

**CHAPTER 20: WATER SERVICE**

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**20-101      Municipal water works**

The municipal water works shall be under the immediate control and supervision of the director of public works, who shall perform all acts that may be necessary for the prudent, efficient, and economical management and protection of said water works, subject to the approval and confirmation of the mayor and council.

**20-102      Inspections**

The director of public works, or his designated assistant, may enter the premises of any water taker at any reasonable time to examine the condition of the water pipes, meters, and fixtures.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 3 of Act 1046, subsection (d) of Code Section 8-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-inspection of water and sewer projects by master plumbers or utility contractors, shall not be applicable within the City of Lawrenceville.

**20-103      Application for water**

Application for the use of water shall be made to the City Clerk by the owner or agent of the property to be benefited, designating the location of the property and stating the purpose for which the water may be required.

**20-104      Tapping Charge**

1.      Upon the application for a new tap and service connection by any consumer within the corporate limits of the municipality, the applicant shall pay to the City Clerk the appropriate sum as set forth on Attachment "5" attached hereto to cover the cost of the fittings, installation of the tap by the municipality, and the necessary pipe from the main to the curb box.
2.      The municipality shall own and maintain the water line from the main to the curb box and the property owner shall own and maintain the service line from the curb box to the premises served.
3.      All work upon the service line shall be performed by a licensed plumber.

**20-105      Size of service tap**

No service tap shall be more than three-fourths inch in diameter; provided that the director of public works may grant special permission for larger taps where the water supply and service facilities are sufficient to permit such taps. Where a larger tap is permitted, the director shall fix the tapping charge therefrom.

**20-106      Water meters**

Each building or structure using city water shall have a water meter installed by the city, which may be installed in a curb box. All such meters are the property of the city. Every customer shall be served through a separate meter if possible.

**20-107      Service line regulations**

No more than one building shall be permitted to use a water service line. All service lines shall be installed at a depth at least 40 inches below the surface of the ground. Each service line shall contain a stop and waste cock where the water may be turned off.

**20-108      Water waste prohibition**

Consumers shall prevent unnecessary waste of water and keep all water outlets closed when not in actual use. Hydrants, urinals, water closets, bath tubs, and other fixtures must not be left running for any purpose other than the use for which they were intended. When any such waste occurs, the water service may be terminated.

**20-109        Sprinkling restrictions**

In case of water shortage or scarcity, the Mayor and Council may by resolution place any restrictions upon the use of water for irrigation or sprinkling purposes which such body deems necessary.

**20-110        Use during fire alarms**

During all fire alarms the use by persons other than municipal firefighters of hoses and other apparatuses maintaining a constant flow of water is absolutely forbidden.

<sup>1 2</sup>**20-111        Water rates**

1.        Municipal water rates for residential customers within the city's service area shall be as provided in Attachment "5" to this chapter.
2.        Contracts for commercial water customers shall be negotiated with the Mayor and Council on the basis of their requirements.

**20-112        Water bills**

Water meters shall be read each month and bills shall be mailed on a regular schedule each month. All water bills shall be due when received, and if a water bill is not paid within five (5) days of billing, a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the amount of the bill shall be added thereto and paid by the water user.

**20-113        Discontinuance of service**

If any bill for water as hereinabove provided is not paid within twenty (20) days of the due date, the water service shall be cut off and in no case shall it be reinstated to the same property until the delinquencies shall have been paid in full.

**20-114        Charges for turning water on**

If the water supply to any premise is turned off for any reason, the charge as set forth on Attachment "5" shall be made for turning the water back on.

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<sup>1</sup> *An Ordinance to Amend the City of Lawrenceville's General Code of Ordinances to Adopt Gwinnett County's Current Water Rates for Residential and Commercial Customers was adopted on December 4, 2006.*

<sup>2</sup> *An Ordinance to Amend the City of Lawrenceville's General Code of Ordinances to Adopt Gwinnett County's Current Water Rates for Residential and Commercial Customers was adopted on November 20, 2007.*