

## **WATER LINE EXTENSION POLICY OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS**

It shall be the policy of the City of Marion to extend its water system, outside the City Limits, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Policy. The City of Marion shall not be bound or otherwise obligated to participate in the cost of any water system extension, which may be proposed under the terms of this policy.

### **A. APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION:**

All persons desiring extension(s) to the water system of the City of Marion shall make application in writing to the City Manager. The application shall specify the following:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the applicants(s).
2. The location of the property and geographic area for which water service is desired.
3. The total number of residential units, commercial establishments or industrial facilities to be served with a description of each type.
4. The total volume of water requested in terms of gallons per day and gallons per minute after full development of the property or properties for which service is desired.
5. A schedule or date by which the applicant desires to begin receiving water service as a result of the requested extension(s).
6. Any other information requested by the City.

### **B. EXTENSIONS ALONG PUBLIC ROADS MAINTAINED BY THE N.C. D.O.T. AND ALONG ROADS NOT PUBLICLY MAINTAINED BUT FOR WHICH RIGHT OF WAY HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO THE PUBLIC:**

The City of Marion may extend and pay for up to a six inch (6") diameter water line, along any public road maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation or along any road not publicly maintained but for which right of way has been dedicated to the public for a distance up to one hundred feet (100') per lot fronting on the road and requesting water service, provided such extension does not cross a river, railroad tracks, interstate or major highway and further provided no rock removal is required. In the event that a larger diameter line is requested, or if the

extension crosses a river, railroad tracks, interstate or major highway, or if rock removal is required, the applicant(s) will pay, in advance of construction, the total estimated cost for larger diameter water pipe, and for such crossing or rock removal. Should the water line extension exceed one hundred feet per lot requesting water service, the applicant(s) shall pay, in advance of construction, an amount per lineal foot, as may be established from time to time by City Council, to cover the additional costs.

In addition, the applicant(s) requesting water service must sign an agreement that they will use City water or pay the minimum monthly water charges based on availability of service at their request(s).

The applicant(s) shall be responsible for paying all applicable connection fees in advance of any construction. Applicant(s) requesting fire hydrants shall pay the entire cost for same in advance of installation. Applicant(s) requesting fire connections shall pay the established fees.

Unless approved by the City Council, the City shall not reimburse any applicant(s) for any funds contributed for any water line extensions.

### **C. EXTENSIONS AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS:**

City forces will not install water lines on private property or along private roads. Developers of private developments such as shopping centers, mobile home parks, and apartment complexes shall be responsible for both installation and maintenance of water lines on private properties. The City Manager and Public Works Director will review and approve, prior to construction, the plans and specifications for any water lines to be connected to the City's water system. A main valve will be installed by City forces, at the developer's expense, at the property line so the entire private system can be turned off in the event of a water leak on a water line not metered. Connection fees will be charged by the City and City forces will install meters. With the approval of City Council, the City may reduce or eliminate the tap fee for a developer or applicant that installs individual taps after constructing a public water line, thereby alleviating the need for City forces to install said taps. In no case shall the Cost Recovery Charges be waived.

Unless approved by the City Council, the City shall not reimburse any applicant(s) for any funds contributed for any water line extensions.

In order for the City to maintain water lines and install individual water meters on private property or along a private road, the following requirements must be met:

The owner(s) and/or developer(s) must:

1. Provide a shoulder and or physical space in which City forces can work and effectively maintain water lines and appurtenances.
2. Prohibit private wells, except for yard or garden sprinkling systems.
3. Provide the City with a public utility access easement ensuring the City an easement of at least twenty (20') feet in width, ten feet (10') on each side of the main water line, for City maintenance of the water line, access to all water meters and use of any roads or property needed for maintenance of water lines and appurtenances.
4. Pay the City for the materials and labor to connect to the main water line, if the City agrees to perform said work.
5. Pay a private contractor to have the water line and service lines installed according to plans and specifications furnished by the City.
6. Pay for all fire hydrants and appurtenances and the installation of same.
7. Deed all water lines and appurtenances located within or adjacent the street right of way or private road to the City of Marion.
8. Sign a hold harmless agreement relieving the City of Marion from responsibility for damages not directly caused by maintenance of the water system.

D. **ENGINEERING SERVICES:** Unless approved by the City Council, the City will not pay for engineering services. Engineering services shall be the responsibility of the developer or applicant(s).

- E. **CITY SYSTEM STANDARDS:** All water line extensions shall be completed in accordance with all City specifications and construction standards as they exist at the time of the extension. City approval of engineer's plans and design is required prior to submission to the State of North Carolina for a permit or construction. No meters shall be installed until copies of the engineer's certification of the water line and/or system is provided to the City.
- F. **APPROVAL:** All extensions under this policy require approval of City Council, except for any extension not involving City funding and extensions of less than 1,000 feet, which may be approved by the City Manager, upon recommendation by the Public Works Director.

This policy replaces the "Water Line Extension Policy Outside the City Limits" adopted by the City Council on March 22, 2005.

**ADOPTED this the 6th day of June, 2006.**

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