

# Water Meter Installation Procedures Quick Reference Exterior Setting for <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" and 1" Water Meters

## PART 1 - PRODUCTS

- **1.1 METER SETTERS** 
  - A. All multi-family buildings shall use exterior meter settings.
  - B. Acceptable 5/8 x 3/4-inch coppersetters (exterior meter settings) are:
    - 1. Ford: Outside 5/8x 3/4-inch copperhorns; V82W-44-33-QNL
    - 2. A.Y. McDonald: Outside 5/8 x 3/4-inch copperhorns; M731-2WXQQ33EF
    - 3. No substitutions will be allowed
  - C. Acceptable 1-inch coppersetters (exterior meter settings) are:
    - 1. Ford:Outside 1-inch copperhorns; V84W-44-44-QNL
    - 2. A.Y. McDonald: Outside 1-inch M731-410-WXQQ44

#### 1.2 METER BOXES

- A. Acceptable 5/8 x 3/4-inch and 1-inch meter boxes are:
  - 1. Sigma #RMP 2048W 20x48
  - 2. Bingham & Taylor #MMP2430 24"x30" with #MMPE2418 Extension
  - 3. No substitutions will be allowed.
- B. Acceptable meter box covers and lids for 5/8 x 3/4-inch and 1-inch meter boxes are:
  - 1. Ford; #W3 cover with a WA3L-TP lid.
  - 2. No substitutions will be allowed.
- C. Acceptable 3-inch meter box extensions for 5/8 x 3/4-inch and 1-inch meters are:
  - 1. Sigma #8152048
  - 2. No substitutions will be allowed.

### PART 2 - EXECUTION

#### 2.1 GENERAL

A. The Contractor shall adjust stop boxes, meter pits and meter boxes to horizontal location and to final grade as determined by a grade stake.

#### 2.2 EXTERIOR METER SETTINGS

- A. Exterior meter settings shall be installed by the Contractor according to the manufacturers recommendations, and in accordance with Typical Detail Drawings No. 15, 16-A, 16-B, 17-A, or 17-B.
  - 1. 5/8 x 3/4-inch, 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch, and 2-inch meters shall be installed by the Utility upon inspection and acceptance of the meter setting.
- B. Meter pits and vaults shall not be installed in any street, alley, parking area, or driveway. Any pit or vault installed in a sidewalk due to limited options must be pre-approved in the development review process and will require a traffic rated meter pit and lid.
- C. Major landscaping (shrubs, boulders, etc.) and structures (retaining walls, fences, buildings, etc.) shall not be placed within four (4) feet of any meter box, pit or vault.
  - 1. Trees shall not be planted within six (6) feet of any meter box, pit or vault.
- D. The ground surrounding meter boxes, pits and vaults shall slope away from the lid at a minimum grade of 2%.
- E. No plumbing connections will be allowed inside the meter box, pit or vault.
- F. All tees, connections, and couplings shall be a minimum of two (2) feet downstream from the meter box, pit, or vault wall on the outlet side.
  - 1. Tees and connections shall not be installed between the curb stop and the meter setter or copper horn.
- G. If the grade of the ground surrounding the meter box, pit or vault changes after the installation, the cover shall be adjusted to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the final grade by the property owner.
- H. Meter boxes, pits, or vaults shall not be covered or enclosed as to inhibit meter reading or meter maintenance.

#### 2.3 METER INSPECTIONS.

- A. All water fees shall be paid prior to inspection.
- B. A minimum of 48-hours notice is required on all meter inspections.
- C. All water meter inspections shall be scheduled through the Utilities Water Meter Division.
  - 1. The Owner shall be billed for re-inspections.

Excerpted From: City of Fort Collins New Construction - Water Meter Installation Procedures Complete document available at https://www.fcgov.com/utilities/business/ builders-and-developers/development-forms-guidelines-regulations/water-meterinstallations-for-new-construction

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