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WELL METERS / SECONDARY METERS

Secondary and Well Meter Fee - This fee includes the following: Inspection by the Essex Water Department, the cost of a standard water meter (up to 20 gpm) with a remote reading device, fittings, and double check valve, as supplied and installed by the Water/Wastewater Department. The Water /Wastewater Department will own and maintain the meter(s) as long as its in use. The meter(s) will be used for billing. The secondary meter will be subject to all of the rules and regulations of regular water meters. Secondary meters shall be installed to Water Dept. specifications.

Property Owner - The property owner will be responsible for the following: Plumbing permits as required by the Plumbing Inspector, all plumbing changes necessary, any backflow (cross connection) devices required. For any upgrade in meter size that is desired, the owner will pay the difference in cost of the larger meter and fittings from the standard meter. The property owner will provide accessibility to the meter for inspection by the Water/Wastewater Department at any time.

Installation of Secondary Meters – The Essex Water/Wastewater Department must approve any deviations from the following criteria. All installations must be in compliance with the Mass. Plumbing Code and be inspected by the Plumbing Inspector. A proper device shall protect all potential cross-connections. The secondary meter shall be installed in conjunction with the main water meter and placed in a horizontal position. The secondary meter must be installed within (4) four feet of the main water meter. The secondary water meter should not be more than (4) four feet above the floor level.

Well Meters – Before installing a well meter, a Water/Wastewater Department employee must inspect and approve a location for the placement of the meter. Well meters must be installed at the closest point to the well pump inside the house.