

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7, CHAPTER 23 OF THE MEAD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR TOWN READING OF WATER METERS, FOR ESTIMATION OF USAGE WHEN A WATER METER IS INACCESSIBLE AND SETTING A FEE FOR SAID ESTIMATION OF USAGE.

Section 1. Section 7, Chapter 23 of the Mead Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following sections 12 through 15.

"23-7-12. Town Reading of Meters. In the event that the Town of Mead provides a system of whereby the water meters are read by Town staff or subcontractors, the following regulations shall apply.

- 12.1. Meters to be Read Monthly. In so far as practicable, water meters at each premises served by the Town's water system shall be read on a monthly basis. The meters shall be read at approximately the same time each month with the readings supplied to the Town Clerk no later than the 5th day of each month.
- 12.2. Inaccessible Meters. In the event that a meter is inaccessible to the meter reader, the meter reader shall post a notice on the premises advising the user that he was unable to read the meter due to its inaccessibility. The user is required to read the user's own water meter and to record the reading on the notice provided by the meter reader, and to mail or deliver said reading to the Clerk of the Town of Mead so that the reading is received by the Clerk no later than the 7th day of the month. In the event that the meter is inaccessible for three consecutive months, the Town shall have the right to relocate the meter to a point on the property or the public right-of-way that will be accessible to the meter reader.
- 12.3. Estimation of Water Usage. The Town Clerk shall provide for the estimation of water usage by a customer whose meter is inaccessible to the meter reader and who fails to return the water meter reading to the Town Clerk by the 7th day of the month. The Town Clerk shall provide for the estimation of water usage by a customer when due to inclement weather or other factors beyond the control of the Town the meter reader is unable to provide meter readings by the 5th day of the month. Said estimation may be based upon previous usage by the customer, the average usage of similar customers during the same time period, or upon any other reasonable method as determined by the Town Clerk."


Section 2. Validity. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, provision or part thereof shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect, it being the intent of the Board of Trustees that this ordinance would have been adopted even if such unconstitutional or invalid matter had not been included herein. It is further declared that if any section, provision or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, if held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Necessity. In the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, this ordinance is necessary for the preservation and protection of the health, safety, welfare and property of the inhabitants and owners of property in the Town of Mead.

Section 4. Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than three copies of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 4th DAY OF JUNE, 1990, AND ORDERED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION.

PUBLISHED IN FULL IN "THE LONGMONT TIMES CALL" ON THE 9th DAY OF June, 1990.

  
MAYOR  
TOWN OF MEAD

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk