

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU PURCHASE AN IRRIGATION METER

Landscape companies are quick to tell their customers that they need an irrigation meter, but they never fully explain the pros and cons of this service and that sometimes leads to a dissatisfied mutual customer. To be clear, the homeowner is our customer and the following is a list of things they should consider before they purchase an irrigation meter:

- This service is attached to the existing house meter on the City side. This will result in a lack of water pressure and volume in the home while the irrigation system is in use.
- The City does not hook up the irrigation system to the irrigation meter. It is the homeowner's responsibility to make this connection.
- The irrigation meter will save you sewer charges on the water used by the irrigation system ONLY. On average the time it takes to recoup your original investment is approximately 3 – 5 years; based on typical consumption.
- The irrigation meter is read all year round and you will be charged the minimum service charge, even if you are not using the irrigation system.
- Once the City has installed the meter, you will not receive a refund if you decide you no longer want the service.
- The approximate time to install an irrigation meter is 7-10 business days; but could be longer due to workload. We do not provide appointments, but we will try our best to meet your needs if there are unusual circumstances.
- Please do not schedule sod delivery or sod installation without speaking directly to the Water Department. There are situations that come up that may mean we cannot meet the 7-10 day window.

This list was compiled after listening to the most common questions from our customers about irrigation meters. Please try to understand that the clerks that are taking your money are not the subject experts. All questions should be directed to the Water Superintendent at 251-928-8003.

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Fax# 251-302-7544

NAME: _____

SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ DOB: _____ SS# _____ DL# _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____ PH: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

PHONE: (____) _____ DOB: _____ SS# _____ DL# _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____ PH: _____

NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE # OF NEAREST RELATIVE NOT LIVING WITH YOU:

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE. IF THIS ACCOUNT IS TURNED OVER TO AN ATTORNEY FOR COLLECTION, I AGREE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF COLLECTION, INCLUDING COURT COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES. I FURTHER AGREE TO PAY 12% ANNUAL INTEREST ON ANY UNPAID FINAL AMOUNT BEGINNING ITS DUE DATE.

THE APPLICANT ASSUMES ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE ON THESE PREMISES WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY THE EXECUTION OF THIS ORDER.

I ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF NATURAL GAS PIPING PAST THE METER IF NATURAL GAS IS SUPPLIED BY FAIRHOPE PUBLIC UTILITIES.

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

SERVICE TO START EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

ACCOUNT: _____ CID: _____