

SUMMARY OF CITY OF AUDUBON ORDINANCE NO. 138

CITY OF AUDUBON WATER UTILITY REGULATIONS

This is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City of Audubon City Council on Monday, July 14, 2003. A copy of the complete ordinance is available for public inspection during regular hours at the office of the City Clerk, City Administration Building, Audubon, Minnesota.

Permit Required

The ordinance requires Plumbers to be licensed and secure a permit before making any connections to a main and requires excavators to be bonded and insured and to secure permission before digging in a public right of way.

Water Service Connections

The ordinance requires connection to the public water supply system where accessible and feasible and requires property owners to maintain that connection in good working order. Services shall be constructed by licensed plumbers at the owner's expense according to the specifications set forth in the ordinance. No consumer shall extend water pipes across lots or buildings to adjoining premises and the ordinance defines how such pipes shall be laid. Developers must petition for water extensions to a subdivision. Only one building may be connected to each service.

Maintenance

The ordinance divides the responsibility for maintenance of water services between the City water department and the property owner. Repairs made to existing services shall cause each service to conform to the ordinance. When a leak occurs, the City Water Department will determine which side of the curb stop, or property line, which ever is closest to the main, that the leak is located. Failure by the property owner to maintain their service line may be cause for the City to discontinue water service or require the property owner to make the necessary repairs. The Water Department reserves the right to shut the water off at the main when necessary.

Water Meters

The ordinance requires the use and maintenance of water meters and defines the types of meters to be used. Property owners must have a licensed plumber install the meter and necessary fittings at their expense. The ordinance permits separate water meters for outdoor watering.

Water Rates and Rules

The ordinance gives the City of Audubon the right to set and change water use rates. Five days after a bill has become delinquent the water may be shut off from the premises; and, when so shut off, shall not be turned on again until all water bills and all other charges due for services to the consumer have been paid.

Fire Services

The ordinance defines services for Fire protection systems and sets forth rules for the

establishment and use thereof. Fire hydrants are available throughout the City, but the use of a fire hydrant, unless authorized by the Water Department, is strictly forbidden.

Water Supply From Two Sources, Piping System to be Separate

On premises where water is supplied from two sources, the city water being one of the systems, the piping system for city water must be entirely separated from that of the other source.

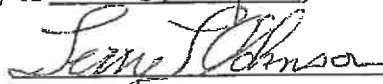
Enforcement, penalty

Violation of this ordinance and the rules provided herein is a misdemeanor and may be enforced through an order of the City Council requiring abatement of the violation, by prosecution, or through the City of Audubon Administrative Penalty procedures.

Effective Date.

The ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the City Council and publication of this summary.

Approved by 4/5ths vote of the City Council this 14 day of July, 2003



Mayor: Terry Johnson

Attest: Carola Bergerson
City Clerk