

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-6-10-2

Ordinance to Make Businesses Responsible for Water Meter Replacement

WHEREAS the replacement and maintenance of water meters is a critical aspect of efficient utility management. Water meters are essential for accurately measuring water usage, and their proper functioning directly impacts billing accuracy, conservation efforts, and overall resource management. As Mt Summit Water Utility seeks to improve infrastructure and enhance accountability, the introduction of an ordinance that makes businesses responsible for water meter replacement cost is a progressive step towards achieving these goals.

WHEREAS water meters are the primary tools for measuring the amount of water consumed by businesses. Accurate measurements are crucial for billing purposes, ensuring that businesses are charged fairly for their water usage. Faulty or outdated meters can lead to inaccuracies, resulting in either overcharging or undercharging of businesses, which can be detrimental to both the utility company and the consumer.

WHEREAS, by making businesses responsible for the cost of their water meters, the ordinance incentivizes them to ensure their meters are functioning correctly. Accurate reading can help identify leaks and excessive usage, encouraging businesses to adopt water-saving practices and technologies. This conservation effort is vital in regions facing water scarcity and helps promote sustainable resource management.

WHEREAS the responsibility for water meter replacement traditionally falls on municipal utility departments, which can be a substantial financial burden. This ordinance shifts the cost and responsibility to businesses, freeing up municipal resources for other critical infrastructure projects. This cost-saving measure allows municipalities to allocate funds more effectively and improve overall service delivery.

WHEREAS the ordinance will provide clear guidelines and standards for water meter replacement and maintenance. The Mt Summit Water Utility will provide the technicians performing the work. These standards ensure consistency and reliability in the process, minimizing potential issues and disputes.

WHEREAS regular inspections and compliance checks are necessary to ensure businesses adhere to the ordinance. Mt Summit Water Utility will follow inspection protocols, employing qualified personnel to assess the condition and accuracy of water meters periodically.

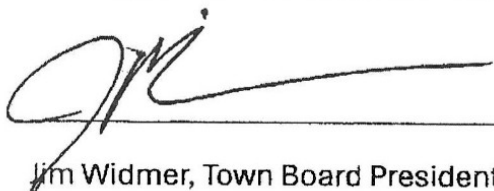
WHEREAS the ordinance promotes accountability among businesses regarding their water usage. By taking responsibility for their water meters, businesses are more likely to monitor their consumption and address issues promptly. This accountability helps create a more transparent and efficient system, benefiting both the utility provider and the consumer.

WHEREAS accurate water meters contribute to better water management and conservation efforts. By identifying leaks and promoting efficient usage, the ordinance supports environmental sustainability. Businesses can implement water-saving technologies and practices, reducing their overall water footprint and contributing to the preservation of natural resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED: this ordinance making businesses responsible for water meter replacement is a strategic move towards improved utility management and conservation. This policy not only ensures accurate water usage measurement but also promotes accountability, reduces municipal costs, and supports environmental sustainability. With clear guidelines, regular inspections, and adequate support for businesses, municipalities can successfully implement this ordinance, paving the way for a more efficient and responsible approach to water resource management.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This shall be implemented immediately after the passing of the ordinance.

Date: Le. 10. 2025



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