



City of Taunton
DPW, Water Division
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Phone 508-821-1045
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Instructions to Apply for a reduction meter

- The application must be filled out completely and signed by the property owner. The Owner should take time to read the ordinance and if there are any question should contact the Water Department.
- The Owner should contact the plumber that will be installing the reduction meter and backflow preventer. The owner may also need to contact the contractor for irrigation systems to obtain all the necessary information to complete the application.
- The plumbing permit and signature from the plumbing inspector is required prior to the meter going into service.
- A diagram of the proposed installation of the backflow preventer. Installation needs to be accessible for testing and repairs.
- Reduced Pressure Zone Backflow preventers must be tested by a contractor licensed by the State prior to being put into service. A report must be attached to the application prior to reduction meter being put into service.
- All lawn irrigation systems must be equipped with rain/soil sensors to prevent excess watering during rain storms. A rain soil sensor certification form must be completed.
- Water Meters will be purchased through the City's supplier and the installation will be inspected by the Water Division.



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Application for a Reduction meter for Homes & Businesses with City Sewer

Property Information:

Date: of Application: _____ Contact phone: _____

Property Owners Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Billing Address (if Different): _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Assessor's property ID# _____

For existing Water or Sewer accounts please indicate the account number shown on your bill:

Intended Use:

Is this reduction meter for use outside use / lawn irrigation watering? Yes _____ No _____

If no, what is the purpose of the reduction meter?: _____

For lawn irrigation how many sprinkler heads will the system have? _____

What will the maximum gallons per minute the system will use at any one time: _____

Cross Connection Device(s):

All sillcocks that are attached to the Reduction meter must have or be retrofitted with a non-removable vacuum breaker.

Lawn Irrigation systems require a Testable Pressure Vacuum breaker and must installed a minimum of 12 inches above the highest sprinkler head.

All Reduction meters used for applications other than irrigation systems, or irrigation systems with automatic fertilizer feed systems, must have and approved Reduced Pressure Zone Back

flow preventer. Reduced pressure zone backflow preventers Must be tested twice annually by the city or its designee according as required by 310CMR22.22. The device must be installed directly after the reduction meter as per manufacturer's instructions.

Proposed Backflow device:

Type: _____ Manufacturer: _____

Size: _____ Model Number: _____

A plumbing permit must be obtained from the plumbing inspector

Plumbing Permit Number: _____

I hereby declare that all the above information is true and accurate. I understand that the information provided will determine the size of the water meter size; I also understand that any false or inaccurate information may delay or be cause for denial of a reduction meter. I understand that I have to pay all fees and costs associated with the installation. I also understand that I am responsible to maintain the reduction meter in good working order and that the city is not responsible to give reductions should the meter fail to register properly. By signing this I acknowledge that I have read and understand the attached Meter Reduction Ordinance, I also agree to follow all the rules and regulations set for by the City of Taunton.

Owners Signature Date:

Applicant Signature (owner's agent) Date:

Below this line to be completed By City Officials prior to reduction meter going into service:

Application Approved Date: _____
Water Division Supervisor or his designee

Type of Backflow device approved: Date: _____
Water Division Supervisor or his designee

Plumbing Inspection Passed: Date _____
Plumbing Inspector

Water meter Installation checked: Date _____
Meter Inspector

Notes: _____



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Meter Vender information:

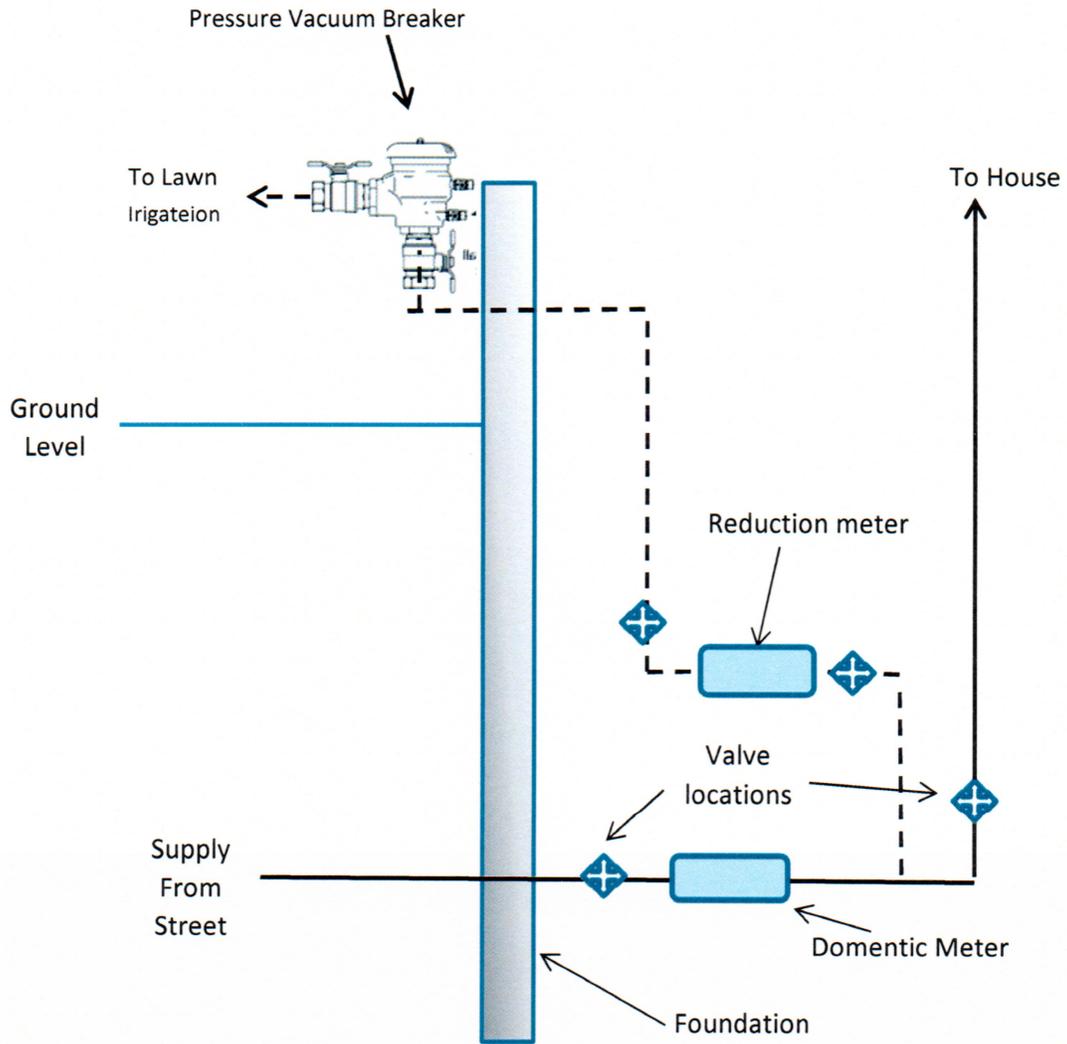
NOTE: Before you contact the vender you need to complete the application to get your meter size approved.

