

1 **..Title**

2 **Public Services – Water and Sewer** – For the purpose of clarifying who may tap or connect with
3 a public sewer, water main, or stormwater line; providing for a qualified laboratory to sample and
4 test a water line for chlorine or bacteria in certain circumstances; updating certain terms; requiring
5 individual water meters for certain commercial units; requiring individual sewer cleanouts for
6 dwelling and commercial units; and generally relating to public water and sewer services.

7 **..Body**

8 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
9 **City of Annapolis**

10 **Ordinance 5-22**

11 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

12 **Co-sponsored by:**

13 **Referred to**

14 **Environmental Matters Committee**

15 **90 day Rule:** _____

16 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

17 **Public Services - Water and Sewer**

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19 stormwater line; providing for a qualified laboratory to sample and test a water line for
20 chlorine or bacteria in certain circumstances; updating certain terms; requiring individual
21 water meters for certain commercial units; requiring individual sewer cleanouts for
22 dwelling and commercial units; and generally relating to public water and sewer services.

23 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City
24 of Annapolis, 2021 Edition

25 16.04.010

26 16.04.070

27 16.08.010

28 16.08.055

29 **BY** repealing the following portions of the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2021 Edition

30 16.04.020

31 **BY** adding the following portions to the Code of the City of Annapolis, 2021 Edition

32 16.08.056

33 16.16.015

34 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY**
35 **COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

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2 **Title 16 - PUBLIC SERVICES**

3 **Chapter 16.04 - WATER AND SEWER SERVICE GENERALLY**

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5 **16.04.010 Tapping existing water and sewer mains.**

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7 A. A ~~person~~ UTILITY CONTRACTOR LICENSED IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS desiring
8 to tap or connect with or open for the purpose of repair or for any other purposes a public
9 sewer, water main, or stormwater line ~~which requires the opening or alteration of a sidewalk,~~
10 ~~curb, street or alley,~~ may do so upon receiving a permit from the Director of ~~Public Works~~
11 PLANNING AND ZONING or his or her designee. The application shall give the exact
12 location of the place to be opened or altered, the size of the opening, the number of days for
13 completion of the work and shall contain a guaranty that the applicant, within the time
14 specified, will place the sidewalk, curb, street or alley in as good condition as it was before
15 the opening or alteration.
- 16 B. ~~A permit and inspection fee will be charged prior to granting the permit as established by~~
17 ~~resolution of the City Council.~~
- 18 C. When a ~~ement~~ CONCRETE sidewalk is broken or opened during the work, the whole
19 sidewalk section FROM JOINT-TO-JOINT shall be replaced.
- 20 D. Both the contractor completing the work and the owner of the premises to be benefitted jointly
21 are responsible for applying for and obtaining the required permit unless the work is being
22 initiated by some person other than the property owner, in which case solely the contractor is
23 responsible.
- 24 E. The permit shall be valid for work commenced within a period of sixty days after issuance,
25 otherwise it shall be void and of no effect.
- 26 F. A person who violates this section is guilty of a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine
27 as established by resolution of the City Council.

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29 ~~16.04.020 - Tapping machine rental.~~

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31 ~~The Director of Public Works or his or her designee may lease the City tapping machine to~~
32 ~~any responsible person. The rental cost shall be established by resolution of the City Council.~~

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34 **Section 16.04.070 - Chlorine or bacteria testing.**

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36 All new and repaired water lines shall be disinfected in accordance with current American
37 Water Works Association (AWWA) standards and tested for bacteria before they are placed in
38 service. The tests performed to determine residual chlorine and bacteria levels shall be performed
39 by authorized City personnel ~~and associated~~ OR, IF APPROVED BY THE CITY, A QUALIFIED
40 LABORATORY CERTIFIED IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR SAMPLING AND
41 TESTING. ASSOCIATED costs shall be paid by the installing/repairing contractor. The charge
42 for chlorine or bacteria testing on water lines TESTED BY CITY PERSONNEL shall be as
43 established by resolution of the City Council.

