**STARK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

WATER RULES AND REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE I

GENERAL

* 1. Authority

The Stark Farms Homeowners Association (the “HOA”) is the Association granted the authority for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the HOA.

* 1. Purpose

The purpose of this consolidated body of Rules and Regulations is to ensure an orderly and uniform administration of irrigation water operations in the Stark Farms area of Weld County, Colorado. These Rules and Regulations apply ***only*** to the Irrigation Water System (as defined herein); not to the potable water system, as that will be managed and controlled by the Town.

* 1. Policy

The Stark Farms Homeowners Association is an association of the State of Colorado possessing all of the powers of a HOA under Colorado law and Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA), whether specifically granted, reasonably implied, or necessary or incidental to those powers specifically granted for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the HOA. The authority of the HOA to adopt by-laws, rates, rules and regulation is expressly conferred by the Covenants. The Board of Directors of the HOA expressly finds and determines that the adoption of the following rates, rules, and regulations is necessary for the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the HOA and those within the HOA’s service area and will insure an orderly and uniform administration of the HOA affairs.

The Board of Directors of the HOA hereby declares that the Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth will serve a private use and are necessary to promote the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the HOA.

* 1. Scope

These Rules and Regulations shall be treated and considered as comprehensive regulations governing the operations and functions of the HOA.

* 1. Intent of Rules and Regulations

It is intended that these Rules and Regulations shall be liberally construed to affect the general purposes set forth herein, and that each and every part thereof is separate and distinct from all other parts. No omission or additional material set forth in these Rules and Regulations shall be construed as an alteration, waiver or deviation from any grant of power, duty or responsibility, or limitation or restriction, imposed or conferred upon the Board of Directors by virtue of statutes now existing or subsequently amended, or under any contract or agreement existing between the HOA and any other governmental entity. Nothing contained herein shall be so construed as to prejudice or affect the right of the HOA to secure the full benefit and protection of any law which is now enacted or may subsequently be enacted by the Colorado General Assembly pertaining to the governmental or proprietary affairs of the HOA. Any ambiguity, conflict, omission or question of interpretation of these rules and regulations shall be determined in the sole discretion of the HOA’s Board of Directors.

* 1. Amendment

It is specifically acknowledged that the HOA shall retain the power to amend these Rules and Regulations, with respect to the HOA, to reflect those changes determined to be necessary by the Board of Directors of the HOA. Prior notice of these amendments shall not be required to be provided by the HOA exercising their amendment powers pursuant to this Section. These rules and regulations may be altered, amended or added to from time to time and such alterations, additions or amendments shall be binding and of full force and effect as of the date of their adoption by the HOA’s Board of Directors.

* 1. Miscellaneous.
     1. Usage and Titles. All words and phrases shall be construed and understood according to the common and approved usage of the language, but technical words and phrases and such others as may have acquired a particular and appropriate meaning in the law shall be construed and understood according to such particular and appropriate meaning. The title of any heading in these rules and regulations shall not be deemed in any way to restrict, qualify, or limit the effect of the provisions set forth in the section or subsection set forth under each heading.
     2. Severability. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of these rules and regulations be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of these Rules and Regulations, the intention being that the various sections and provisions hereof are severable.
     3. Prior Offenses. Nothing in these rules and regulations shall affect any offense or act committed or done, or any obligation, penalty or forfeiture incurred by any person or under any contract or right established or occurring before the effective date of these Rules and Regulations.
     4. No Damage for Failure to Enforce. Nothing herein contained shall create any right to damages against the HOA, their directors, officers, agents or employees for the HOA’s failure to enforce any or all of these rules and regulations.
     5. Availability of Service. Water service shall be available only in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and on the basis of the charges established therefore and subject to all penalties and charges for violation thereof, or any statutes applicable and subject to the availability of facilities and capacity.
     6. Control and Operation of Facilities. All water Facilities and property of the HOA shall be under the management of the HOA Manager and the control of the Board of Directors. No other person shall have any right to enter upon, inspect, operate, adjust, change, alter, move, or relocate any portion of the HOA’s Facilities without the HOA’s prior written consent.
     7. Inspections. All inspections, observations, testing and reviews performed by the HOA whether of private premises to insure compliance with these Rules and Regulations or of the HOA’s property and facilities, are performed for the sole and exclusive benefit of the HOA. No liability shall attach to the HOA by reason of any such inspections, observations, testing or reviews or by reason of any denial or issuance of any approval or permit for any work subject to the authority or jurisdiction of the HOA.
     8. Ownership. The HOA exercises all rights and responsibilities attendant to the full ownership of the HOA’s water Facilities and, in the future, shall accept ownership responsibilities only for additional facilities which have been formally conveyed to and accepted by the HOA.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of the terms used herein shall be as follows:

* 1. Applicant

“Applicant” means any person who applies to the HOA (as defined herein) for a service connection or service disconnection, main line extension or other such service agreement, or who attempts to have real property included within, or excluded from the HOAs, as the case may be.

* 1. Board

“Board” and “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the HOA.

* 1. Contractor

“Contractor” means any person, firm or corporation authorized by the HOA to perform work and to furnish materials within the HOA.

* 1. Customer

“Customer” means any entity authorized to connect to and use the HOA’s Irrigation Water System under a permit issued by the HOA.

* 1. HOA

“HOA” means the Stark Farms Homeowners Association.

* 1. HOA Engineer

“HOA Engineer” means that person or firm that has been authorized by the HOA to perform engineering services for the HOA.

* 1. Dwelling Unit

“Dwelling Unit” means one or more habitable rooms arranged, occupied, or intended or designed to be occupied by not more than one family with facilities for living, cooking, sleeping and eating.

* 1. Equivalent Dwelling Unit

“Equivalent Dwelling Unit” or “Single Family Equivalent Dwelling Unit” means a use which is estimated to have an impact upon the Irrigation Water System equal to that of the average usage of a Dwelling Unit.

* 1. Gender

The use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

* 1. Inspector

“Inspector” means that person who, under the direction of the Manager, shall inspect all water connections, excavations, installations of and repairs to the Irrigation Water System and facilities of the HOA to ensure compliance with the Rules and Regulations.

* 1. Manager

“Manager” of the HOA means the person or entity retained by the Board to administer and supervise the affairs of the HOA and its employees.

* 1. Permit

“Permit” means the written permission to connect to or enlarge the use for the Irrigation Water System of the HOA pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the HOA.

* 1. Person

“Person” means any entity of any nature, whether public or private.

* 1. Rules and Regulations

“Rules and Regulations” means the Rules and Regulations of the HOA, including all amendments and policies as set forth in the HOA minutes and resolutions.

* 1. Service Line

“Service Line” means any privately owned and maintained pipe, line or conduit used or to be used to provide irrigation water service from water main, whether the pipe, line or conduit is connected or not.

* 1. Shall or May

Whenever “shall” is used herein, it shall be construed as a mandatory direction.

Whenever “may” is used herein, it shall be construed as a permissible, but not mandatory direction.