Vender:
Easton Winn Water
Ph. 508-583-8080

All meters are to be set up for the City of Taunton Water Department meter reading system including the 100W ERT.

The vender can also supply the any of the proper size meter couplings.

Typical Residential Reduction Meter Arrangement



RAIN/SOIL SENSOR CERTIFICATION FORM

TEST DATE: PASS - FAIL

RETEST DATE: PASS - FAIL

Registration/Account#: _____

Test Address: _____

Irrigation Co.: _____

Inspector Name: _____

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE

WATER

Chapter 22

Section 22-10. (1) Water Reduction Meters Authorized

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:

That Section 22-10 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Section 22-10 (1) Water Reduction Meters Authorized

Definition: Reduction meters shall be considered to be any water meter that is installed after the house meter for the purpose of metering water used for underground irrigation systems or water not entering the sewer system. The measured flow through this meter shall be deducted from the measured flow attributable to the customer's sewer user bill.

Meters: All meters shall be purchased through the Water Department to ensure compatibility with the City of Taunton metering system and will be sized according to gallons per minute needed. In the event meters are not available, the applicant may purchase a meter through the City's vendor at their cost.

Installation: a duly licensed plumber, in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations, shall do all the preliminary plumbing. Only the Taunton Water Department or licensed plumber may install the meter but no credit will be given until the Taunton Water Department has verified all the meter information.

- 1) A City of Taunton Plumbing Permit shall be required.
- 2) The meter shall be positioned after the house meter and nearest the irrigation system.
- 3) The meter shall be located in an area free from frost.
- 4) The meter shall have valves located immediately before and after.
- 5) Any meter that must be removed annually and/or subject to freezing will not be accepted.

Sprinklers: In accordance with Federal Regulations, all in-ground sprinkler systems will be required to have installed a backflow device to protect the public water supply. Upon installation, the Department must be notified so that the device can be inspected and recorded. Owners with existing and newly installed sprinkler systems are required to install and maintain operational rain shut-off devices and/or soil moisture monitoring devices on their sprinkler systems.-

If the system is purged using high-pressure air, the meter must be isolated using valves adjacent to the meter.

Before the meter is installed all monies owed to the City must be current, water/sewer bills, property taxes, etc.. If at any time money is owed there will be no sewer credit until everything is brought up to date; there will be no back credit.

The Taunton Water Department has the authority to inspect the meter within normal business hours. If a problem arises with the reduction meter the owner will be notified by the city of the problem. The owner is responsible for the repair or replacement of the reduction meter. No credit will be given until the meter is repaired or replaced.

If an irrigation meter is installed without a permit, credit on usage on the meter will not be issued until after the date of the permit being issued. No back credit will be issued for the usage on the meter prior to the date of the permit being pulled.

Any owner found watering in the rain would receive a written warning for the first offense, be fined \$300.00 for the second offense and fined \$500.00 for the third offense. At the time of the third offense the water will be shut off and will not be restored until all fines have been paid and a working rain shut-off devices and/or soil moisture monitoring devices is inspected by the Water Department.

Any owner or person, who tampers with, alters or bypasses a meter referred to in this Ordinance shall be fined \$500 for each offense. Each day upon which a violation under this Ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

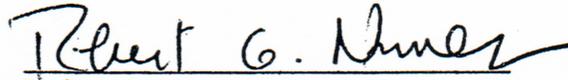
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Presented to the Mayor and Approved:

In Municipal Council

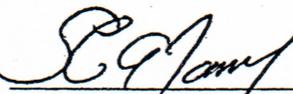
First Reading: Jan. 23, 2007


Robert G. Nunes, Mayor

Second Reading: Feb. 13, 2007

Passed to be Ordained: Feb. 20, 2007 Approved as to Form and Character:


Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk
sa:ordinance.irrigation


Steven A. Torres, City Solicitor