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Irrigation/Subtraction Meter Policy

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PURPOSE:

To establish a policy defining the circumstances in which the installation an irrigation/subtraction meter would be permitted by Strasburg Borough Authority (SBA) and the costs and responsibilities associated with the installation.

APPLICABILITY:

This policy is applicable to any SBA water/sewer customer who can prove they have a significant amount of water usage that is not going into SBA's sewer system and that paying sewer on said water is causing them a significant hardship. The reduced billing could be accomplished by metering sewage into the sewer, or by metering the water used that will not enter the sewer.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of SBA to discourage irrigation/subtraction metering unless the water used affects the livelihood of our customer, such as for agricultural, manufacturing, or consumer services. SBA is the steward of important resources and encourages conservation of those resources.

A written request, that includes justification of the need of irrigation/subtraction metering and supporting data, must be submitted to SBA by the water/sewer customer to seek approval.

If a customer's irrigation/subtraction meter need is approved by SBA, said customer must pay a second water tapping fee to SBA, along with the current cost of a water meter (to be provided by SBA).

Meter installation plans must be submitted and approved by SBA staff prior to installation. After installation the system cannot go into service until an inspection is completed by a SBA staff member. All installation costs are the responsibility of the water/sewer customer.

SBA reserves the right to inspect the irrigation system at any time to ensure proper usage of the system.