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# Customer Control Valve Acknowledgment

In an Effort to minimize the potential risk and costly damage to District Property, the Commissioners have mandated that all services are required to have a customer control valve installed.

As the property owner you agree to the following:

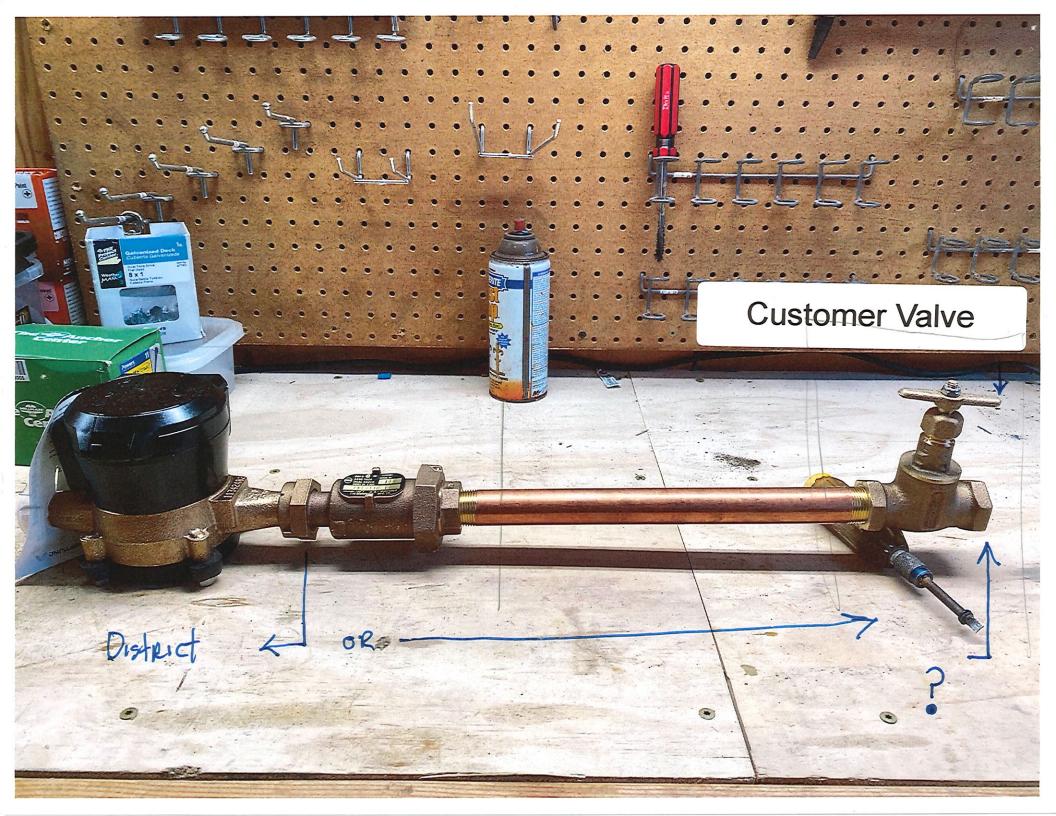
- 1. Ensure a customer control valve is installed on the property side of the meter.
- 2. Ensure the customer control valve is maintained and stays in good working order.
- 3. That the flow of the water to the property will be controlled by the property owner, tenant or guests by using the customer control valve **ONLY**.
- 4. The property owner(s) attests by signing below that they have read, understand and accept liability of anyone using this property who use or tamper with the District's control valve. In the event that anyone using this property uses or tampers with the Districts control valve the account owner shall pay the minimum \$180 Tampering Fee.
- 5. Should the meter tampering clause need to be enforced on more than one occasion, criminal charges may be brought forth at the District's discretion.

A customer control valve:

- Is already installed on this property.
- Will be installed by the property owner
- Requested to be installed by the District

Printed Name Of Property Owner

Signature Of Property Owner



Question about ownership was sent to MRSC:

There is not a provision in state law that directly addresses your question. I know from experience that the vast majority of water purveyors take the position that the water mains and all of the other infrastructure up to and including the water meter are system assets and that everything on the other side of the meter belongs to and is the responsibility of the property owner. Even if the meter is in the right of way and some of the customer's line is in the right of way. But that is a matter of agency policy, not law. MRSC has said in response to prior inquiries that agency work on facilities on the customer side of the meter may raise gift of public funds concerns, so there is good reason for agency policy to make the customer side of the meter a bright line transition from agency to customer responsibility.

Examples:

#### Kirkland Municipal Code Section 15.16.070:

## 15.16.070 Installations of water service pipe.

Water service pipes running from the water main to the meter shall be installed by a licensed contractor with a right-of-way use permit. Upon installation of the service line, the city will install the appropriate water meter and meter box. The department of public works reserves the right to install both the service line and the meter. A water service pipe from the meter to the premises being served will be maintained by the property owner. In cases where a meter may be located a considerable distance from the main, the customer shall maintain the service pipe for the entire distance from the normally designated location of the water meter to the point of ultimate usage or consumption. (Ord. 3368 § 6 (part), 1993: Ord. 2653 § 1, 1982: Ord. 2062 § 4.07, 1969)

#### Alderwood Water and Wastewater District Code Section 5.05.030

## 5.05.030 Meter and service line maintenance.

The District shall own, maintain and operate the water service connection from the main to and including the water meter, angle stop, check valve, meter setter and meter box. The customer shall own and maintain the service from the back side of the meter box to the facility served, including any valves, fittings or pressure regulators required to control water pressure to the facility served. On all new installations, the customer shall install a shutoff valve between the meter box and the facility served. [Res. 2285 § 3, 1995].

I say we install the customer meter valve the way we have been doing.

See picture of what we provide. When our employees install this, I am not worried about it leaking. We have been installing them with a new meter service. Yes, we are responsible if a leak occurs from the customer connection point and all the way to the main.

It is not being gifted. If a customer wants one there is a fee for this. See example.

Our system, lets make it into what we want it to be.