* 1. Singular and Plural

As pertains to these Rules and Regulations, the singular includes the plural and the plural the singular where ever applicable.

* 1. Stub-out

“Stub-out” shall mean any connection to a main line which extends from the main line and which is intended to facilitate service line connection to the Irrigation Water System, either directly to the main line or indirectly through a private main. A stub-out may extend to, but not through, the foundation, or exterior walls, or floor of any structure intended to be served. Any extension through the foundation or exterior wall shall be considered a tap, whether connected or not.

* 1. Tap or Connection

“Tap” or “Connection” means the connecting of the service line to the Irrigation Water System, either directly to a main line, or stub-out from the main line, or indirectly through a private main line, which service line extends beyond the easement line or property line into the structure intended to be served, whether or not actually connected to the structure’s Irrigation Water System.

* 1. Tap Fee

“Tap Fee” means the payment to the HOA of a fee for the privilege of connecting a particular use to the Irrigation Water System.

* 1. Water Main and/or Main Line

“Water Main and/or Main Line” means any pipe, piping, or system of piping used as a conduit for water in the HOA’s Irrigation Water System and owned by the HOA.

* 1. Irrigation Water System

“Irrigation Water System” means any water main line, appurtenances, accessories or portion thereof owned and maintained by the HOA in connection with the management and control of irrigation water within the HOAs’ boundaries.

* 1. Any Other Term

Any other term not herein defined shall be defined as presented in the “Glossary - Water and Sewage Control Engineering”, A.P.H.A., A.W.W.A., A.S.C.E. and F.W.S.A., latest editions.

ARTICLE III

OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES

* 1. Responsibilities of HOA

Except as otherwise provided by these Rules and Regulations, the HOA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Irrigation Water System, which operation and maintenance shall be carried out in a sound and economical manner, in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. It shall not be liable or responsible for inadequate service or interruption of service brought about by circumstances beyond its control.

* 1. Liability of HOA

It is expressly stipulated that no claim for damage shall be made against the HOA by reason of the following: Breakage of main lines; interruption of water service and the conditions resulting therefrom; breaking of any service line, pipe, cock, or meter; failure of the water supply; shutting off or turning on water; making of connections or extensions; damage caused by water running or escaping from open or defective faucets; burst service lines or other facilities not owned by the HOA; damage to sprinkler systems, appliances, or other apparatuses, devises or equipment used for irrigation of property, resulting from shutting water off, or for turning it on, or from inadequate, excessive or sporadic pressures; or for doing anything to the system of the HOA deemed necessary by the Board of Directors or their agents.

* 1. Rights and Authority

The HOA shall have no responsibility for notification to customers of any of the foregoing conditions. All irrigation water users within the HOAs shall be obligated to connect to HOA’s Irrigation Water System. The HOA reserve the right to discontinue, temporarily, service to any property, at any time, for any reason deemed necessary or appropriate.

The HOA shall have the right to revoke service to any property for violations of these Rules and Regulations in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Rules and Regulations.

* 1. Ownership of Facilities

All existing and future main lines and treatment works connected with and forming an integral part of the Irrigation Water System shall become and are the property of the HOA, unless any contract with owner or customer provides otherwise. Said ownership will remain valid whether the main lines and treatment works are constructed, financed, paid for, or otherwise acquired by the HOA, or by other persons.

3.4.1 Ownership of Irrigation Water Facilities. For irrigation water, the HOA owns and is responsible for the maintenance of the water service line, up to and including the curb stop valve or the customer’s property line, whichever is closer to the water main. The customer is responsible for the maintenance of the remaining portion of the service line serving his property.

3.4.2. Ownership of Irrigation Water Meters. Notwithstanding the above, all irrigation water meters and shut-off valves shall become and are the property of the HOA. Said ownership shall remain valid whether the meters and/or shut-off valves are installed, financed, paid for, repaired or maintained by another person or whether the meters and/or shut-off valves are located on a privately owned and maintained service line.

* 1. Inspection Powers and Authority of HOA Agents

Authorized employees or agents of the HOA, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. Failure to permit such inspections, observations, measurements, samplings and/or testings upon the request, in writing, of the Manager may result in a finding that permission is being denied to avoid discovery of a violation which may result in the disconnection of service to the property of the party failing to permit such activity.

* 1. Modification, Waiver and Suspension of Rules

The Board or the Manager, acting on instructions of the Board, shall have the sole authority to waive, suspend, or modify these Rules and Regulations, and any such waiver, suspension or modification must be in writing, signed by the Board or the Manager. Such waiver shall not be deemed an amendment of the Rules and Regulations. No waiver will be deemed a continuing waiver.

ARTICLE IV

USE OF IRRIGATION WATER SYSTEMS

* 1. Unauthorized Tampering with Systems
     1. Unauthorized Use. No unauthorized person shall uncover, use, alter, disturb, or make any connection with, or opening onto, use, alter, or disturb the Irrigation Water System without first obtaining a written permit from the HOA. Unauthorized uses of or tampering with the HOA’s Irrigation Water System include, but are not limited to, change in customer’s equipment, service or use of property, as defined in Section 5.7, an unauthorized turn-on or turn-off of irrigation water service, burying valve boxes, and modifying any irrigation water meter.
     2. Malicious Damage to System. No person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently, break, damage, destroy, cover, uncover, deface or tamper with any portion of the HOA’s Irrigation Water System.
     3. Violators Prosecuted. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Section 4.1 shall be prosecuted to the full extent of Colorado law.
     4. Violators Fined. Any person violating any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations shall become liable to the HOA for payment of a

$1,000.00 fine, plus any expense, loss or damage occasioned by reason of such violation. Such costs shall constitute a perpetual lien upon the violator’s property, as allowed by the Covenants, or a perpetual lien upon the property concerning which the violator was receiving services at the time of the violation in question, whichever the Manager deems appropriate. See Section 5.8 regarding unauthorized connections.

* 1. Use of Irrigation Water System
     1. Notice of Changes and Repairs of Leaks. The customer shall notify the HOA prior to any expansion or addition to the service or use of the property served by the HOA’s Irrigation Water System upon any change of ownership of said property. Each customer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the length of the service line to the curb stop or property line, whichever is closer to the main. Service lines shall be constructed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

Leaks or breaks in the service line shall be repaired by the customer within seventy-two (72) hours of obtaining knowledge of a leak or from the time of notification of such condition by the HOA. If satisfactory progress toward repairing said leak has not been completed within the same time period, the Manager shall shut off the service until the leaks or breaks have been repaired; in addition, the HOA shall have the right to effect the repair, and the costs therefore shall constitute a lien on and against the property of such customer, security payment of such cost, as provided by the Covenants.

