

## TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

### CHAPTER 3 WATER SERVICES

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**6-3-1 PURPOSE.** The purpose of the ordinance is to prescribe the procedure to be followed in making private connections with the municipal water system and to establish regulations governing the connections and services therefrom.

**6-3-2 ENFORCEMENT.** The Superintendent of Public Works shall supervise the installation of water service pipes and their connections to the water main and enforce all regulations pertaining to water services in this City in accordance with this ordinance. This ordinance shall apply to all replacements of existing service pipes as well as to new ones. The Superintendent shall make such rules, not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, as needed for the detailed operation of the waterworks, subject to the approval of the council. In the event of an emergency, he may make temporary rules for the protection of the systems until due consideration by the council may be had.

**6-3-3 ADOPTION OF THE STATE PLUMBING CODE.** The installation of any water-service pipe and any connection with the municipal water system shall comply with all pertinent and applicable provisions, whether regulatory, procedural, or enforcement provisions, of the State Plumbing Code as set forth in the Iowa Departmental Rules, published by the State of Iowa which are hereby adopted as amended. An official copy of the State Plumbing Code as adopted, and a certified copy of this ordinance are on file in the office of the City clerk for public inspection.

**6-3-4 LICENSE REQUIRED.** All installations of water service pipes and connection to the municipal water system shall be made by a plumber licensed by the City. The Superintendent shall have the power to suspend the license of any plumber for violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance. A suspension, unless revoked, shall continue until the next regular meeting of the City council. The Superintendent shall notify the plumber immediately by personal written notice of the suspension, the reasons for the suspension, and the time and place of the council meeting at which he will be granted a hearing. At the council meeting, the Superintendent shall make a written report to the council stating his reasons for the suspension, and the council, after fair hearing, shall revoke the suspension or take further action that is necessary and proper.

**6-3-5 MANDATORY CONNECTIONS.** All residences and business establishments within the City limits intended or used for human habitation, occupancy, or use shall be connected to the public

water supply if it is reasonably available and if the building is not furnished with pure and wholesome water from some other source.

**6-3-6 PERMIT.** Before any person, firm, corporation or other association shall make a connection with the public water system, a written permit must be obtained from the Superintendent. The application for the permit shall be filed with the Superintendent on blanks furnished by him. The application shall include a legal description of the property, the name of the property owner, the name and address of the person who will do the work, and the general uses of the water. No different or additional uses will be allowed except by written permission of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall issue the permit, bearing his signature and stating the time of the issuance, if the proposed work meets all requirements of this ordinance and if all fees required under this ordinance have been paid. Work under any permit must be begun within six (6) months after it is issued. The Superintendent may at any time revoke the permit for any violation of this ordinance and require that the work be stopped. The owner or plumber may appeal such action in the manner provided in 6-3-4.

**6-3-7 FEE FOR PERMIT.** Before any permit is issued, the person who makes the application shall pay two hundred fifty (\$250.00) to the City to cover the cost of issuing the permit and supervising, regulating and inspecting the work.

**6-3-8 WATER SUPPLY CONTROL.** The plumber who makes the connection to the municipal water system shall install a main shut-off valve of the inverted key type on the water service pipe near the curb with a suitable lock of a pattern approved by the Superintendent. The shut-off valve shall be covered with a heavy metal cover having the letter "W" marked thereon, visible, and even with the pavement or ground.

The plumber shall also install a shut-off valve and waste cock on every service pipe inside the building near the entrance of the water service pipe into the building; this must be located so that the water can be shut off conveniently and the pipes drained. Where one service pipe is installed to supply more than one customer, there shall be separate shut-off valves inside the building for each so service to one can be shut off without interfering with service to the others.

**6-3-9 MAKING THE CONNECTION.** Any connections with the municipal water system must be made under the direct supervision of the Superintendent or his authorized assistant. All taps in the water main must be at least twelve (12) inches apart and on the side and near the top and not in any case within eighteen (18) inches of the hub.

**6-3-10 EXCAVATIONS.** Excavations to do work under this ordinance shall be dug so as to occasion the least possible inconvenience to the public and to provide for the passage of water along the gutter. All such excavations shall have proper barricades at all times, and warning lights placed from one-half hour (1/2) before sunset to one-half hour (1/2) after sunrise. In refilling the excavation, the earth must be laid in layers and each layer tamped thoroughly to prevent settlement, and this work, and any street, sidewalk, pavement, or other public property that is affected, must be restored to as good a condition as it was previous to the excavation. The plumber must maintain the affected area in good repair to the satisfaction of the City council for three (3) months after refilling. All water service pipes must be laid so as to prevent rupture by settlement or freezing. No excavation shall be made within six (6) feet of any laid water or sewer pipe while the ground is frozen, except by special written permission of the Superintendent.

- 6-3-11 INSPECTION AND APPROVAL.** All water service pipes and their connections to the municipal water system must be inspected and approved in writing by the Superintendent before they are covered, and he shall keep a record of such approvals in his office. If he refuses to approve work, the plumber or owner must proceed immediately to correct the work so that it will meet with his approval. Every person who uses or intends to use the municipal water system shall permit the Superintendent or his authorized assistant to enter the premises to inspect or make necessary alterations or repairs at all reasonable hours and on proof of authority.
- 6-3-12 COMPLETION BY THE CITY.** Should any excavation be left open or partly refilled for twenty-four (24) hours after the water service pipe is installed and connected with the municipal water system, or should the work be improperly done, the Superintendent shall have the right to finish or correct the work, and the council shall assess the costs to the property owner or plumber. If the plumber is assessed, he must pay the costs before he can receive another permit, and the plumber's bond required by the Plumber's Licensing Ordinance shall be security for the assessment. If the property owner is assessed, such assessment shall be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.
- 6-3-13 SHUTTING OFF WATER SUPPLY.** After giving reasonable notice, the Superintendent may shut off the supply of water to any customer because of any substantial violation of this ordinance, or valid regulation under 6-3-2, that is not being contested in good faith. The supply shall not be turned on again until all violations have been corrected and the Superintendent has ordered the water to be turned on.
- 6-3-14 DISPOTISION OF FEES AND CHARGES.** All money received under this ordinance shall be deposited in the City treasury no later than the last day of the month in which it was received and a written report of the amount and source of the fees and charges shall be filed with the clerk.
- 6-3-15 MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES.** All service pipes and fixtures from the street water main to the premises, including the corporation cocks at the mains, shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the owners, and any leaks or other defects in the same shall be promptly repaired by them, and if such is not promptly repaired, the water shall be turned off until such repairs have been made, and the expense incurred thereby shall be charged against such owner. The Department may also make immediate shut-off of the water supply in the event of a break or leak.
- 6-3-16 REPAIRS BY THE CITY.** Upon failure of the owner to repair any defective or leaking water service pipes or fixtures located within City property or right-of-way, the mayor, shall after some reasonable notice to the owner of said water service, cause the same to be done and the cost thereof to be assessed against the owner's property in the manner and method as a general property tax.
- 6-3-17 BREAKS ON SERVICE OR FIXTURES.** The City of Coggon shall not be held responsible by reason of the breaking of any service pipe, apparatus, or fixture or for the failure in the supply of water.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.