

**POLICY FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION METER
FOR EXISTING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

It is the policy of this Commission ("MetCom") that separate irrigation meters may be installed upon residential properties which are currently served by a public water line, in accordance with the following requirements. It should be noted that this Policy does not apply to non-residential properties.

APPLICATION

1. Complete the attached Water Connection Permit Form.
2. Prepare a Sketch Plan as follows:
 - a. The plan may be hand-drawn and need not be to scale. A survey of your property may be used (if available), but a survey is not necessary. The plan need not be signed or sealed by an engineer or surveyor.
 - b. The plan must illustrate the location of your home, the location of your existing water service line, and the location of your existing or proposed irrigation system.
 - c. The plan will be used to determine the best location for the irrigation meter.
3. Submit the completed Permit Form and the Sketch Plan, together with the Review Fee of \$70.00, to the MetCom Field Services Office, Larry K. Petty Building, 43990 Commerce Avenue, Hollywood, Maryland 20636.

REVIEW; PERMIT; FEE

1. MetCom Staff will review your application and will contact you upon completion of the review process. Factors to be considered for review and approval are:
 - a. irrigation meters shall only be located between the existing water meter and the house;
 - b. irrigation meters must be purchased from MetCom; and
 - c. irrigation meters shall only be approved if the existing water meter is located outside the house; interior water meters must be re-located outside the house before an irrigation meter installation can be approved.
2. Once approved, you may pick-up a copy of your approved Sketch Plan which will indicate the approved location for the installation of your irrigation meter. Your plumber must use this approved Plan to install your new irrigation meter.
3. You will also be provided with a Connection Permit which must be signed by you.
4. At the time you pick up your Permit and approved Sketch Plan, the following fees will be collected:

\$ 186.00	Water Meter Cost (Standard 5/8" X 3/4" meter)
<u>\$ 120.00</u>	Water Inspection Fee
\$ 306.00	TOTAL FEE

INSTALLATION

1. You must hire a licensed plumber of your choice to install a new meter vault and setter for your irrigation meter.
2. Prior to any work, you or your plumbing contractor must contact the MetCom Permits and Inspections Division (Extension #309) to pick up a temporary water meter.
3. Your plumbing contractor should direct any questions to MetCom Permits and Inspections Division at Extension #309 prior to doing any work on the installation.
4. Your plumbing contractor will install the new meter vault, setter and temporary irrigation meter according to the approved Sketch Plan.
5. Once the temporary irrigation meter is installed, your plumbing contractor must call the MetCom Permits & Inspections Division (Extension #309) to arrange for an inspection of the newly installed meter.

INSPECTION

1. MetCom Field Inspections Staff will inspect the installation of the new meter vault and setter.
2. If the installation passes inspection, MetCom Field Staff will install a permanent radio-read irrigation meter in the meter vault.

BILLING; MAINTENANCE

1. The new irrigation meter will be added on the customer account in the next billing cycle.
2. Water usage which flows through the irrigation meter will be billed separately on your monthly statement of charges.
3. An easement surrounding the irrigation meter shall be provided, as required by MetCom.
4. MetCom will maintain the irrigation meter as necessary.
5. In the event it becomes necessary for MetCom to replace the irrigation meter for any reason, the replaced meter shall remain MetCom property.