

RULES GOVERNING USE OF FLOATING METERS (A/K/A HYDRANT OR CONSTRUCTION METERS)

Any and all water used for approved uses must be drawn through a properly permitted floating meter issued by Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, attached to services or fire hydrant within the service area of the Department.

Floating meters are to be used only on mains approved by the **State of Florida Health Department and Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department**.

Floating meters shall not be used to obtain certificate of occupancy or to provide domestic service for dwellings, sales offices, or any commercial buildings. The exception to this rule shall be for temporary construction office trailers under the following conditions:

Service contract for a holding tank (No connection to public sewers). State of Florida Health Department approval of the water facilities to be utilized

Applicants shall be responsible and adhered to the following:
1. Any and all water used for approved uses must be drawn through a properly permitted floating meter issued by Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, attached to services or fire hydrants within the service area of the Department.
2. Application for a floating meter may be denied if the applicant has past due balances owed for accounts previously held with the Department
3. Floating meters are to be used only on mains approved by the State of Florida Health Department and Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department.
4. The applicant will be required to provide the development's proposed premise address (ex: development's site address or address closest to the hydrant) and/or list all premise addresses where the meter is scheduled to be used within a development.
5. If the Floating meter is to be used on a vehicle, the vehicle license and identification number and the address where the vehicle is stored overnight, must be provided at the time of application.
6. Hydrants must be opened and closed slowly only with a fire department approved hydrant wrench.
7. Proper directions for all sub-contractors and employees who will draw water from hydrants or services through the meter in accordance with Fire Department regulations and/or those of this Department.
8. Damage to fire hydrants, unmetered services or appurtenances as a result of the usage resulting in any incurring cost for the damage and hereby agrees to pay such costs when the bill is rendered.
9. If the register of the floating meter has been damaged so that the meter is unable to accurately register water usage or is tampered with, the customer will forfeit their full deposit. The deposit will not be applied to outstanding charges.
10. If the meter is found to be tampered with, the customer may be subject to a minimum \$1,000.00 citation.
11. If the backflow device is found to be tampered with, the customer may be subject to a minimum \$1,000.00 citation.

12. Damaged or inoperative meters must be returned for repairs to the Department's meter shop at 1001 N.W. 11 Street immediately or no later than 72 hours after notification by this Department. Applicant will be charged with repair or replacement cost of any floating meter issued.
13. Safety and protection of floating meter in his possession; meters are not to be loaned to others for any purpose at any time.
14. Preventing the installation of any illegal devices or by-passes, or tampering with the meter, registration dial, coupling or appurtenances.
15. Delivering all meters issued pursuant to the application to the Department's meter shop at 1001 N.W. 11 Street for periodic inspection and reading verification on a quarterly basis as notified by mail. Failure to bring in a meter for inspection will result in a \$150.00 penalty charge and after two consecutive occurrences the floating meter will be confiscated and the account closed.
16. Payment of all billings when rendered; any delinquency in payment will result in the revocation of this service, confiscation of the meter and closing of the account. No pro-ration shall be allowed for claims of water usage outside of the Department's service area.
17. If a Floating meter account becomes delinquent and the meter is eligible for confiscation, the Department may disconnect water service at any other location served by the Department that is in the same name or has the same Federal Tax ID or Social Security number as the floating meter account.
18. One Fire Department permit for each hydrant. Permit must be at all times in the vehicle and/or construction site for inspection by water, fire, and/or police department.
19. Floating meter application and the Fire Department permit are not transferable.
20. Reasonable and proper care of the Department's equipment to prevent damage or loss of said equipment or to that of other parties arising from the use of the floating meter.
21. Floating meters shall not be set in a meter box with a fixed rigid connection. The Department provides a flexible hose to be attached to the inlet side of the meter, only if the meter will be permanently on a truck. Service or hydrant must remain painted in the Department's color code at issuance.
22. Solely responsible for any lost or stolen equipment; charges for equipment and/or repair or replacement cost of any floating meter issued will be billed to the applicant in addition to an estimated bill for consumption based on partial usage with a \$100.00 minimum charge, as well as forfeiting the deposit.
23. Floating meters must not be removed from the limits of the Miami Dade County.
24. Floating meters used at a hydrant shall not be left attached or unattended overnight or for any extended period of time when not needed for construction purposes. Fire hydrants must be available for the primary purpose; furthermore meters shall be removed immediately upon detection or suspicion of a fire in the vicinity.
25. Floating meter shall not be used in a manner that would allow water to be discharged in to the sanitary sewer system.
26. Floating meter must be used with water flow in the direction of arrow indicator or in compliance with "in

and out” designation shown on the meter.
27. All connection to or from the floating meter shall not cause a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
28. Floating meters issued for use on an unmetered domestic service shall not be used on a fire hydrant; incorrect meter size on a hook-up will be subject to fines and penalties by the Fire Department and Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, and confiscation of the meter.
29. Floating meter, appurtenances and equipment issued must be returned to the Department’s meter shop located at 1001 N.W. 11 Street to terminate your account.
30. Floating meters can only be used in the area served by the Department. The meter may be confiscated at your expense and charged with illegal withdrawal of water when the floating meter is used outside our service area.
31. The Department offers an optional service to read inspect floating meter(s) <u>in the field</u> for a charge of \$50.00 per visit. Customers agreeing with receiving this service on a regular basis will be charged this fee automatically on their floating meter account.
32. Customers must notify the Department when the floating meter is relocated to a new premise address so that the floating meter’s premise address information may be updated in our systems.

The following are service areas in which we do not own or operate the water distribution system, and floating meter can not be used in these areas:

Bal Harbour Village
 Town of Bay Harbor Island
 Village of Biscayne Park
 City of Hialeah
 Town of Golden Beach
 Village Indian Creek
 Town of Medley
 City of Miami Beach
 City of North Bay Village
 City of North Miami
 City of North Miami Beach
 City of Opa-Locka
 Town of Surfside
 Village of Virginia Gardens
 City of West Miami

NOTE: Failure to comply with any of the above stated rules will result in the immediate issuance of a citation and possible confiscation of the meter and denial of future application for this privileged service.