Water Purchases** – Purchase of a bulk quantity of water from a location designated by the District and transported from that location by the purchaser.
4. **Department** – Shall mean the Manager of the Hernando County Utilities Department or his authorized representative.

POLICY:

1. Temporary water service to commercial or residential structures for a period not to exceed one year or the purchase of bulk water may be provided upon written application to the Hernando County Utilities Department. Such application, when accepted by the department, shall constitute a contract between the applicant and the District which shall bind the applicant to pay for the services rendered at the effective rates and to comply with all rules and regulations of the District.

2. Deposits, fees, and rates for temporary water service to commercial or residential structures or purchase of bulk water are established by resolution of the Hernando County Water & Sewer District Board.
3. The applicant, for temporary water service or purchase of bulk water, may terminate his contract for such service at any time by giving notice in writing to the department and by paying all amounts due for services upon to the date of receipt of such notice by the department. In case notice is not given, the applicant shall continue to pay for water consumer and for the minimum monthly charge in case no water is consumed.
4. One year after the effective date of the water service contract for temporary water service, if written notice of termination by the applicant has not been received by the department, the department may discontinue the temporary water service and remove the water meter. The applicant shall be liable for payment of all charges due the department.
5. Temporary meters are permitted to provide temporary water service for circuses, fairs, carnivals, public gatherings, civic or service organizations and activities, construction work (residential and commercial), and/or any other related uses and shall not be used in place of permanent meters to circumvent applicable rates, fees and charges.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICE:

1. A licensed contractor or other properly licensed commercial entity, civic or community service organizations, or governmental agencies may request temporary water service for fairs, carnivals, public gatherings, and/or non-residential construction projects.
2. The department shall provide a water meter of appropriate size for the requested water service, such size shall be determined by the department; and install the water meter at the closest, acceptable location to the site requiring water service, such location to be determined by the department.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE:

1. A licensed contractor, or homeowner, acting as a general contractor in the construction of a residence, may request temporary water service for the purpose of construction of the residence.

2. Upon receipt of the request for temporary residential water service, and after payment of all applicable utilities fees and deposits, a water meter shall be installed in a manner deemed most appropriate by the department to provide water service to the residential construction site.
3. A minimum of 10 days prior to the scheduled permanent plumbing hook-up of the residence to the District's water supply system, the contractor/homeowner shall request the department to permanently install the water meter. The contractor/homeowner shall provide an appropriate marker indicating the final grade level desired for meter box installation.
4. The contractor/homeowner shall notify the department at the time of closing of the purchase of the residence or issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the residence, whichever occurs first, to begin charging the effective residential water and/or sewer rates for water and/or sewer service to the residence. Should notice not be given, the contractor/homeowner shall be liable for payment of user fees from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR BULK WATER PURCHASES

1. Individuals or groups, with the capability of transporting bulk quantities of water, may request a single purchase of a bulk quantity of water; or may request repeated purchases of bulk quantities of water and be billed monthly by the department.
2. Transportation of the water from the delivery site shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.
3. The date, time and site of delivery of bulk water shall be determined by the department.

This policy shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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