

**Water Meters
Committee as a Whole
Danbury City Council
25-Oct-12**

Honorable Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Council President Joseph Cavo called the meeting to order at 7:31pm in the Council Chambers.

Present were Council Members: Philip Curran, Michael J. Haddad Sr., Jack Knapp, Warren Levy, Gregg Seabury, Shay Nagarsheth, Michael Halas, Joseph Cavo, Fred Visconti, Stephen Darcy, Andrew Wetmore, Peter Nero, Duane Perkins, Benjamin Chianese, Paul T. Rotello, Joseph Scozzafava, and Mary Teicholz

PRESENT: 17 ABSENT: 4

Council Members Colleen Stanley, Philip Colla, and Thomas Saadi were attending to family matters. Councilmen Don Taylor had a work obligation.

Gregg Seabury moved to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed amendments to Section 21-44 of the Code of Ordinance regarding water meters. The motion was seconded by Shay Nagarsheth.

Mr. Perkins asked for clarification as to the process of taking on ownership of the meters. Mr. David Day, Director of Public Utilities, stated that for non-compliant and non-responsive property owners of the size and type covered, the City would replace the current meter with a new City owned meter. The cost of the new meter and installation would be paid for in approximately 1/4 of a year when water is properly metered.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned 7:38m



ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2012

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

THAT Section 21-44 of the Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 21-44- Same—Ownership, installation, repair, testing, billing.

- (a) The water use of each consumer shall be metered. All piping for meters shall be plumbed by the customer at his own expense. For purposes of this section a "water meter" shall include any associated meter reading device.
- (b) The City shall furnish, install, maintain, test and repair all water meters one (1) inch or less in size and used by the City for the purpose of billing public water system customers. The City shall bear all costs so incurred.
- (c) The City shall furnish, install, maintain, test and repair all water meters exceeding one (1) inch in size and used by the City for the purpose of billing public water system customers for new water service initiated after July 1, 2005. The customer shall bear the expense of the new meter acquisition and installation and the City shall bear the expense of future maintenance, repair and if necessary, replacement of the meter.
- (d) In the event of a change of property use by a customer that results in the need for a replacement meter exceeding one (1) inch in size, the customer shall bear the expense of new meter acquisition and installation and the City shall bear the expense of future maintenance, repair and if necessary, replacement of the meter.
- (e) Notwithstanding the above, all customers owning water meters for water service initiated before July 1, 2005 that are used by the City for the purpose of billing public water system and that exceed one (1) inch, which are deemed necessary to be replaced by the Superintendent of Public Utilities or his designee, in his sole discretion, for any reason including but not limited to old age, obsolescence and/or inaccuracy shall be furnished, owned, installed, and maintained by the City. As part of the meter installation, the City shall also install radio read devices and shut off valves, if necessary
- (f) All meters shall be subject to testing by the City at intervals as determined by the Superintendent of Public Utilities, as noted in the most current edition of the American Water Works Association publication entitled "Water Meters-Selection, Installation, Testing and Maintenance, and at such other times as deemed necessary by said Superintendent or his designee, in his sole discretion. Whenever the City conducts a test of a water meter exceeding one (1) inch in size pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the cost of the test shall be billed to the customer.
- (g) For purposes of this section, meter acquisition and installation costs shall be set by the Superintendent of Public Utilities and shall be generally equivalent to the cost of the meter, radio read device and any other parts required for installation, as paid by the City.