

CHAPTER 93

WATER LINE EXTENSIONS

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93.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide a means and method for the extension of water mains to serve property not served by an existing water line so as to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of the residents of the City.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.1)

93.02 DEFINITION. For the purpose of this chapter, the owner of land who causes a water main to be installed under the provisions of this chapter shall be referred to as the “builder,” and such term includes the heirs and successors or assigns of such owner.

93.03 CONSTRUCTION BY OWNER. In the event an owner of land within the corporate limits, in which no water main has been previously installed, desires to construct said water main at the owner’s own expense, the owner may do so, after making proper application to the City and receiving a permit to install such a water main, in accordance with the following:

1. City Supervision. The installation of such a water main by a landowner at the owner’s expense shall be under the strict supervision of the City and shall, in all ways, conform to the requirements and specifications of the City.
2. Surety Bond. When making application to the City for a permit to install such a water main, the applicant shall post with the City a surety bond, in an amount to be set by the Council and made a matter of record in the minutes of the Council, which shall be in an amount equal to not less than 110 percent of the total estimated cost of the installation for the full distance from the termination point of the presently existing water main to the point where the farthest boundary of the applicant’s land abuts the public street, and which bond shall guarantee the installation of the water main in as short a time as reasonably possible and shall further indemnify the City for the cost of completing the project in the event the applicant fails to complete the project within a reasonable time, and shall further indemnify the City for all damages to public property incurred in the installation, and shall further hold the City harmless for any and all other damages arising from the installation of the water main.
3. Ownership of Water Main. After the water main has been installed, it shall become the property of the City.
4. Valves Furnished by Builder. The builder shall furnish main line valves, installed as part of the water main extensions contemplated by this chapter, at its own expense, and the installation of such valves shall be at such locations as the City may designate.

93.04 RIGHTS OF CITY. All decisions in connection with the manner of installation of any extension and maintenance thereof shall remain in the exclusive control of the City and such extension shall be the property of the City and no other person shall have any right, title, or interest therein.