

VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY

STANDARDS and SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER and SEWER SERVICE LINE CONSTRUCTION

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Scope:

Service lines are to be constructed to provide the link between the Village main line distribution or collection system and the privately owned facility. The purpose of the provisions outlined herein is to insure the long term viability and structural integrity of the private sewer as to not adversely impact the total system.
2. Criteria:

At least one water meter shall be installed for each separate building served. Multi-unit buildings may have individual meters and individual shutoff valves or be serviced by a single master meter and shutoff. Accessible valves for emergency water shut-off shall be provided for each unit. For buildings that are part of a condominium or homeowner's association and where a single master meter exists, the Village shall bill the association for service charges assessed by the Village for water and sewer usage based upon the master meter.
3. Connections to Village's collection and distribution system:

Village Public Works personnel or authorized representative shall make taps onto the Village water and sewer mains as directed by the Village. Owner is responsible for all costs associated with the connection based upon the tap fee schedule according to the size of the connection. The Village will determine the location for private connections to the Village system.
4. Inspections: All underground water and sewer lines are required to be inspected prior to backfill for conformance with Village standard specifications for pipe backfill and installation (appendix 1-A). Water service will not be turned on without verification that the work is in conformance with Village standards. All water service lines are to be tested under normal operating pressure.
4. Turn-On/Turn-Off Service: When initial service is provided and when the turn-off/turn-on service is performed for a customer requiring maintenance to his service line, a fee will be charged for each turn-off and turn-on performed. Additional charges to the owner may also be assessed based upon the standard billing rate to access turnoff valves in Village rights of way or easements. In the case of multiple requests for service to expose main line corporation stops for service lines susceptible to freezing, the Village will notify the owner by first class mail and by e-mail, if the address is on file, that his service line needs to be repaired and protected from freezing.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Each customer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the maintenance of water and sewer service lines from the building to either the sewer or water main.
2. Water meters shall be installed by the customer as specified in the Village standard specifications (appendix 1-A). Due to the extreme alpine climate, all meters will be placed inside the building served to protect from freezing
3. The Village shall have the right to test, remove, repair, or replace any and all water meters upon notification to the owner that access to the meter location is required. If any meter is suspected to be defective, the Village shall diligently pursue repair or replacement of said meter at the Village's expense unless the defect is a result of negligence or tampering by the customer. In this case the cost for repair or replacement shall be added to the service charge bill.
4. Leaks, breaks, blockage, and general maintenance of water and sewer service lines shall be the responsibility of the customer. The customer shall be given notice by first class mail and by e-mail, if the address is available that the water or sewer service line is defective and in need of repair. Customer shall institute repair or maintenance immediately. If satisfactory progress toward repairing the service line has not been completed in a timely manner or the Village determines that environmental or property damage is being caused, the Village shall shut off the water service until the service line has been repaired. In addition, the Village shall have the right to affect repair, and the costs shall therefore constitute a lien on the property.