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Requirements for Construction of Water & Sewer





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ARTICLE 1. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 1.01 IVGID shall give an approximate location and size of all district utility lines, It's the property owner's responsible and their agents to field locate and confirm utility locations and sizes before digging or cutting any street(s). All street cut permits are approved by the Washoe County Road Division not IVGID.
- 1.02 These requirements are applicable within the jurisdiction of the Incline Village General Improvement District (The District) for the building of water and sewer service lines from the property or easement line to the house or building and within existing rights-of-way (ROW). Service lines on private property shall be constructed and maintained by the property owner in accordance with these requirements.
- **1.03** Codes: Building sewer and water service lines shall be constructed in accordance with the latest edition of:
 - A. The current Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) adopted by the Board of Trustees, as prepared by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, except for particular requirements in excess of the Codes, as stated herein.
 - B. The Nevada Administrative Code, 445A Water Operations
 - C. The Incline Village GID Ordinances, as passed by the IVGID Board of Trustees
- Plans: All connection fees must be paid before the District will approve plans for construction, inspect service lines, or install water meters. The Washoe County Building Department requires evidence that the District has examined the plans prior to building permit issuance for all water, sewer and trash related projects within the District. Water and sewer taps require scheduling for inspections at least 48 hours in advance. Line locations must be confirmed prior to any excavations. Any application that has been accepted by the District shall be considered vacated if the Applicant fails to commence construction and connection to the District's water system within 540 days of such acceptance. The fees collected for such application shall be returned to the Applicant, upon written request, and a new application and payment of fees will be required before service will be provided. Connection fees shall be charged at the rate in effect on the day of application for a Building Permit from Washoe County. Connection(s) not made within 540 days will be subject to the current rates in effect at the time of connection. Previously paid connection fees shall be credited to the new connection fee rate. Payment of connection fees constitutes acceptance of a new service connection application by the District. No fees will be refunded after connection.
- 1.05 Fire Marshal Review: The District does not review a project to determine the need for fire sprinkler lines. The applicant is advised to contact the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD) at 831-0351 to determine the availability of adequate fire protection and the potential need of a fire sprinkler system. A sprinkler system may require a separate service line tapped to the Districts water main as determined by the Fire Dept. In some cases a two headed calculation may be allowed, eliminating the need for a new tap and street cuts. All unmodified systems will be referred to as R-13 systems. The potable water service line if used in conjunction with fire service must be approved by the District and delineation at the property line by means of a separate valve, a riser pipe with a properly boxed enclosure. All Fire lines shall be metered. The NLTFPD will make available their "Fire Prevention Bureau Standard Operation Procedure" upon request. Their formal review of the plans will

occur in conjunction with the District review; however District approval may not be gained prior to NLTFPD approval.

- 1.06 <u>Inspection</u>: No backfilling shall be performed until the District has inspected and approved the <u>installation for covering</u>. The contractor shall schedule all inspections at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. All testing shall be performed in the presence of an authorized representative of the District. Inspection fees shall be set by the District and charged for each inspection.
- **1.07** Corrections: Work completed as a result of a District Correction Notice must comply with IVGID Ordinances.
- 1.08 <u>Conditional Final</u>: A Conditional Final may be given at the discretion of IVGID Compliance. In this case, the Washoe County Building Department will sign off on the permit, and IVGID will hold the contractor/owner responsible for completing all IVGID requirements. A written acknowledgement from contractor/owner may be required and must be approved by IVGID Compliance.
- **1.09** Re-Inspection: If not ready for scheduled inspection, please call 775-832-1224 for cancellation. A fee may be charged at a rate set by the District for re-inspection if the site is not ready for inspection, or if the initial inspection fails.
- **1.10** <u>Utility Connections</u>: All water service and building sewer connections shall comply with one of the following conditions, whichever is applicable:
- 1.11 Single Family Residence: Where a single-family residence is constructed on a single parcel, direct connection to the public water and sewer system shall be made. Should the parcel not border upon the easement or dedicated right-of-way containing the public utilities, it is the property owner's responsibility to obtain the necessary easements and/or construct main extensions as determined to be necessary by the District. Reimbursement for main extensions is provided should additional connections be made to the extended main within a ten-year period in accordance with the standard "District Main Extension Agreement."
- Multiple Residences with Common Land Ownership / Commercial Developments: A development with more than one residential building with common land ownership shall be served by communal water and sewer systems. The development shall be metered near the point where the service line crosses the property line and each unit shall be served by an individual meter, however the only meter read for billing purposes is the master meter. The District shall approve the number, location and size of meter(s). IVGID reserves the right to meter parcels as it sees fit for the benefit of the general public. The operation and maintenance of the system as well as payment of fire protection fees shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of the property served or of the association having legal responsibility for buildings and grounds.

