

SECTION 619.01 SHORTGAGES; RESTRICTED USES AND HOURS.

Whenever the City shall determine that a shortage of water threatens the City, it may limit the times and hours during which water may be used from the City water system for lawn and garden sprinkling, irrigation, car wash, air conditioning and other uses, or any of them. The City Administrator or his or her designee shall have the authority to declare the terms and conditions of the water use restrictions. The restriction shall be confirmed by the Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting thereof. It is unlawful for any water consumer to cause or permit water to be used in violation of this determination after public announcement thereof has been made through the City's web site, www.delano.mn.us, and the City's official newspaper.

SECTION 620.01 PRIVATE FIRE CONNECTIONS.

Owners of structures with self-contained fire protection systems may not connect to the street mains or hydrants, for use in case of fire, unless issued a permit therefor from the Fire Chief or City at the owner's installation expense, and upon other terms and conditions established by the Fire Chief or Commission.

SECTION 621.01 OPENING HYDRANTS RESTRICTED.

It is unlawful for any person, other than members of the fire department or other persons duly authorized by the City or Commission, in the pursuance of lawful purpose, to open any fire hydrant or attempt to draw water from the same or in any manner interfere therewith. It is also unlawful for any person to deliver or suffer to be delivered to any person any hydrant key or wrench, except to City-authorized persons for the purposes strictly pertaining to there lawful use.

SECTION 622.01 WATER METERS.

- A. All water meters and fittings shall be installed, maintained, and removed by the property owner at the property owner's expense and in all respects controlled by the Commission., Any remote-type meter in need of replacement by reason of normal usage shall be furnished by the Commission; thereafter, the Commission shall own that meter. Water meter remote wire shall be installed by the property owner at the property owner's expense.
- B. All water utilities service shall be supplied through a meter which shall accurately measure the amount thereof supplied to any property owner. The property owner shall supply a safe and proper place for the installation of such meters. Meters shall be tested for accuracy by the Commission upon request of any consumer who believes his meter to be inaccurate. If, upon tests, it appears that such meter overruns to the extent of three percent or more, the Commission shall pay the costs of such tests and shall make a refund for overcharges collected since the known date of accuracy but for not longer than 6 months, on the basis of the extent of the inaccuracy found to exist at the time of the test. If, upon test it appears that such meter is slow to the extent of 3 percent or more, the consumer shall pay for undercharges since the last known date of accuracy but for not

longer than six months on the basis of the extent of the inaccuracy found to exist at the time of the test. If, when any meter is tested upon the demand of a consumer, it is found to be accurate, or varies less than three percent, the consumer shall pay the reasonable cost of such testing.

SECTION 623.01 STATE BUILDING CODE; COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.

All piping, connections and appurtenances shall be installed and performed strictly in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code. Failure to install or maintain the same in accordance therewith, or failure to have or permit required inspections shall, upon discovery by the City, be an additional ground for termination of water service to any proper owner.

SECTION 624.01 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.

All municipal utilities may be shutoff or discontinued whenever it is found:

- A. The owner or occupant of the premises served, or any person working on any connection with the municipal utility systems, has violated any requirement of this Code relative thereto;
- B. Any charge for a municipal utility service, or any other financial obligation imposed on the present owner or occupant of the premises served, is unpaid after due notice thereof;
- C. There is fraud or misrepresentation by the owner or occupant in connection with any application for service or delivery or charges therefor.

SECTION 625.01. COLD WEATHER RULE.

Subd. 1. Application; Notice to Residential Property Owners/Occupants.

- A. The City and Commission shall not disconnect the utility service of a property owner/occupant during the period between October 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit when the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The property owner/occupant has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the Commission. For the purposes of this Section, a property owner/occupant that is receiving energy assistance is deemed to have demonstrated an inability to pay;
 - 2. The household income of the property owner/occupant is less than 50% of the State median income;
 - 3. Verification of the income may be conducted by the Commission, unless the customer is automatically eligible for protection against disconnection as a recipient of any form of public assistance, including energy assistance that uses