* + 1. Cross Connection Control. Each customer is responsible for complying with the Colorado Department of Health’s Cross Connection Control Manual with the additional requirement that all fire protection systems must utilize a “reduced pressure principle” type back-flow preventor valve.
    2. Stop and Waste Type Valve. No stop and waste type valve is permitted in conjunction with a customer’s service line. It is the responsibility of the customer to bury the service line with sufficient cover to prevent it from freezing.
    3. Safety Devices. Each person having sprinkler systems, appliances, apparatuses, and/or other devices on his premises for irrigation, depending on pressure or water in pipes, or on a continual supply of water, shall provide, at his own expense, suitable safety devices to protect himself and his property against a stoppage of water supply or loss of pressure. The HOA expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility for any damage resulting from a customer’s failure to provide such appropriate protection.
    4. Irrigation Water Meters Required. At such time that it becomes cost effective, the HOA shall charge for water usage pursuant to irrigation water meters installed to serve each unit. No connection shall be made to the HOA’s Irrigation Water System without an irrigation water meter having been installed to serve the subject unit. All irrigation water meters shall have devices for remote reading. The type of irrigation water meter and location of the meter shall be subject to the approval of the HOA. The HOA shall be empowered to install the initial meter and shall have the right to test, remove, repair or replace any and all irrigation water meters. It shall be the duty of each customer to notify the HOA office if his irrigation water meter is operating defectively. If any meter is suspected to be defective, the HOA shall diligently pursue repair or replacement of said meter at the HOA’s expense unless the defect is a result of frost or faulty installation by the owner. In this case the cost for repair or replacement shall be added to the customer’s service charge bill. The irrigation water meters referred to in this Section and throughout these Rules and Regulations are separate from the water meters measuring the use of potable water from the Town.

During the interim period prior to repair and until such time as the HOA utilizes meters to charge for irrigation water usage, the following policy shall be enforced: The customer shall be given notice, by first-class mail, that the HOA suspects that the irrigation water meter is defective. The customer shall be given thirty (30) days in which to respond, which response shall include scheduling with the HOA an appointment for a meter inspection and replacement. If the customer fails to respond, the customer will be placed on the unmetered rate, effective with the following billing cycle.

The customer shall be given a second notice, by first-class mail, that the HOA suspects that the irrigation water meter is defective. The customer shall be given thirty (30) days in which to respond, to the second notice, which response shall include scheduling an appointment for a meter inspection and replacement. If the customer fails to respond to the second notice, the HOA may disconnect the water service and charge the customer the base irrigation water rate while the service is disconnected.

* + 1. Required Use of Irrigation Water System. It is unlawful to irrigate land other than with the HOA’s irrigation water unless approved by the HOA.
    2. Sumps and Water Wells Prohibited. After the effective date of these Rules and Regulations the construction of any water well or sump within the HOA is prohibited, unless excepted in writing by the HOA.
    3. Pressure Reducing Valve (“PRV”). A PRV may be installed in service lines immediately before the irrigation water meter, ensuring that the irrigation water meter and any sprinkler or other type of irrigation system are protected from fluctuating water main delivery pressures. The pressure setting of the PRV shall not exceed 150 PSI without written permission from the HOA.
  1. Inactive Service.

4.3.1. Definition. Inactive Service means that the water service line for the Licensed Premises is connected to a Water Main but the water service meter is not set and the water service line is not used to deliver water to the Licensed Premises. Inactive Service occurs where the service line is constructed initially only to the valve at the property line for the purpose of installing the service line prior to the paving of the street or where a regular residential or commercial tap is converted to inactive status commencing twelve (12) months after the date the application for such status is approved by the HOA.

* + 1. Availability. Available to applicants within the boundaries of the HOAs or any contracting entity.
    2. Inactive Charges. The monthly charge for Inactive Water Service shall be

$15.00 per tap and shall commence twelve (12) months after the date the application for Inactive Service is granted and shall continue until such time as water service is activated or the inactive water tap is invalidated.

ARTICLE V APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

* 1. Inclusions

Service will be furnished, subject to the HOA’s Rules and Regulations, to property included within the HOA. It shall be incumbent upon the applicant to furnish satisfactory evidence of inclusion whenever such evidence is requested by the HOA. Satisfactory evidence shall consist of tax receipt, or certification in lieu thereof, received from and signed by the County Treasurer. A person owning land within and without the boundaries of the HOA who desires service to land currently located without the boundaries of the HOA must include all of his land to be serviced by the HOA’s Irrigation Water System into the boundaries of the applicable HOA. A formal request for inclusion of the HOA shall be made to such HOA, on its standard form, by the applicant, accompanied by a non-refundable payment of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for legal fees and the estimated costs of publication. Any additional costs or legal fees which may occur shall be assessed and paid prior to approval of inclusion by the board of directors for the applicable HOA. Until paid, such costs and fees shall be a lien upon the property in question.

* 1. Service Outside the HOA

No service shall ever be provided to property outside of the HOA, except upon the express written consent of the HOA. Charges for furnishing service outside of the HOA shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors, but no service shall be furnished to property outside of the HOA unless the charge therefore equals at least the cost of service, plus the estimated mill levy and tap fees for which such property would be responsible if it were a part of the HOA. In every case where the HOA furnishes service to property outside the HOA, the HOA reserves the right to discontinue the service when, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, it is in the best interest of the HOA to do so.

* 1. Application for Service

Application for service must be filed with the HOA on forms provided by the HOA and accompanied by appropriate fees prior to any action to connect to the Irrigation Water System. Only upon authorized approval of the application and a receipt therefore may a connection to the Irrigation Water System be made. The location of the irrigation water meter and the remote reading device shall be indicated on all applications for service.

* + 1. Sprinkler System. If a water sprinkler system for lawn irrigation is to be used, it must be metered and meet the requirements of all applicable Town, County and State codes.
    2. Winter Taps. Taps may be made by appointment, during the winter months, at the HOA’s sole discretion, provided that the tap location is heated.
    3. Additional Tap Information Required. All information requested on the tap application form must be completed. In addition, the water meter location and arrangement, and a diagram of the curb stop valve box location must be included. A site plan or improvement plan shall accompany the tap permit application showing the location of the area to be irrigated relative to property lines.
    4. Reassessment of Tap Fees. Should any information disclosed on the application prove at any time to be false, or should the applicant omit any information, the HOA shall have the right to reassess the tap fee originally charged at the rate current to the discovery by the HOA of the false or omitted information, and/or disconnect the service in question, and/or back-charge the property in question for service fees that may be due and owing, and/or charge any other or additional fee or penalty specified in these Rules and Regulations. Any reassessment shall be due and payable, together with any penalties or other additional fees charged, and together with interest at the maximum legal rate on the entire balance, upon and from the date of the original application.
  1. Denial of Application

The HOA reserves the exclusive right to deny application for service when, in the opinion of the HOA Board, the service applied for would create an excessive seasonal, or other, demand on the facilities. Denial may also be based upon an unresolved obligation between any of the HOAs and the applicant, inadequate documentation of easements for main lines serving the property, or any other reason as determined by the Board of Directors or Manager.

* 1. Cancellation of Application

The HOA reserves the right to revoke any prior approval of an application before service has been provided, and thereafter for any violation of these Rules and Regulations.

* 1. Moved or Destroyed Buildings

When a building is moved or destroyed, the original tap authorization shall remain, provided that a written request is made to, and approved by, the Board of Directors or Manager prior to cessation of payment of service charges.