ARTICLE 2. WATER SERVICE LINE SPECIFICATIONS

2.01 Service Line Requirements for Two Inch (2") and Smaller: For each service line upgrade required per the UPC, each lot shall be serviced by a separate service connection of required size from the District main water line to the water meter. Fire service and domestic water service shall use the same main line water tap, with separation downstream of the water meter. The fire line shall continue through an iron body gate valve with a two inch (2") operating nut with an epoxy coated body and terminate

at structure. The domestic water line shall be connected off a tee fitting downstream of water meter and upstream of fire gate valve. The domestic line shall continue through an iron body gate valve with a two inch (2") operating nut with an epoxy coated body and then through a curb stop and terminate at structure. See Combined Domestic and Fire Water Service Detail. The District requires that all approved piping must be installed through the foundation and capped for pressure testing. Domestic Water and Fire Water Piping must be cored through the foundation utilizing link seals. Speak to an IVGID inspector for installation criteria or call 775-832-1224 if installed under the foundation. SDR 35 and/or Ductile Iron piping must be used as a sleeve.

- A. IVGID jurisdiction extends up to and through the foundation on all water, fire and sewer services.
- B. For four inch (4") and larger applications, see Water Services for Metered Domestic and Detector Check Fire Water Services detail on Page 25. Four inch (4") stainless steel raises shall be installed on all 4" and above lines entering through the foundation of building.
- 2.02 Pipe Materials: Water service lines shall conform to the UPC and applicable AWWA standards and be Type K copper tubing or 200-250 PSI PE 4710 tubing, SDR-9 ASTM D-2737, SDR-11 D-3035 copper tube size. PVC C-900 and Ductile Iron Pipe are allowable for services four inches (4") or larger. If copper is used, service lines two inches (2") in diameter or smaller shall be Type K copper conforming to ASTM B-88. Customer service valve boxes must be Christy G-5 or equivalent concrete box with a steel lid marked "Water." Line sizes are to be commensurate with health standards to ensure that no stagnant water will accumulate. All service line fittings shall be mechanical compression type, or soldered with lead free UPC approved solder. Solder spools shall be available for inspection.

From the District's main line to the meter, only mechanical joints will be allowed. Under no circumstances will pipe crimping or soldering be accepted by the District.

- **2.03** <u>Curb Stops</u>: Curb stops for all service lines shall be Ford ball valve or Mueller Ori-seal 2 or equivalent. Curb stops shall be installed no more than two feet (2') to the downstream side of meter setters, with an appropriate valve key and capped enclosure.
- **2.04** Air Relief Valve: Air relief valve shall be single-housing style, cast-iron body, stainless steel trim, one inch (1") inlet and outlet connections, and or 5/16" diameter orifice for a working maximum pressure of 300 psi. Contact the District at 775-832-1224 for Model and Installation Criteria.
- **2.05 Trenching**: All trenching for water and sewer lines must meet OSHA requirements.
- 2.06 Separation: All water lines shall be placed at and maintain a minimum depth of thirty-six inches (36") and be on an undisturbed shelf. All water utility lines, domestic and fire sprinkler systems must keep a twelve inch (12") separation at all times. All sewer service lines shall maintain at least twelve inches (12") vertical separation below the water line, and maintain a minimum horizontal separation of twelve inches (12") from water line at all times. If the sewer line is pressurized, the vertical separation is twelve inches (12") below the water line and the horizontal separation is five feet (5'), in a separate trench. Any other installation must be approved by IVGID Compliance. THIS IS AN IVGID REQUIREMENT.

