

SECTION 7

WATER SERVICE

ARTICLE 1

LICENSES FOR WATER SERVICE

- 7.101 The right to take and use water within the District, distributed through the facilities of the Denver Water Department, exists and shall exist only under license and no physical connection may be made or modified to any such facilities or to any privately or publicly owned extension thereof for any purpose unless a license shall have first been obtained authorizing the use for which such a connection is to be made.
- 7.102 Requirements for obtaining a license for a water service will be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Denver Water Department and the District.
- 7.103 **TYPES OF LICENSES:** The District may approve the following types of licenses for water service as defined in the Denver Water Department's operating rules:
- A. Metered Service License
 - B. Fire Protection Service License
 - C. Temporary Service License
 - D. License for Stub-In
- 7.104 The issuance of licenses for water service within the district will be subject to any limits established pursuant to the District's Total Service Contract with the Denver Board of Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE II

FEES AND CHARGES

- 7.201 No license for water service will be approved by the District without prior payment of the District's system development fee and the Denver Water Department's system development charge unless said license is issued for fire protection service or temporary service.
- 7.202 A schedule of system development charges is established by the Board and is subject to periodic review and amendment as the Board deems appropriate. The District's schedule for water system development fees can be found on the District's Fee Schedule.

7.203 The District will defer a system development charge for a water service stub-in requested if no meter is to be set, through which no water will be used and which is only being installed to permit street paving. Upon obtaining a stub-in agreement from the Denver Water Department, the applicant for stub-in water service shall submit the executed agreement to the District for approval.

Upon the owner requesting the conversion of a stub-in agreement to licensed water service, the owner shall pay the District's system development charge in effect at the time the conversion of the stub-in is requested.

Failure to obtain prior approval from the District for conversion of the stub-in and pay the District's then current system development charge prior to the expiration date of the stub-in agreement will result in the cancellation of the agreement and at the discretion of Denver and the District, disconnection of the stub-in.

7.204 Payment of the District's system development charges and the District's approval of a water service license or stub-in agreement does not constitute an authorized license for water service until applicant has also paid all fees and charges assessed by the Denver Water Department and obtained its approval of the license for water service.

ARTICLE III

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A WATER SERVICE LICENSE

7.301 License applications for water service to a property within the Southwest Suburban Denver Water and Sanitation District is that which is outside the boundary of the City and County of Denver and are available from the Denver Water Department or the District Manager (See Exhibit F).

7.302 Applications for water service will be filled out as follows:

A. **LIGHT GREEN SHADED AREAS:** The owner-developer shall fill in all information requested in the light green shaded areas on the application as required by the rules of the Denver Water Department. Attach a copy of the full legal description for the property/building if it will not fit in the area provided on the application. The Southwest Suburban Denver Water and Sanitation District's Contract Number with the Denver Water Department is TS27 and should be placed in the blank provided.

B. **AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY DISTRIBUTOR:** Once the applicant has paid the Southwest Suburban Denver Water and Sanitation District's system development fee for the size of tap indicated on the application, a District representative will sign and date the application authorizing the tap size indicated. The application will be marked "PAID" along with the amount, the check number and the date of the payment.

7.303 After the appropriate system development fees have been paid and the license application signed by a District representative, a copy of the top page of the application will be made by the District for its

files and the original application returned to the applicant for submittal to the Denver Water Department for final approval.

ARTICLE IV

SUSPENSION, REVOCATION AND CANCELLATION OF LICENSES

- 7.401 Any license authorized by the District may be suspended or revoked by the Denver Water Department without obligation on it or the District to refund or repay any consideration which may have been given for the issuance of such license for reasons established by the rules and regulations of the Denver Water Department and/or the District.
- 7.402 If water service to a licensed premise is not activated within two years from the date of the application for such water service, the license will be canceled. In order to reactivate the license, applicant will be required to pay a reactivation fee and additional system development charges if an increase in such charges have been imposed by the District since the license was canceled. If within one year from the date the application was approved by the District, a licensee requests the District cancel the water license, the District will refund the system development charge paid, without interest, and void the license upon receipt of written confirmation from the Denver Water Department that the tap has been disconnected from the main. Whenever a license is voided, a new tap application is required prior to obtaining water service.
- 7.403 If a stub-in is not converted to a tap within two (2) years from the date of the application, the stub-in agreement will be canceled by the District.
- 7.404 Any license for water service approved by the District which, subsequent to activation, is not used (as defined in Denver Water's operating rules) for a period of five (5) consecutive years will be canceled by the District and no refund of system development charges will be made.

ARTICLE V

WATER SERVICE CHARGES

- 7.501 Water service will be furnished only to persons residing in, or whose property is included within the District and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the District and the Denver Water Department.
- 7.502 An applicant owning land outside the boundary of the District who desires service may petition the District to include the parcel and all of the applicant's land contiguous to the parcel upon which service is desired within the District.
- 7.503 Water service to all licensed premises is subject to the rates and billing procedures established by the Denver Water Department. Charges for water service are normally billed by Denver Water for bimonthly periods of service. A schedule of Denver Water's service rates can be obtained from Denver Water, which may increase or decrease rates without notice.

- 7.504 It is a requirement of the Denver Water Department that whoever seeks water service must assume the obligation to keep such license in force by paying all charges against the licensed premises. No water need be furnished to any licensed premises against which any charges remain unpaid.

ARTICLE VI

SERVICE LINES AND TAPS

- 7.601 Connection to sources of domestic water supply or systems other than those approved by Denver and the District is not allowed. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the use and installation of separate and independent non-potable irrigation systems not connected to the District's water or sanitary sewer systems.
- 7.602 Notwithstanding the issuance of a license for water service, no connection may be made to any main carrying water from the Water System except as authorized by the District and Denver Water. All taps through which water service is rendered by the District will be made by employees of the Water Department, except if contractually negotiated otherwise with Denver Water.
- 7.603 No tap may be made to any main carrying water from the Water System until the service line with fittings and a meter installed. The only exception to this is if a stub-in is necessary to install a service line prior to the paving of streets, in which case, a meter need not be set until water is actually used.
- 7.604 All cost and expense incident to the installation and connection of the water service will be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the Denver Water Department and the District for any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the water service.
- 7.605 The maintenance and protection of privately owned service lines, fixtures and water-using appliances is the exclusive responsibility of the owner thereof. The District and the Water Department are not responsible or liable for damage from any cause whatsoever to such service lines, fixtures and water-using appliances, and no licensee is entitled to reimbursement for damages or payment of refunds by reason of pressure changes or stoppage of the flow of water through the water system.
- 7.606 A separate and independent water service line will be provided for every detached single-family residence. No tap will be made to supply water service through a single service pipe for more than one licensed premises.
- 7.607 Water service lines will be installed and constructed in accordance with Denver Water's Rules and Regulations.
- 7.608 No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the water system.
- 7.609 No connection between the water system and the water facilities of a licensee may be made except in a public street or similar location to which the Denver Water Department has as free a right of access as it would have in a public street.

- 7.610 The Water Department will specify the water main to be tapped at the time of application for water service.
- 7.611 Arrangements for tapping of the water main will be made with the Denver Water Department not less than 24 hours before the tap is to be made.