* + 1. Abandoned Service Line. When a service line is abandoned permanently, the property owner or customer shall valve the water supply off at the main line (corporation stop valve).
  1. Change in Customer’s Equipment, Service or Use of Property

No expansion of or addition to the customer’s service or use of property served shall be made without the prior notification of and approval by the HOA. Any such change which, in the opinion of the HOA, will increase the burden placed on the HOA’s Irrigation Water System by the customer shall require a redetermination of the tap fee and monthly service charge, and a payment by the customer of any additional tap fee and monthly service charge resulting from the redetermination. Subject to Section 5.6, above, tap fees previously paid with respect to the property in question shall be credited against the redetermined tap fee so that only the unpaid portion of any redetermined tap fee shall be due; provided, however, that redeterminations resulting in a conclusion that the tap fee, if assessed currently, would be in an amount less than that originally paid shall not result in a refund to the customer; and provided further that when an expansion or change in use occurs which results in additional fees due, a credit for the existing use right shall be given.

* + 1. Unauthorized Connection Fee. Any violation of this Section shall result in the assessment of an unauthorized connection fee, as provided by Section 5.8 of these Rules and Regulations, and the HOA shall take those steps authorized by these Rules and Regulations and Colorado law regarding the collection of said fees. (Also, see Section 4.1 Unauthorized Tampering with Systems.)
    2. Inspection Required. Any customer believed to have changed equipment, service, or use of his property, in violation of this Section, shall be notified of such belief by the HOA, and shall be afforded twenty (20) days from the date upon which the notice is mailed in which to respond to the HOA’s notice. Any response by the customer must include permission to make such inspection of the property in question as the Board of Directors or Manager or his representatives deem necessary to establish clearly the nature of equipment, service and use of the property in question. Failure to respond may result in the HOA discontinuing service to the property.
    3. Redetermination of Tap Fees. Inspection shall be made of the property in question. Following inspection, the Manager shall make a determination as to the change in the customer’s equipment, service or use of the property in question, and shall redetermine any additional tap fees and service charges due. In the event the decision of the Board of Directors or Manager is deemed unsatisfactory to the customer, the customer may present a complaint in accordance with the Hearing and Appeal Procedures, Article IX, of these Rules and Regulations.
  1. Unauthorized Connections and Fees

No person shall be allowed to connect onto the Irrigation Water System or to enlarge or otherwise change equipment, service or use of property without prior payment of tap fees, approval of application for service, and adequate supervision and inspection of the tap by the HOA employees or agents. Any such connection, enlargement, or change without payment, approval, supervision and inspection shall be deemed an unauthorized connection. Upon the discovery of any unauthorized connections, the then-current tap fee shall become immediately due and payable, and the property shall automatically be assessed an additional unauthorized connection fee equal to the then current tap fee per equivalent dwelling unit, as liquidated damages toward the HOA’s costs associated with such unauthorized connections.

The HOA shall send written notice to the owner of the property benefited by such connections stating that an unauthorized connection has been made between the subject property and the HOA’s facilities. The owner shall then have twenty (20) days from the date the notice is mailed to pay the then- current tap fee or proceed in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.7.2 of these Rules and Regulations.

* 1. Revocation of Service

Service shall be revocable by the HOA upon non-payment of any valid fees or charges owing to the HOA. In the event of non-payment, the customer shall be given not less than twenty (20) days advance notice in writing of the revocation, which notice shall set forth:

1. The reason for the revocation;
2. That the customer has the right to contact the HOA, and the manner in which the HOA may be contacted for the purpose of resolving the obligations; and
3. That there exists an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with Article IX of these Rules and Regulations.

If payment of the outstanding obligation or a request for a hearing is not received by the HOA within twenty (20) days of the date of mailing of the revocation notice, the Manager shall disconnect the service and the customer shall be assessed the cost of the disconnection. While the service is disconnected, the customer shall continue to be assessed the base service charges for irrigation water.

* 1. Revocation of Tap Rights

The right to connect the HOA’s Irrigation Water System and receive services under Section 5.3, above, shall be revocable by the HOA upon non-payment of any HOA’s fees owing to the HOA and remaining unpaid for a period of thirty

(30) days, and whether or not the customer owning the right to connect has actually connected to the HOA’s Irrigation Water System. Such revocations shall be conducted in accordance with Section 5.9, above. If the right to connect to the HOA’s Irrigation Water System is revoked, the customer may reacquire such tap rights only by reapplying for service in accordance with Section 5.3, above, and after paying all fees due and owing the HOA and the then-current tap fees charged by the HOA under these Rules and Regulations.

* 1. Turn-ons/Turn-offs of Service

All turn-ons and turn-offs of irrigation water service through a shut-off valve on a service line that has been connected to the HOA’s Irrigation Water System pursuant to a written permit issued by the HOA shall be performed only by HOA personnel regardless of the ownership of the shut-off valve or service line and regardless of the circumstances respecting the turn-on or turn-off. The HOA shall assess a single turn-off/turn-on charge in the amount of $50.00 for any such turn-off and turn-on performed except when initial service is provided and when the service is performed for customers requiring maintenance to their service lines, in which case there shall be no charge. The HOA will provide this service only for a tap for new construction, one time prior to the occupancy of the building located on the property served.

All other requests for a turn-off or turn-on of the HOA’s service may be granted or denied by the Board of Directors or Manager in the Board’s or Manager’s sole discretion. In new construction, at the time the irrigation water meter is set, service charges begin unless the HOA is requested to perform the turn- off. In this event the customer will be charged $50.00 when service is turned on.

ARTICLE VI CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE LINES

* 1. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

The requirements of these Rules and Regulations, and the Appendices attached hereto, are applicable to the construction of all service lines.

* 1. Inspection and Tapping Charges

All taps shall be made by the HOA or its authorized representative and all service lines shall be inspected by a representative of the HOA. All irrigation water service lines are to be tested under normal operating pressure. Constructors of service lines shall call the HOA to schedule an open ditch inspection of all service lines. If said inspection is not made within twenty- four (24) hours of the call, excluding weekends and holidays, construction may proceed. There shall be a charge for all inspections as determined from time to time by the HOA Board. Further information regarding inspections and the charges for inspections may be obtained from the Board of Directors or at the Manager’s office.

* 1. Separate Service Lines Required

A separate and independent service line shall be provided for every lot, and shall be installed at the expense of the property owner. There shall be one irrigation water meter installed for each separate lot served. A curb stop shall be located at the property line on all service lines. Each half of a duplex shall have a curb stop at the property line and shall have a separate irrigation water meter and service line. The Board of Directors or Manager, in the exercise of his sole discretion, may provide an exemption from the above requirements for outdoor common space areas that are part of a condominium or other multi-family dwelling association. In such a case, the HOA shall bill the association for service charges assessed by the HOA for irrigation water usage in the association. In all cases where individual units are not separately metered, billing shall be to one entity for service to all units serviced through the same meter or service line, and payment for less than all units shall be considered non-payment, allowing the HOA to terminate service.