- **Trace Wire**: All pipe materials (except copper) require an approved #10 tracer wire attached to the pipe every five feet (5') by means of tape, and made accessible at the meter yoke.
- **2.08** <u>Caution Tape</u>: Warning Tape shall be blue in color, three inches (3") in width, 5 mil in thickness, permanently printed "CAUTION: BURIED WATER LINE BELOW," installed twelve inches (12") above the pipe.
- **Bedding**: Material used for the pipe zone shall be sand, cinder, or Class A backfill with no mineral material larger than three eighths of an inch (3/8") as stated in Section 200, aggregate, of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction for Washoe County. The trench bottom shall be level and smooth, and excavated as needed to maintain a minimum of six inches (6") of bedding below the grade required by the underside of the pipe barrel, with twelve inches (12") above the pipe. Minimum allowable cover for water service lines is thirty-six inches (36").
- **2.10** <u>Backfill</u>: All backfill shall meet the requirements of Class E backfill as stated in Section 200, Aggregate, of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction for Washoe County, with no rock larger than four inches (4"). If native material does not meet these requirements, backfill material shall be imported. Minimum allowable cover for water service lines is thirty six inches (36").
- **Main Line Tapping**: When making a new service connection to the District main line, all taps shall maintain a minimum of two feet (2') separation between all fittings, Joints and appurtenances. This applies to all main line pipe. Any other installation must be approved by the District.
- 2.12 <u>Tapping Saddles and Tapping Sleeves</u>:
 - A. **Tapping Saddles** for services shall be epoxy coated ductile iron body with two stainless steel straps. Saddles shall be suitable for 250-psi service and torqued to **40 ft/lbs**
 - B. **Tapping Sleeves** shall be Stainless Steel and shall be Romac "SST" or equivalent for all taps larger than two inches (2"). Torqued to **90 ft/lbs**
 - C. **All Tapping Sleeves** shall be hydrostatically tested. The hydrostatic test pressure shall not exceed 1.25 psi times the pressure inside of the pipe being tapped at the time of the test. The testing time shall last for 15 minutes with no loss. Air testing of any tapping SLEEVE is prohibited. Torque all bolts to **90ft/lbs.**
 - (1) No air testing on any tapping sleeve is ever permitted
 - (2) Torque all Tapping Sleeve bolts to 90 ft/lbs
- **2.13** Cathodic Protection: This is not required on any District-approved plastic piping. Installation of cathodic protection is required for all copper water services. A 5-pound "high potential" magnesium anode, packaged in chemical backfill with ten feet (10') of #12 lead wire, shall be used. The anode shall be buried at a minimum depth of forty-eight inches (48"). A bronze or brass clamp shall be used to attach the lead wire to the meter yoke. The anode must be a minimum of thirty-six inches (36") from the meter yoke, service line or water main. If a locating wire is installed on the water service line, cathodic protection shall be installed a minimum of once every five hundred feet (500') and at each intersection along that line.

- 2.14 Pressure Regulator and Isolation Valve: At all service locations, property owners are required to furnish individual lead free pressure regulators set at sixty pounds (60 lbs.) PSI to protect plumbing fixtures. All pressure regulators must be installed under house within ten feet (10') of access door, readily accessible, and approved by the District. If house is slab-built, the pressure regulator must be located in a readily accessible and District-approved location. An isolation valve is required directly upstream of the pressure regulator for service of the regulator and isolation of the structure's plumbing.
- **Testing**: The Contractor shall provide all labor, tools, and equipment necessary to perform required tests. Any faulty equipment shall be replaced before any test is accepted. Water lines four inches (4") and greater shall be tested per the following: (Length x Pipe Diameter x Square root of pressure divided by 148,000.) All water lines smaller than four inch (4") will be tested at the District's main line pressure.
- **Testing time**: Minimum time frame of 1 hour of IVGID engineering may require a longer testing time, based on scope of work.

Example: L = SD (square root of pressure) (1000 lineal feet of 6" pipe tested at 180psi) 148,000

Example = $\frac{1000' \times 6'' \times 13.41}{148,000}$ = 80,460 = .54 gallons

32oz. = 1 qt. 64 oz. = 2qt. 96 oz. = 3qt. 128oz. = 4qt/1 gallon

- **2.17 Chlorine Test**: Chlorine tests must be conducted on four inch (4") or greater water lines. Chlorine tests one (50ppm) and two (10ppm) will only be performed Monday through Thursday, as the tests must be conducted within a twenty-four (24) hour contact time. Chlorine residual test and Bac-T tests must be completed before line may be placed into operation. The District may charge for any failed test or inspection that results in an additional visit by a District employee.
- **2.18** Service Line Test: After the meter is set, the water will be turned on and the line tested for leaks and proper installation. The service line shall be exposed at this time and all visible leaks shall be repaired. Once approved, the water service line may then be backfilled. Water lines shall be ready for testing and valve key provided for curb stop before calling for inspection.
- **2.19** As-Built Plans: Contractor is responsible to submit As-Built plans to the District upon completion of work. These plans must be on a CD as a PDF file for any project larger than a triplex.