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46 **Chapter 16.08 - WATER SERVICE**

1 **Section 16.08.010 - ~~Opening fireplugs—Turning water on or off.~~UNAUTHORIZED USE OF**
2 **CITY WATER FACILITIES**

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- 4 A. No person shall open or assist in opening any fireplugHYDRANT belonging to the City,
5 ~~except in the case of an actual fire in the vicinity,~~ or remove the cover from OR OPERATE
6 any ~~water box, stopcock box or meter box,~~ WATER VALVE, WATER METER OR
7 APPURTENANCE, or turn off or on the supply of water by means of valves on the main
8 stopcock on the service pipe, meter box, or otherwise, without the authority of the Director
9 of Public Works, without first having obtained a permit, and without displaying the permit
10 during the course of committing the act.
- 11 B. A person who violates this section is guilty of a municipal infraction and is subject to a fine
12 as established by resolution of the City Council.
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14 **Section 16.08.055 Dwelling units - Individual water meters.**

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- 16 A. Every dwelling unit newly constructed pursuant to building permits issued after June 30, 1988
17 shall be provided with an individual water meter. For ~~purpose~~PURPOSES of this ~~sub~~section,
18 the Director of Public Works or his or her designee shall determine the number of dwelling
19 units in a multiple unit, institutional, multiple residential, elder-care, health-care, child-care,
20 hotel or similar structure, including rentals.
- 21 B. As a condition of granting a building permit, the Director of Public Works or his or her
22 designee may require, from time to time, that "remote reading water meters" (manufacturer
23 and model number to be specified for standardization) be provided on multifamily
24 residential/mixed residential commercial structures. The cost of these meters is to be borne by
25 the permittee.
- 26 C. The limit of City maintenance of the water-house connection shall be either the right-of-way
27 line or the water meters, whichever is closer to the City's water main, unless otherwise
28 specified by the Director of Public Works or his or her designee at the time of issuance of the
29 building permit, GRADING PERMIT, OR BOTH.
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31 **SECTION 16.08.056 - COMMERCIAL UNITS--WATER CONNECTIONS.**

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- 33 A. EVERY COMMERCIAL UNIT NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR RENOVATED TO
34 CHANGE THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT PURSUANT TO BUILDING PERMITS SHALL
35 BE PROVIDED WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WATER METER. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
36 SECTION, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL
37 DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL UNITS IN A MULTIPLE UNIT
38 COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE.
- 39 B. AS A CONDITION OF GRANTING A BUILDING PERMIT, THE DIRECTOR OF
40 PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE MAY REQUIRE, FROM TIME TO TIME,
41 THAT "REMOTE READING WATER METERS" (MANUFACTURER AND MODEL
42 NUMBER TO BE SPECIFIED FOR STANDARDIZATION) BE PROVIDED ON
43 MULTIPLE UNIT COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES. THE COST OF THESE METERS IS
44 TO BE BORNE BY THE PERMITTEE.
- 45 C. THE LIMIT OF CITY MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMERCIAL WATER METER
46 CONNECTION SHALL BE EITHER THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OR THE WATER

1 METER, WHICHEVER IS CLOSER TO THE CITY'S WATER MAIN, UNLESS
2 OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS OR HER
3 DESIGNEE AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE OF THE BUILDING PERMIT OR GRADING
4 PERMIT.

- 5 D. THE LIMIT OF CITY MAINTENANCE OF FIRE LINE CONNECTIONS SHALL END
6 AT THE VALVE CONNECTED AT THE WATER MAIN. ANY MAINTENANCE TO
7 THE FIRE LINE CONNECTION WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SHALL
8 REQUIRE A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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10 **Chapter 16.16 - SEWER SERVICE**

11 **SECTION 16.16.015 - LIMIT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEWER SERVICE**

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13 A. THE LIMIT OF CITY MAINTENANCE OF THE SEWER SERVICE LINE SHALL BE TO
14 THE PROPERTY LINE, RIGHT-OF-WAY, UTILITY EASEMENT LINE, OR ANY
15 COMBINATION OF THESE.
16 B. IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO ANY
17 SEWER CLEANOUT ON THE PROPERTY.

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20 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
21 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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24 **Explanation:**

25 UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

26 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

27 Underlining indicates amendments.

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