* 1. Construction and Connection

The contractor shall notify the HOA when the service line is ready for inspection and connection to the HOA’s main. One working day notice is required. The connection shall be made to the main by HOA personnel. All contractors, plumbers, and others doing work on any main, service lines, or structures in the HOAs shall comply with County, State, or local regulations on excavation, backfill, compaction, and restoration of surface. All permits, fees, and licenses shall be paid for by the contractor, plumber, or others doing work in the HOAs, prior to the start of construction.

All excavations for service installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public or private property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the HOA. All daily inspection fees on construction required by any governmental agency, including the HOA, shall be paid by the plumber, contractor, or others doing work for the HOA.

ARTICLE VII

MAIN LINE EXTENSIONS

* 1. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Main line extensions shall comply with the requirements of these Rules and Regulations and HOA’s standard specifications for service line construction.

* 1. Main Line Extensions by the HOA

The HOA has the right to construct all main lines within the HOAs. Developers who desire to construct such main lines prior to the date planned by the HOA for their construction may do so as provided in Section 7.4 herein.

* 1. Procedure for Main Line Extension by the HOA

The HOA may construct any main line if the Board deems it in the best interest of the HOA to do so. All main line extensions which are so authorized shall be bid, as provided by State law, and contracted for by the HOA Board, with the constructor installing the main lines being responsible to the HOA Board. The HOA, through its engineer, shall supervise construction activity and coordinate all matters pertaining to the completion of the subject project, including periodic and final payments to the constructor, inspection, and as-built drawings.

* + 1. Performance Bonds and One Year Warranty. Pursuant to Section 38-26- 105 and 38-26-106, C.R.S., performance and payment bonds equal to the contract price at a minimum shall be furnished to the HOA by the constructor on all construction contracted by the HOA. All main lines constructed shall be accepted by the HOA upon completion of construction, subject to a one (1) year warranty period during which the constructor shall promptly, without cost to the HOA, correct any defective work. All daily inspection fees required by any governmental authority, including the HOA, shall be paid by the constructor.

Constructors who have completed construction of main line extensions shall, before the main lines are accepted by the HOA, deed the main lines and all appurtenances to the HOA free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, and furnish to the HOA a surety bond or other acceptable collateral which shall cover all maintenance for one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the main lines by the HOA. Prior to the acceptance of the main lines by the HOA, the Constructor shall provide to the HOA reproducible as-built drawings including stub-out locations, coordinates of manholes, rim and invert elevations, and easements.

* 1. Procedure for Main Line Extension by Developers

The HOA has no obligation to extend any main line. In the discretion of the Board of Directors or Manager, the HOA may permit an applicant to construct, at the sole expense of the applicant, main lines prior to their construction by the HOA. The applicant shall enter into a written main line extension agreement with the HOA prior to proceeding with any extension.

* + 1. Application for Approval. All applicants desiring to construct a main line within the HOA shall first make formal application to the Board of Directors or Manager for approval. This application shall be in writing, and shall contain a legal description of the property to be served by the main line and plans for such extension, and any other information required by the HOA in its discretion. The staff shall then submit the recommended plans, with appropriate documentation, to the Board of Directors or Manager for final approval. Said plans shall be reviewed for compliance with the HOA’s specifications, and with other specifications and requirements appropriate to the situation. The cost of such study for compliance shall be borne by the applicant.
    2. Deposits with the HOA. Prior to the execution of the main line extension agreement with the HOA, applicant shall deposit with the HOA an amount sufficient to compensate the HOA for engineering fees, legal fees, and other costs, except direct construction costs, anticipated to be incurred by the HOA as a result of the application and the construction of the main line.
    3. Performance and Payment Bonds. All contracts entered into by applicant for construction of any part of a main line shall be assignable to the HOA. All such contracts that an applicant proposes to assign to the HOA shall include performance and payment bonds to be issued by the contractor to the HOA pursuant to Sections 38-26-105 and 38-26-106,

C.R.S. Said bonds shall be at a minimum equal to the contract price for the construction contracted for by the applicant. All main lines shall be constructed according to applicable HOA, County, and State specifications. All main line extensions within the HOAs shall be made under the supervision of the HOA staff at the applicant’s expense. Similarly, all daily inspection fees on mains required by any governmental agency, including the HOA, shall be paid by applicant. Such costs may be subject to cost recovery if so designated in the cost recovery contract.

* + 1. Special Structures Designed by HOA Engineer. Special structures such as pumping stations, pressure reducing valves, meter vaults, etc., required to ensure proper operation of the extensions, shall be constructed from designs of the HOA engineer or such other engineers as may be approved by the HOA Board.
    2. Oversizing of Main Lines. The applicant shall be responsible for oversizing main line extensions as required by the HOA, at the HOA’s expense, subject to future cost recovery by the HOA from future extenders. Specifically, a future extender may be required to reimburse the HOA the cost of oversizing, including reasonable interest, upon connecting a further extension.
    3. Documentation Required. Applicants who have completed construction of main lines shall, before the main lines are accepted by the HOA, deed the main lines and appurtenances to the HOA, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, and furnish to the HOA bonds which shall cover all maintenance for one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the main lines by the HOA. Prior to the acceptance of the main lines by the HOA, the applicant shall provide the HOA with:
       1. All easements necessary accompanying the main lines;
       2. Four (4) mylar as-built drawings; and
       3. A statement of the certified costs of the main lines.
    4. Contract Required. No reimbursement or recovery of costs shall be permitted for main line extensions, except as provided by fully executed contracts with the HOA. The HOA shall, in its sole discretion, determine when reimbursement may be made for main line extensions.
  1. Main Line Sizes

The size of the main line required to serve any area served by the HOA’s Irrigation Water System shall be determined by the HOA.

* 1. Locations of Main Line Extensions

Main lines shall be installed in roads or street rights-of-way, as well as in easements granted to the HOA. Where required, facilities must cross land not being subdivided, or where such land is under the applicant’s control for the granting of public rights-of-way, each applicant who desires service will, in consultation with, and with the approval of the HOA, plat and grant to the HOA appropriate rights-of-way and easements in which will be constructed such facilities.

The HOA shall maintain sole discretion over the location of any main line extensions, including control over any parallel lines.

ARTICLE VIII RATES AND CHARGES

* 1. General

The information contained in this Article is pertinent to all charges of whatever nature to be levied for the provision of irrigation water service. Said rates and charges as herein established are in existence and effect at this time except as otherwise indicated, and shall remain in effect until modified by the Board under the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, and under the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado. Nothing contained herein shall limit the Board from modifying rates and charges, or from modifying any classification.

* 1. Application of this Article

The rates, charges, and other information shown herein shall apply only to customers inside the HOA, and shall in no way obligate the HOA with respect to services provided outside the boundaries of the HOA.