ARTICLE 3. WATER METER SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.01 <u>Meters</u>: Upon payment by the owner, meters are furnished and installed by the contractor. **Property corners are to be staked for proper meter installation and location.** Meters of any size must be installed per current IVGID ordinance and specifications. Please refer to cut sheets provided, that best fit your application.
- **Temporary Meter Sets:** A temporary meter may be set upon request. A temporary meter rental form must be completed and approved by a District compliance inspector.

- 3.03 <u>Meter Setters</u>: Meter setters are required and, for ¾" and 1-inch services, shall be the Mueller Easy Setter Meter Pit with no bypass; for 1.5" and 2" services shall use the Mueller EZ Vault Meter Setter with no bypass. No coils will be permitted.
- 3.04 Meter Pits: Meter pits for ¾" and 1" services shall be the Mueller EZ Setter Meter pit with no bypass; for 1.5" and 2" services shall use the Mueller EZ Vault Meter Setter with no bypass. NO COILED PITS ARE PERMITTED. Cover shall be non-locking cast iron with a reader lid and be marked "Water." Meter vaults for larger than two-inch (2") services must be approved by IVGID and accommodate all appurtenances and provide a 12" clearance on all sides within the boxes. The lid must be a steel spring-loaded bolt-down type. Meter installations shall be made at the property line, in the right-of-way (ROW). Meter locations to be marked with a BLUE stake.

ARTICLE 4. FIRE SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

- **4.01** Fire Service Requirements: The North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District will determine the size of connection required for fire service and adequacy of system for fire protection. Fire service taps will be made using the same materials and methods as stated herein for service taps. The District recognizes that the beginning point of the fire system shall be on the downstream side of the backflow prevention device. All backflow devices must be approved by the district and all discharges lines must be installed by the contractor and approved by the district.
 - A. <u>Service Line Requirements, 2" and Smaller</u>: For each service line upgrade required per the UPC, each lot shall be serviced by a separate service connection of required size from the District main water line to the water meter. Fire service and domestic water service shall use the same main line water tap with separation downstream of the water meter. The fire line shall continue through an iron body gate valve with a two inch (2") operating nut with an epoxy coated body and terminate at structure. The domestic water line shall be connected off a tee fitting downstream of water meter and upstream of fire gate valve. The domestic line shall continue through an iron body gate valve with a two inch (2") operating nut with an epoxy coated body and then through a curb stop and terminate at structure. Please see diagram Combined Domestic and Fire Water Service detail or contact the IVGID Utilities Department at 775-832-1224 for more information. The District requires that all approved piping must be installed to within five feet (5') of foundation and capped for pressure testing.
 - B. <u>Fire Service Line Requirements, 4" and Larger</u>: All fire systems requiring a 4" or larger pipe size must install a single-check detector, IVGID approved 250 PSI piping and one-piece stainless steel riser with anchorage (see Detail Page 26). All 4" or larger fire systems must be chlorinated/disinfected to IVGID specifications and/or Nevada state codes and regulations. All chlorination/disinfection must be witnessed and lab tested by IVGID.
- **Two Head Calculation vs R-13 System**: fire systems may be required by the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. **Two Head Calculation** is used for most re-models, allowing a 1"inch meter with a 1" tap eliminating the need of a street cut. **R-13** systems are required on most new homes. Owner will be required to have 2" taps and 1.5" meter sets.

- **4.03** <u>Separation</u>: All fire sprinkler systems must be separated from the District water system with an approved backflow prevention device. This device must be approved by the District and in compliance with all State and Local codes.
 - A. Double Check backflow prevention devices shall be approved for class one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) fire systems when chemical additives are not being used. When a Double Check backflow prevention device has approval from the District to be installed on class one (1), two (2), three (3), or four (4) fire systems the installation must meet all State and local codes. The District also requires a sign to be placed in an approved location, with two inch (2") red letters on a white background stating the class of system, water only, absolutely no additives of any kind.
 - B. Reduced pressure backflow prevention devices shall be approved for class four (4), five (5) or six (6) fire systems when chemical additives are being used. The installation must meet all State and local codes.

