

# ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT WATER METER POLICY

Adopted: October 11, 2017

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to enact Root Creek Water District's (the "District") rules for water meter installation and fee collection. The District provides various fee-based services and generally charges two types of fees: connection fees and use fees. The District's connection fees include water meter connection fees. The District's use fees include water consumption fees.

## **Connection Fees**

The District requires that water meters are installed for all new connections, immediately following the foundation being poured for any new construction, and upon District approval for other new connections. The District shall install said water meters at the cost of the landowner/customer.

## Water Meters – Connection Fees

The following are the amounts the District shall charge to landowners for water meter installation:

- \$165.00 plus the cost of the meter plus a three percent (3%) carrying cost

The above connection fees are sufficient to cover the District's costs for hardware, installation, and administrative overhead at the time of policy adoption.

## Multiple Water Meters – Connection Fees

Any customer requiring more than one water meter for a single parcel shall be required to pay the cost of each individual meter installation necessary to serve the property.

## Water Meter Installation – Cleaning Fee

The landowner, or his or her designee (e.g. contractor, builder, etc.), shall be responsible for clearing any dirt, concrete, or other construction debris out of the meter box prior to the District's installation of a water meter. If the responsible party does not clear out debris prior to the District's installation of the meter, and the District is required to clean out the meter box to enable installation of the meter, the District shall charge the landowner the District's cost to clean the meter.

## Water Meter – Maintenance

The District shall be responsible for the proper installation, operation, and calibration of the water meters it installs. However, the landowner shall be responsible for paying to repair (or replace, if necessary) any water meter that is damaged after the District's installation of said meter, including but not limited to the full cost of replacement or repair of any damaged meter box, meter set, water meter, service lines, or other related damage that occurs after the District has installed a water meter, normal wear and tear excluded.

**Use Fees**

Pursuant to the District's fee schedule, landowners shall be charged the appropriate water use fee. Developers/builders shall also be charged for metered water use.

**Amendment**

This policy is subject to changes in the regular operation of the District, as it may be revised from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**Policy Review**

This policy shall be reviewed by the District regularly, but in no event less than once every three years.