* 1. Classification of Customers

For the purpose of levying fair, reasonable, uniform, and equitable charges, the following classifications and related definitions are provided:

* + 1. Single-Family Residential Unit. Includes single-family unit; a patio home is included under the definition of single-family residential unit.
    2. Multi-Family Unit. Includes duplex and clustered units, such as multi- family apartments, condominiums and townhomes.
    3. Hotel, Lodge, Motel, Accommodation Unit. Includes accommodation rooms or suites of rooms or apartments designed for short-term commercial rental. All other auxiliary uses, i.e., restaurants, bars, athletic facilities, public restrooms, are included under Section 8.3.4.
    4. Commercial, Industrial Service. All non-residential uses which are not included under Sections 8.3.1, 8.3.2 or 8.3.3.
  1. Tap Fee

A tap fee shall be charged to all irrigation water service customers of the HOA. Such fee is the applicant’s proportionate share of the Irrigation Water System cost in relation to the applicant’s use and may be used by the HOA for purposes of paying all or any part of the costs associated with the HOA’s operation and maintenance expenses, including, without limitation, the HOA’s ground maintenance services, such services to include, but not be limited to, the irrigation and landscaping of the HOAs’ open spaces, and any other budgeted general fund expenditures of the HOA. It shall be assessed and paid upon the date of the initial transfer of title of any property from Stark Farms – Windsor, LLC, to any purchaser in which a Single Family Residential Unit or Multi-Family Unit shall be constructed on such property. Tap fees shall be assessed as provided for in the schedule of fees and charges attached hereto as Appendix B; provided, however, that:

* + 1. Prepaid Tap Fees. Tap fees may be prepaid, and tap permits issued, anytime in advance of connection, in which case the commencement of service charges shall be governed by Section 8.6 of these Rules and Regulations. No refund of tap fees will be paid.
    2. Factors and Usage. The fees and charges reflected in Appendix B are based upon factors of usage and physical structure, and upon the application by the Manager of the HOA of those factors to the facts and circumstances surrounding the application.
    3. Disputed Tap Application. If a dispute arises between the HOA and the applicant regarding the calculation of tap fees or the nature and use of the structure as it applies to Appendix B, the dispute will be settled in accordance with Article IX of these Rules and Regulations.
  1. Transfer of Tap Fees

No tap fee paid on behalf of one property, or any portion thereof, may be transferred to any other property unless:

* + 1. Common Owner of Property. The owner requesting the transfer is the common owner of the property for which the tap fee has been paid and the property to which the transfer of the tap fee, or portion thereof, is being requested. Both properties are in the same Stark Farms Metropolitan HOA.
    2. Good Credit. The owner requesting the transfer has no outstanding unpaid accounts with the HOA and has previously maintained a good credit with the HOA.
    3. No Previous Connection to System. The property to which the tap fee initially applied has never been connected to the HOA’s Irrigation Water System.
    4. Payment of Difference. The owner requesting the transfer shall pay to the HOA the difference between the tap fee which would otherwise be charged on the date the transfer is requested for the property to which transfer is being sought, and the tap fee previously paid, but in no event shall the HOA make a credit or refund. In the event an owner transfers only a portion of the total sum previously paid as a tap fee, the owner shall retain a credit, subject to the provisions of Section 5.10, for any non-transferred portion of the previously paid fee.
    5. Approval in the Discretion of HOA. Any approval of a request for a transfer of a tap or fees shall be in the sole discretion of the HOA.
  1. Water Charge

Until such time that the HOA begins to meter actual water usage, an annual Water Charge shall be charged as reflected in the Schedule of Fees and Charges, attached hereto as Appendix B. The annual Water Charge shall be assessed as of each February 1 each year, if the property currently receives irrigation water service from the HOA. The annual Water Charge shall be pro-rated based on the period of the Irrigation Season for irrigation water service that is turned on to the property on which the building is located. Unless otherwise determined by the HOA, the Irrigation Season shall be the period of April 15 through October 15.

The annual Water Charge may be used by the HOA for purposes of paying all or any part of the costs associated with the HOA’s operation and maintenance expenses including, but not limited to, the operation and maintenance of the HOA’s irrigation system, the HOA’s ground maintenance services, such services to include, but not be limited to, the irrigation and landscaping of the HOAs’ open spaces, and any other budgeted general fund expenditures of the HOA.

* 1. Amended Tap Fees

In those situations where a prospective user applies for a permit for service to a property or use not defined in the preceding Article; or where, in the Manager’s opinion, said property represents a classification not contemplated in the establishment of the previously defined tap fee, the Board of Directors or Manager shall, in their/his sole discretion, establish a fair, reasonable, and equitable tap fee for said property.

* 1. Amended Water Charges

At such time that the HOA begins to meter actual water usage, the HOA shall charge for monthly water usage as set forth in the Schedule of Fees and Charges, attached hereto as Appendix B. In addition, in those situations where, in the Board of Directors’ or Manager’s sole discretion, the water charges imposed herein do not represent a fair, reasonable, and equitable charge for the intended use, the Board of Directors or Manager, in their/his sole discretion, may adjust said rates.

* 1. Payment of Water Charges

It is the policy of the HOA to bill the annual Water Charge in arrears.

When a condominium or other multi-unit dwelling association exists for a number of units receiving service for irrigation of outdoor common space for such units which do not have individual irrigation water service from the HOA, said association shall receive an annual invoice for the outdoor common space serviced by the association.

In no instance shall the HOA bill individual owners within a multi-unit project without separate irrigation water meters, curb stop, shut-off valves, and service lines. The HOA shall have the right to issue only one bill for irrigation water supplied to a multi-unit structure or development. Any structure with more than one living unit off the service line, which is not separately metered, shall establish one responsible party for irrigation water bills.

Payment of the annual Water Charge shall become due, owing and payable upon the date of written notification by the HOA that said Water Charge is due. Where the customer believes said statement is in error, the customer must file, in writing, a notice to the HOA of the presumed error, and request a clarification from the Manager. Upon review by the Manager, and resubmittal and/or revision of the statement, payment shall be due no later than ten (10) days from the billing date of the resubmitted statement.

* 1. Penalty for Late Payment

At any time the customer is thirty (30) days tardy in payment of any charges due the HOA, the HOA shall assess an interest charge at the rate of five percent (5%) per month on the unpaid balance. The HOA shall further have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate service to any customer who becomes thirty (30) days or more tardy in payment for scheduled services, following the opportunity for a hearing as outlined herein.

The HOA shall assess to any customer who is tardy in payment of his account, all legal, court, disconnection, and other costs necessary to or incidental to the collection of said account.

Until paid, all such fees, rates, penalties, or charges shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, and any such lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as provided by the laws of this state for the foreclosure of mechanics’ liens.

* 1. Foreclosure Proceedings/Attorney’s Fees

At any time it becomes necessary after other efforts (letters, posted notices) to collect delinquent payments of any fee or charge imposed by the HOA under these Rules and Regulations and/or Colorado law, the HOA may then initiate foreclosure proceedings as provided for by Section 32-1-1001 (1)(j), C.R.S. All of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, all customers/users of the HOA’s Irrigation Water System hereby agree to be bound by these Rules and Regulations as a matter of contract and for which there is good and valuable consideration. Further, in the event the HOA shall commence a foreclosure action or proceedings to collect any payments of whatsoever nature due and payable to the HOA, then in said event the party being foreclosed upon agrees hereby to the payment of any and all costs incurred in connection with said foreclosure proceedings including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees which the court shall tax as a part of the costs of such foreclosure proceedings. In the event payment is made by the customer prior to the foreclosure sale, said attorney’s fees and any and all other fees outstanding against the subject account and relating to the subject real property, must also be paid as a pre-condition to the resumption of service to the subject property.