ARTICLE 5. DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR BOILER/MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

- 5.01 <u>Boiler Backflow</u>: All boiler/mechanical systems must be separated from the District water system with an approved reduced pressure backflow prevention device or an approved air gap. It must be installed in compliance with all State and local codes, and must be plumbed from a domestic cold water supply only. All backflow reduced pressure assembly backflow devices, discharge lines must be installed by the contractor and approved by the district.
- **5.02** Heat Exchangers: All heat exchangers used for domestic hot water service must be Double Walled.

ARTICLE 6. DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

- **6.01** <u>Irrigation Requirements</u>: All irrigation systems require a Washoe County Irrigation permit for construction. All work must comply with the District landscape packet.
- **Separation**: All irrigation/sprinkler systems must be separated from the District water system with an approved backflow prevention device installed to all State and local codes.
- 6.03 <u>Irrigation Materials</u>: Materials shall comply with the District specifications as type K copper or brass. All fittings must be approved curb stops, Drain Valves and unions for winter time removal. Devices shall be plumbed so no water shall be in stand pipes when device is removed for winter time.
- **6.04** <u>Inspections</u>: All inspections of connections to the domestic water line is required, please call IVGID Compliance at 775-832-1224 to schedule an appointment. On-site inspection prior to installation is highly recommended, to assure compliance with District regulations.

ARTICLE 7. REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE BACKFLOW TESTING

- **7.01** Forms: All IVGID backflow testing forms must be properly filled out. All testing forms must be submitted to the District within two (2) working days from the date of the test.
- **7.02** Testers: All testers must be licensed with the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

- **7.03** <u>Device Certification:</u> Any backflow device that does not pass the initial certification test must be repaired and retested. If repairs require delay due to parts, etc., the District will allow five (5) additional working days for such repairs and retest. If a repair & retest require longer than the five (5) working days, an additional extension must be approved by the District.
- **7.04** Compliance: Failure to comply with 7.01 or 7.02 will result in the tester's name being given to the Northern Nevada Backflow Administrator for AWWA.
- **7.05** <u>License/Calibration:</u> Proof of current AWWA license and approved annual gauge calibration must be submitted to the District with every test or group of tests. These may be emailed to pw@ivgid.org, hand delivered or mailed.

ARTICLE 8. SEWER SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

- Materials: Acceptable pipe materials are DUCTILE IRON or POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PIPE SDR 35, all of which shall conform to the specifications set forth in the UPC. Joints shall be of the same material as the pipe using internal rubber or plastic gaskets, or an external rubber sleeve using stainless steel bands, all as manufactured strictly for use with particular type of pipe. Solvent weld joints, ABS Piping, Brass or Copper shall not be permitted. Where different pipe materials are jointed the connection shall be made by the use of an approved mechanical coupling specifically manufactured for use with the different pipes to be joined. These couplings shall be similar and equal to Caulder couplings and shall be approved by the District. POLYVINYL CHLORIDE PIPE shall not be used where the cover is less than thirty-six inches (36") or greater than eighty-six inches (86"). DUCTILE IRON may be used when eighteen inches (18") of cover is available. For shallower depths, concrete encasement or other special means approved by the District must be used to protect the pipe.
- **8.02** Size: Building sewer shall be a minimum diameter of four inches (4") or six inches (6") for single family residences. Building sewers for apartments, motels, and commercial establishments shall be sized in accordance with the requirements of the UPC and shall be four inch (4") minimum size.
- **8.03 Trenching**: All trenching for water and sewer lines must meet OSHA Requirements.
- 8.04 Separation: All water lines shall be placed at and maintain a minimum depth of thirty six inches (36") and be on an undisturbed shelf. All sewer service lines shall maintain at least 12 inches (12") vertical separation below the water line, and maintain a minimum horizontal separation of twelve inches (12") from water line at all times. If the sewer line is pressurized than the vertical separation is twelve inches (12") below the water line and the horizontal separation is five feet (5') in a separate trench. Any other installation must be approved by IVGID Compliance. THIS IS AN IVGID REQUIREMENT.
- **Building Sewer Construction**: Where building sewer main line connections have not been provided by the District to the property, and/or the properties were not assessed for the building sewer installation, the property Owner shall assume the cost of providing the required connection. Owner shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary Washoe County street-cut permits and coordination with other utility agencies for their utility locations. Owner requesting the tap will be responsible for cutting pavement and excavating the trench to proper depth and grade. Owner shall be responsible for the tap to the main. Owner is responsible for laying building sewer with all required appurtenances.

