

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON,
ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FIRE HYDRANT METER
POLICY & PROCEDURE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Benton City is a municipal utility that provides water service to customers in the Benton City pursuant to Title 35 Revised Code of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.92.010, the City has full authority to regulate and control the use, content, distribution and price of water supply provided to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to fix rates and charges for providing water and services to its customers, and the City Council now desires to establish certain policies and charges regarding the rental of fire hydrant meters, NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON, hereby resolves as follows:

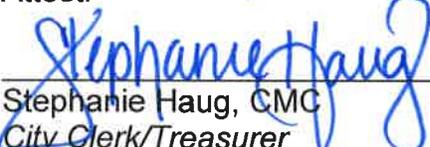
1. The City of Benton City adopts the attached Fire Hydrant Meter Policy and Procedures (Exhibit A) to govern the provision of metered water from City water hydrants for use by any developer, contractor, community service group, company or individual needing a temporary water source;
2. The rates, fees, regulations and requirements contained in the attached policy shall be effective January 1, 2016.

ADOPTED this 1 day of December, 2015, by the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, and signed in authentication of its passage this 1 day of December, 2015.



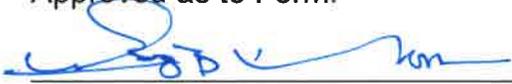
Lloyd R. Carnahan
Mayor

Attest:



Stephanie Haug, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



Kerr Law Group
City Attorney



EXHIBIT A

CITY OF BENTON CITY
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FIRE HYDRANT METER POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Rates: (per Current Benton City Fee Schedule)

- Deposit \$ 1200.00
- Permit \$ 50.00
- Base fee for first 500 cubic feet \$ 20.00
- Water usage per 100 cubic feet used \$ 1.50
- Utility tax (on consumption and base charge) 6%
- Meter Inaccessible for Inspection fee (per day charge) \$ 25.00
- Failure to exchange meter after six months (per month) \$ 150.00
- Tampering with, disassembly of, or an inability to obtain \$ 200.00 a reading on the meter in order to bill consumption whether by damage, failure to report, or theft of the device.
- Loss or theft of the device or missing parts – actual replacement value.

1. Fire hydrant meters shall be issued to the specific party who will utilize the meter and who will be responsible for the meter and payment for water usage. No third party billing will be allowed.
2. Hydrant meters issued by Benton City can be used in Benton City ONLY.
3. Bulk Water Meter Permits are issued for periods of six months. At the end of the six month period, the meter must be returned and a new Bulk Water Meter Permit applied for and issued. Benton City will attempt to notify the customer by letter, one month prior to the 6 month expiration date. Failure to return a meter assembly during their return month will result in a **\$150.00 per month late return fee** until the meter is returned, or confiscated.
4. Fire hydrant meters are to be made available to the City of Benton City upon demand for inspection and readings monthly. **Meter read inspection requests must be made to the City at 509-588-3322 between the 20th and the 25th day of each month.** When calling in inspection requests, give your name, your company's name and a return phone number. *Failure to call in inspection requests within specified dates will result in a \$25.00 per day fee for meter being inaccessible for read. Failure to produce a meter upon demand will result in revocation of the fire hydrant meter permit and additional fees.*
5. Customers who return damaged meter assemblies to the City will be charged the actual cost of repair or a minimum repair charge of \$100.00, whichever is greater. Damaged condition shall mean any wear or deterioration, beyond the wear to be expected from normal use and operation of the assembly.
6. Customers who have a past due balance will not be issued new meters or permits until the account is made current. In addition, all fire hydrant meter permits issued will be revoked and the meter may be confiscated.
7. The City of Benton City shall have the authority to refuse service to customers who are found to be chronic violators of the Fire Hydrant Meter Policy. Violations include the failure to report meter readings, exchange the meters on time and make regular invoice payments.

I have read and agree to the terms of the Bulk Water Meter Permit policy:

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Company _____