

First Reading: 5/6/14

Second Reading: 5/20/14

ORDINANCE NO. 930

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 13A.24.020 "BUILDING WATERLINE INSPECTION AND APPROVAL"; SECTION 13A.24.040 "ALTERING STREETS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL"; SECTION 13A.24.070 "CONNECTION PERMIT--FEE-- DETERMINATION"; AND CREATING SECTION 13A.24.170 "MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING WATERLINE AND METER BOXES"

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by City staff that certain changes be made to Chapter 13A.24 of the Benton City Municipal Code regarding connection to the public water system for the purpose of clarifying the obligations to the citizens and the City in regards to inspections necessary for the protection of the public water system, connection and maintenance responsibilities between the water utility customers and the City; and

WHEREAS, to provide consistency in the delivery of water utility services, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City that amendments be made to the existing Code. NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 13A.24.020 entitled "Building waterline inspection and approval" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is amended and shall read as follows:

13A.24.020 Building waterline inspection and approval. The Superintendent shall inspect and approve in writing that portion of the building waterline from the water meter to a point two feet outside any structure prior to effecting any connection to or joining of any building waterline with the public water system, to make certain that the line complies with all City ordinances, including but not limited to the Uniform Plumbing Code and State laws in effect at the time of connection. The Superintendent may, upon reasonable cause to believe a violation of this Title has occurred, that damage to the ~~collection~~ public water system has or threatened to occur, or to prevent damage or injury to private or public property, may enter and make such inspections, corrections, repair or alterations as may be necessary to determine whether a violation has occurred or to prevent damage to private or public property. This right of inspection shall include authority to collect all information from City utility customers ~~regarding discharges to the City public sewer system~~ including the completion of questionnaires on water usage, ~~wastewater discharges~~, flow measurements, ~~collection of samples of discharge for analysis~~, and changes in business activity conducted on the premises as may be necessary for the protection, maintenance and improvement of the public ~~sewer~~ water system. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405

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Section 2. That Section 13A.24.040 entitled "Altering streets restricted to authorized personnel" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is amended and shall read as follows:

13A.24.040 Altering streets restricted to authorized personnel. No person except the Superintendent shall open, alter, or disturb the streets or alleys of the City for the purpose of connecting or joining any building waterline with the public water system without the appropriate permit per Section 12.04.010. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

Section 3. That Section 13A.24.070 entitled "Connection Permit--Fee--Determination" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is amended and shall read as follows:

13A.24.070 Connection permit--Fee--Determination. A nonrefundable application and investigation fee established pursuant to the most current City Fee Schedule Resolution shall be paid to the City Clerk to obtain the application form. The City Clerk shall sign the application to verify the payment of the application fee. The Superintendent shall review the application, determine the availability of the public water system to service the property, and determine the impact to the public water system that would be caused by the building water. The results of the determination shall be recorded on the application. The connection permit fee shall include the installation, by the City, of the following, as needed; main line saddle, corp stop, up to 10' of copper line, up to 10' of locating wire, the meter setter, the water meter, a meter box and lid. Any costs above those included in the permit fee must be paid prior to effecting any connection with the public water system. The installation of any building waterline or connection is dependent on the availability of the public water system and the public water system's capacity. (Ord. 667, 1998; Ord. 405 S1 (part), 1981.)

Section 4. That a new Section 13A.24.170 entitled "Maintenance of building waterline and meter boxes" of the Benton City Municipal Code shall be and hereby is created and shall read as follows:

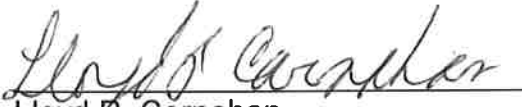
13A.24.170 Maintenance of building waterline and meter boxes.

- A. The service connection and its fixtures from the water main to and including the water meter shall be maintained in good repair at the expense of the City, including replacement of necessary parts because of corrosion, tuberculation, or other deterioration.
- B. The service and its fixtures from the water meter into the property served shall be maintained at the expense of the customer or owner of the property, and any leaks or other defects in the same shall be promptly repaired by the customer or owner of the property.
- C. All meter boxes (including pits and vaults) constructed or installed by the

owner, regardless of the location, and any such boxes if constructed or installed by the the City shall be maintained in good repair by the owner, at their expense. The Superintendent shall have the authority to determine if any defects exist and if repair is needed to the meter box to protect both the building line and the public water system. Failure to maintain the meter box and lid in good repair that leads to damage of the public water system will constitute a violation of Section 13A.08.010.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect five (5) days after its approval, passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Benton City, Washington, and approved as provided by law this 20 day of May, 2014.

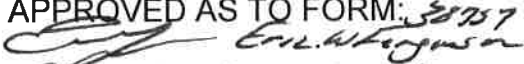



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City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 50757



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