

110 MAIN EXTENSIONS

110.1 PUBLIC MAINS

A public main is any main owned and maintained by the Water Utility. Any installation of water mains or extensions of existing mains shall not be constructed until the plans are approved by the Water Utility. The Water Utility shall have the power to direct the manner of construction and the location of proposed mains. Mains shall be extended to the furthest property line of the development. Contractors or developers may be required to upsize existing water mains where development occurs to provide adequate fire flow. Contractors or developers installing water mains or extending existing water mains shall pay all costs incidental thereto.

If a developer requests evaluation, modeling, or consideration of alternative main sizes, routing, or system connections beyond those required by the Water Utility, all costs associated with such analysis, including engineering review, hydraulic modeling, and staff time, shall be borne by the developer. These costs shall be paid in advance or reimbursed to the Water Utility as determined by the Utility.

110.2 TRANSMISSION MAINS

Transmission mains cannot be tapped without permission from the Distribution Manager of the Water Utility or their designated representative.

110.3 PRIVATE MAINS & SERVICES

Notwithstanding any prior installations, all new water services and fire hydrants shall be connected directly to a public water main to ensure long-term system reliability and to safeguard water quality. Private water mains and stubs shall not be used for new connections, as they present ongoing concerns regarding water quality, ownership, maintenance responsibilities, and access for repairs. In the event that a private water main stub exists, it shall be properly capped and abandoned in accordance with all applicable Water Utility requirements. The property owner, developer, or party responsible for payment of the new connection shall bear full responsibility for all costs associated with capping and abandoning the private stub, including any inspections, approvals, or associated fees. A private water main is a water service that is privately owned and maintained, typically serving a single property. The location of any new private mains, as well as any connections or alterations to existing private mains, shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Water Utility prior to construction to ensure full compliance with all applicable Water Utility specifications and requirements. No new water service shall be activated until all applicable requirements of this Section have been met.

Maintenance and repair responsibilities and liabilities for jointly-owned private water mains serving multiple properties shall be shared among all property owners who own properties which receive service from the main. The liability of such owners shall be joint and several. The owners shall jointly and severally indemnify and hold harmless, Urbandale Water Utility, and its respective officers, employees,

trustees, and agents from any and all loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising from the installation, ownership, maintenance, or use of the jointly-owned private water main.

The owner(s) of a private water main shall be solely responsible for all costs of installing, operating, and maintaining the private water main in good condition and shall be solely liable for any and all loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising from the installation, ownership, maintenance, or use of the private water main.

110.4 SHARING OF MAIN COSTS

Where there are properties being developed that are separated by public access or streets and the properties can be served by one water main, the Water Utility shall determine the side of the street on which the main will be located. The cost of installation of the main shall be borne by the developer who first develops the adjacent public access. Any person, firm or corporation who develops the property on the opposite side of the public access, shall be required to pay the developer who originally installed said main, one-half the per foot cost of installation times the number of frontage feet owned by the person, firm or corporation desiring to make said connection. **In the event the adjacent public access is a different city or jurisdiction, the price shall be the per foot cost of installation times the number of frontage feet owned by the person,** subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 110.4.1 All agreements entered into pursuant to this policy shall provide the cost to the original developer and to the maximum amount of permissible reimbursement prior to actual installation which agreement may not thereafter be modified.
- 110.4.2 All agreements allowing for reimbursement shall become null and void after the expiration of ten years from the acceptance of the final plat.
- 110.4.3 For mains required to be 16" in diameter, the Water Utility shall reimburse the developer for the material cost difference between a 12" diameter pipe and the 16" diameter.
- 110.4.4 For mains required to be larger than 16" in diameter, the Water Utility shall reimburse the developer for the labor and material cost difference between a 12" installation and the size of the transmission main installed. **The Water Utility retains sole authority to determine the required size, alignment, and specifications of all water mains based on system planning, capacity needs, fire protection requirements, and long-term utility objectives. Developers shall install water mains in accordance with the size and specifications prescribed by the Water Utility,**
- 110.4.5 Any person, firm or corporation which becomes insolvent or ceases to do business after the signing of an agreement contemplated by this policy shall

not be entitled to reimbursement and any agreement shall become null and void.

110.4.6 The Water Board's decision on any disputed matter concerning this policy shall be final.