



3. WATER SUPPLY

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METER INSTALLATION

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3.1 METER INSTALLATION

OBJECTIVE:

To define minimum acceptable standards concerning the location of water meters particularly in business areas.

POLICY:

General

1. Where a meter is proposed to be relocated, written approval of the Council is required and all costs are to be borne by the applicant.
2. Covers for water meters are to be constructed so they are easily removed for reading and/or maintenance purposes by a single person. Any cover must not exceed 7kg in weight.

Business Areas

1. The meter is to be placed within 15 metres of the street alignment and is to be accessible during normal business hours without permission to enter the property being necessary.
2. The meter if enclosed is to be such that access for reading and removal or repair is unrestricted.
3. If the meter is inside the building, pathcocks are to be installed and maintained on both inlet to and from the meter. Council will accept no responsibility for water escaping during repairs.
4. A pathcock is to be installed under the footpath adjoining the alignment.
5. In the area between the street alignment and meter, the water pipe is to be laid in uncrushable conduit to facilitate the removal of the water pipe, should the necessity arise.
6. For maintenance purposes Council will accept responsibility from the main to the street alignment only and also for the meter complete with unions.
7. Covers for water meters are to be constructed so they are easily removed for reading and/or maintenance purposes by a single person. Any cover must not exceed 7kg in weight.

Residential Areas

1. The meter is to be placed within 3.0 metres of the street alignment and is to be accessible at all hours without permission to enter the property being necessary.

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2. The meter if enclosed is to be such that access for reading and removal or repair is unrestricted and is not to be covered by a garden or other ornamental feature.
3. The meter is not to be covered with a concrete or steel plate that requires more than 1 person to lift or relocate.
4. Where meters are covered with unacceptable obstructions the owner will be requested to remove the offending obstruction at full cost. If such obstructions are not removed within 60 days, Council may remove the obstructions at the owners full cost.

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NON-COMPLIANCE WITH WATER

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3.2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

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OBJECTIVE

To determine Council's response to non-compliance with water restrictions.

POLICY

1. That in circumstances where water supply restrictions are imposed and there is non-compliance with such water supply restrictions, the following procedure shall be applied in each period of twelve (12) months commencing 1 July:
 - a. First offence – warning and information on the water restrictions is issued to the occupier.
 - b. Second offence – a penalty infringement notice is issued.
 - c. Third offence - water supply to premises to be restricted. Reconnection fee to be paid before restoration of normal water supply.
 - d. Fourth and subsequent offence - water supply to be restricted. Reconnection fee to be paid before restoration of normal water supply. Offenders to be prosecuted for misuse of water supply.
2. A reconnection fee as per the adopted Management Plan Fees will be payable for restoration of normal water supply following restriction of water supply resulting from non-compliance with water restrictions and misuse of water supply. Normal water supply reconnection will be carried out only during normal working hours.
3. The General Manager is delegated to take all necessary action to institute prosecutions for offences for misuse of water supply pursuant to Section 637 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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