* 1. Certificate of Amounts of County Treasurer

In addition to any other means of collecting delinquent fees, rates, tolls, penalties, charges or assessments made or levied solely for water services (including charges for availability of such service), the HOA may certify the delinquent amounts to the county treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes, in accordance with the provisions of statute, as amended. The HOA shall charge a fee for the administrative costs of this collection method, which fee shall be added to all delinquent amounts, including other penalties and interest charges, before certification.

* 1. Required Equipment – Radio Frequency Units

All irrigation water service lines shall be metered with the following equipment in addition to the local code requirements. The meter body shall be a 5/8” X ¾” PMM Water Meter, with a Sensus Frequency register and radio Unit. Once installed, the service will be inspected and tested for compatibility with the HOA’s Irrigation Water System. Upon approval, service will then be activated by the HOA.

ARTICLE IX

HEARING AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

* 1. Application

The hearing and appeal procedures established by this Section shall apply to all complaints concerning the interpretation, application or enforcement of the Rules and Regulations of the HOA, and contracts related thereto, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended. The hearing and appeal procedures established by this Section shall not apply to the following complaints:

* + 1. Complaints which arise with regard to personnel matters, which complaints shall be governed exclusively by the HOA’s personnel rules as the same may be amended from time to time.
    2. Any other complaint which does not concern the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the Rules and Regulations of the HOA, or contracts related thereto.
  1. Initial Complaint - Resolution

Complaints concerning the interpretation, application, or enforcement of Rules and Regulations of the HOA must be presented to the Board of Directors or Manager, or such representative as they/he may designate. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Board of Directors or Manager or their/his representative, after a full and complete review of the allegations contained in the complaint, shall take such action and/or make such determination as may be warranted and shall notify the complainant of the action or determination by mail within twenty (20) days after receipt of the complaint.

* 1. Hearing

In the event the decision of the Manager or his representative is deemed unsatisfactory to the complainant, a written request for hearing may be submitted to the Manager, or such hearing officer as the Manager may appoint, within twenty

(20) days from the date of written notice of the decision was mailed.

Upon receipt of the request, if it be timely and if any and all other prerequisites prescribed by these Rules and Regulations have been met, the Manager or hearing officer shall conduct a hearing at the HOA’s convenience, but attempt to do so within twenty (20) days after the receipt of the request for hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to all pertinent provisions of these Rules and Regulations. If the Manager renders a final decision against the customer, the out-of-pocket costs of the hearing shall be assessed against the customer.

* 1. Conduct of Hearing

At the hearing, the Manager or hearing officer shall preside. The complainant and representatives of the HOA shall be permitted to appear in person, and the complainant may be represented by any person of his choice or by legal counsel.

The complainant or his representatives and the HOA representatives shall have the right to present evidence and arguments; the right to confront and cross- examine any person; and the right to oppose any testimony or statement that may be relied upon in support of or in opposition to the matter complained of. The Manager or hearing officer may receive and consider any evidence which has probative value commonly accepted by reasonable and prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs.

The Manager or hearing officer shall determine whether clear and convincing grounds exist to alter, amend, defer, or cancel the interpretation, application, and/or enforcement of the Rules and Regulations that are the subject of the complaint. The decision shall be based upon evidence presented at the hearing. The burden of showing that the required grounds exist to alter, amend, defer, or cancel the action shall be upon the complainant.

* 1. Findings

Subsequent to the hearing, the Manager or hearing officer shall make written Findings and an Order disposing of the matter and shall mail a copy thereof to the complainant not later than ten (10) days after the date of the hearing.

* 1. Appeals to the Board

In the event the complainant disagrees with the Findings and Order of the Manager or hearing officer, the complainant may, within twenty (20) days from the date of mailing of the Findings and Order, file with the HOA a written request for an appeal thereof to the Board of Directors. The request for an appeal shall set forth, with specificity, the facts or exhibits presented at the hearing upon which the complainant relies and shall contain a brief statement of the complaint’s reasons for the appeal. In response, the Manager or hearing officer shall compile a written record of the appeal consisting of:

* + 1. Minutes of the hearing;
    2. All exhibits or other physical evidence offered and reviewed at the hearing;
    3. A copy of the written Findings and Order; and
    4. Additional written comments which the Manager of the HOA may wish to submit in response to the written request for appeal.

APPENDIX A

SERVICE LINE CONSTRUCTION

* 1. Rules and Regulations

The applicant, contractor, and property owner are responsible for knowledge of all provisions of the Rules and Regulations. The items below are restated for emphasis:

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| Tap Fees | Tap fees must be paid prior to the scheduling of any inspections by the HOA. |
| Service Charges | Service Charges begin as of the date of turn on. |
| Unauthorized Tap | ANY CHANGE IN USE, CONVERSION OF ADDITIONAL UNITS OR CONNECTION OF NEW STRUCTURE MADE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A TAP FEE WILL BE CONSIDERED AN “UNAUTHORIZED TAP.”  The occurrence of an unauthorized tap is subject to a penalty charge, as well as payment of the appropriate tap fee. |
| Property Owner | The property owner shall be held responsible in the event of nonpayment of all fees and charges due the HOA. |

* 1. Standards for Service Lines

Prior to service line construction, the constructor shall familiarize himself with the HOA standards and specifications. The owner or constructor shall obtain approval for the location of the service line and submit appropriate sets of site and mechanical plans and inform the HOA’s personnel of intended schedule for construction.

Constructors shall apply for all permits. All permits, fees and licenses shall be paid for by the constructor plumber, or other doing the work in the HOA prior to the start of construction.

* 1. Excavation

All excavation required for the installation of service lines shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved by the Manager.

Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with the HOA’s standards and specifications. No excavation shall remain open for more than forty-eight (48) hours and all HOA mains are required to be covered overnight.

Where a street cut is required, the contractor shall rebuild the road base in accordance with applicable City, County, or State regulations on excavation, backfill, compaction and restoration of service. All excavation for all service lines shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways and other public and private property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the HOA.

All backfill shall be maintained in a satisfactory condition and all places showing signs of settlement shall be filled and maintained during construction for a period of one year following completion of construction. When an applicant is notified by the HOA that a backfill is hazardous, he shall correct such hazardous conditions at once.

* 1. Tapping the Main

The HOA’s representative is authorized to make taps onto the HOA’s irrigation water mains. The applicants of the irrigation water service permit shall notify the HOA when the service is ready for inspection and connection to the main. Appointments for inspection and connection should be scheduled twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Contractor shall provide two (2) workers to assist the HOA in making the taps on to the main.

