

**CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS
STANDARD OPERATING POLICY**

SUBJECT: Sprinkling Meter Policy
Effective Date: July 9, 2011

Policy Number: 10
Amended Date: April 10, 2014

PURPOSE:

To establish a uniform process for the installation, use and billing for sprinkling meters. that may be utilized by City Water Customers or exterior use (i.e. lawn sprinkling, swimming pool filling, garden watering, etc).

POLICY:

Residences in the City may utilize sprinkling meters for exterior use (i.e. lawn sprinkling, swimming pool filling, garden watering, etc) consistent with the provisions of this policy.

1. DISCONTINUANCE OF POOL FILLING CREDITS

The practice of providing pool filling credits is discontinued effective July 1, 2011. Said discontinuance is to remain in effect until further action taken by the City Council.

2. GUIDELINES

As an alternative to paying the full sewer charges on water used for lawn sprinkling or pool filling purposes at a residence, the City Council hereby encourages interested residents to install a sprinkling meter and associated backflow preventer *at their expense* which is for the specific purpose of measuring the amount of water used for outside (i.e. lawn, pool, garden) purposes. The City Council hereby establishes the following rules regarding the installation, use and billing for sprinkling meters.

- A. All meters installed must meet standards as established by Chapter 38 of the City Code.
- B. Fees for meters of various sizes will be determined by Council from time-to-time, but generally in conjunction with the City's budget adoption.

- C. The Utility Billing Clerk shall be charged with invoicing those residents utilizing sprinkling meters for the actual usage reported by the Department of Public Works.
- D. The fee to be charged for water used through a sprinkling meter shall be the commodity charge only as set by the City Council from time to time. Since the sprinkling meter is a secondary meter at a residence, a second facilities maintenance charge (debt service charge) shall not be charged for water used through a sprinkling meter.