* 1. Inspections

The applicant for the irrigation service line permit shall notify the HOA when the service is ready for inspection. Appointments for inspection and connection should be scheduled twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The connection shall be made by qualified personnel. All service lines shall be inspected by the HOA’s representative, who shall have the authority to halt construction when, in his opinion, the HOA’s Rules and Regulations for proper construction practices are being violated. Whenever any such violations occur, the HOA’s representative shall, in writing, order further construction to cease until all deficiencies are corrected. No service lines shall be covered without the HOA representative’s approval. Anyone making any installation without such approval shall be required to remove all soil or any other covering over the service line to allow its inspection.

* 1. Water Service Lines

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| Water Service Lines | Alignment of the water service line shall be located so as to take the shortest, most direct route, preferably perpendicular from the main to the building. No water service line shall be laid parallel to any bearing wall which might be thereby weakened. The water service shall be laid at a uniform grade in a straight alignment. |
| Pressure Test Required | Under supervision of the HOA representative, the water service line is to be water pressure tested at normal operating pressure from the water main to the building before backfill begins. |
| Curb Stop | The service line shall have two curb stop control valves located at the property line, or as otherwise approved by the HOA with easy access to the HOA. Curb stop valve boxes must be Ford 844-333MQ and accessible from, surface and located at property line. The curb stop valve boxes must be installed prior to the meter and after the meter.  The service line shall be continuous line with no joints if at all possible. Splices are allowed if distance exceeds the length of one hundred (100) feet. There shall be no splices between the curb stop and the main. |
| Stub-Out | When water service lines are stubbed-out to property lines, the stub-out shall be valved off and plugged, with a valve box installed to the ground surface. If no irrigation water stub-out exists, HOA personnel will make all taps up to two (2) inches. |
| Owner’s Responsibility | The HOA is responsible for the maintenance of the water service line, up to and including the curb stop valve or the owner’s property line, whichever is closer to the main. The customer is responsible for the maintenance of the remaining portion of the service line serving the property. |
| Water Service Line Specification | Service lines shall be constructed with type K copper up to two (2) inches; larger than two (2) inches shall be constructed with D.I.P. Service lines shall be buried at least eight (8) feet with two (2) inch bedding and six (6) inch compacted cover. No lead soldered fittings shall be allowed. All copper connections must be compression joints, or silver soldered joints. Dry ice shall be used when making repairs to curb stop. All taps larger than two (2) inches will be made by an approved contractor and inspected by HOA personnel. Inspection of water service line is required. Inspection will be made with the service line under pressure. The HOA will record the actual location and depth of water service lines. |
| Service Line Separation | A ten (10) foot separation must be maintained between water service lines. |
| Irrigation Water  Meters And Remotes | All water service lines shall have an irrigation water meter before irrigation water is turned on. Water meters shall be provided and installed by the HOA. The cost of the meter shall be borne by the customer.  All meters must be bronze bodied 5/8” X ¾” PMM ECR/WP Water Meter with remote read unit. Contractor or owner will be supplied a “spool” to be installed horizontally in the location of the water meter. The Contractor will remove the spool and install the water meter and a remote read unit upon installation.  It shall be the builder’s/contractor’s responsibility to protect the meter from freezing or other physical damage during construction. After completion of the construction and acceptance by the owner, it shall be the owner’s responsibility to protect the meter from freezing, from damage due to high water pressure (i.e. PRV), and other physical damage.  Contractor or owner will be supplied with wire for installation of a touch-read pad at the time that tap fees are paid. The owner shall install the wire from meter location to remote site prior to meter installation and water turn on. A telephone jack must be installed within five (5) feet of the meter to provide for future automated meter reading capability.  All meter installations must be in freeze-proof, convenient and easily accessible areas. If meter is located in a crawl space, an access hatch is to be provided within ten (10) feet of the water meter.  Touch-read pad will be located in front of building, 5 feet off ground, in an area where snow is normally removed and with minimal vegetation. The maximum remote distance from the meter shall be five hundred (500) feet.  Irrigation water will remain turned off at curb stop until irrigation water meter is installed. All irrigation water is to be metered, including that used during construction. |
| Pressure Reducing Valves | Individual pressure reducing valves are required on all water service lines and shall be located upstream from (ahead of) the irrigation water meter. |
| Shut off Valves | Contractor will install shut off valves ahead of PRV and after the spool to facilitate future repairs. |
| Backflow Prevention | Backflow prevention devices are required on all facilities where required by the Colorado Department of Health. All devices will be inspected and certified as working properly every year by a certified inspector. |
| Construction | CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE UNIFORM BUILDING CODES AND LOCAL BUILDING CODES. |
| Irrigation Water Turn on | Irrigation water turn-on will be made by HOA personnel only. Any service turned on by other than authorized personnel shall be considered illegal system tampering and subject to fees and penalties.  All irrigation water shall be metered.  All meters will be installed by the HOA.  Irrigation water service is turned on and billing begins when the meter is installed. |

APPENDIX B

1. Water Service Rates, Irrigation Water System

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| Annual Water Charge: | $305.00 per year, assessed each February 1, for each Single Family Residential Unit and each Multi-Family Unit, until such time that the HOA begins to meter actual water usage. Unless otherwise determined by the HOA, the Irrigation Season shall be the period of April 15 through October 15. |
| Base Rate: | $10.00 per month for each Single Family Residential Unit and each Multi- Family Unit for the Irrigation Season.\*\* |
| Plus | $1.00 per 1,000 gallons for usage per month up to 10,000 gallons\*\* |
| Plus | $2.00 per 1,000 gallons for usage over 10,000 per month\*\* |
| Tap Fee: | $3,900.00 one-time charge for each Single Family Residential Unit and each Multi-Family Unit |

1. Watering Schedule, Irrigation Water System – Restrictions of Use

If conditions of supply so limit the water supply of the HOA’s water system that unrestricted water use may endanger the adequacy of that supply, the Board of Directors, exercising its discretion in the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, may adopt the following emergency water use restrictions and such additional regulations and restrictions as are reasonably calculated under all conditions to conserve and protect that supply and to ensure a regular flow of water through the system. Emergency water use regulations and restrictions shall remain in force and effect until the Board determines that the conditions requiring their imposition no longer exist.

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| Phase I: | Watering allowed 3 days per week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for even numbered addresses; and Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for odd numbered addresses. |
| Phase II: | Watering allowed two days per week on Tuesdays and Friday for even numbered addresses and Mondays and Thursdays for odd numbered addresses. Watering on Wednesdays and Saturdays for Open space and Parks. |
| Phase III: | Watering allowed one day per week. Tuesdays for even numbered addresses and Fridays for odd numbered addresses. |
| Phase IV: | No watering except by Special Permit\* issued by the HOA. |

\* Special Permits may be issued to allow for special circumstances, including sod watering

\*\* At such time as the HOA begins to meter actual water usage of each Single Family Residential Unit and each Multi-Family Unit, the Base Rate plus additional charges shall be imposed in lieu of the Annual Rate.