- 8.06 Connection to the existing Sewer Main: Shall be through the use of an approved Romac style "CB" or equivalent double stainless steel strap saddle for transite, plastic, cast iron, or concrete mains. Part A and B epoxy can also be used for applications requiring a rubber saddle. For vitreous clay main, a section must be removed and a wye installed with Romac style couplers or other approved by IVGID. The pipe grade for four inch (4") must be two percent (2%) grade or a minimum of 1/4" per foot of fall or greater. Six inch (6") diameter pipe must be one percent (1%) grade or a minimum of 1/8" per foot of fall or greater. The District requires that all approved piping must be installed to within five feet (5') of foundation and capped for pressure testing.
- **8.07** <u>Trace Wire</u>: All pipe materials, except copper, require an approved #10 tracer wire attached to the pipe every five feet (5') by means of tape or other approved means, made accessible at the cleanouts.
- **8.08** <u>Caution Tape</u>: Warning Tape shall be green in color, three inches (3") in width, 5 mil in thickness, permanently printed "CAUTION: BURIED SEWER LINE BELOW," and installed twelve inches (12") above the pipe.
- 8.09 Testing: Contractor shall provide all labor, tools, and equipment necessary to perform the required tests. Any faulty equipment shall be replaced before any test is accepted. Contractor shall supply a pressure gauge that can be read in increments of between one and five psi, in accordance with the UPC. Installation must pass the standard five pounds per square inch (5 psi) for fifteen (15) minute pressure tests, per the UPC. Mandrel/Ball/Flush testing will be required on all new sewer piping. Mandrels shall be specifically designed for the piping being tested. This testing is typical of 4" and larger piping.

Manholes shall be tested with the ring, cover and grade adjustment rings installed. All pipes entering the manhole shall be plugged and braced and a vacuum of ten inches (10") of mercury shall be drawn. The vacuum pump shall be turned off and the time monitored as the vacuum drops one inch (1"). The vacuum must not drop more than one inch (1") for the duration of the time indicated in the following table:

Diameter	Time	Mercury Level	Allowable Loss
48 Inches	1 Minute	10 Inches	1 Inch max.
60 Inches	1 Min. 15 Sec.	10 Inches	1 Inch max.
72 Inches	1 Min. 30 Sec.	10 Inches	1 Inch max.

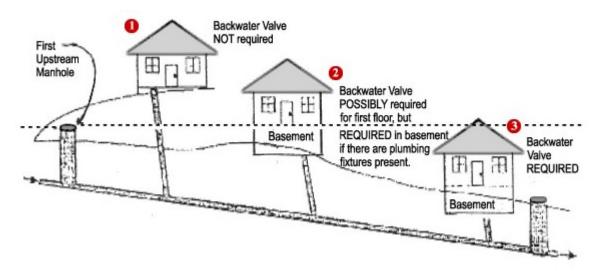
Manholes which fail the vacuum test shall have the defects located and repaired and the test shall be repeated. Repair and repeat testing shall be continued until the testing requirements are met.

- **8.10** As-Built Plans: Contractor is responsible to submit As-Built plans to the District upon completion of work. These plans must be on a CD as a PDF file for any project larger than a Triplex. Smaller projects may be submitted on an 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper. These will be reviewed and approved by the District.
- **8.11 Bedding**: Material used for the pipe zone shall be sand, cinder, or Class A backfill with no mineral material larger than three eighths of an inch (3/8") as stated in Section 200, aggregate, of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction for Washoe County. The bottom of trench shall be level and smooth, and excavated as needed to maintain a minimum of six inches (6") of bedding below the

grade required by the underside of the pipe barrel, with twelve inches (12") above the pipe. Minimum allowable cover for sewer service lines is twelve inches (12").

- **8.12** Backfill: All backfill shall meet the requirements of Class E backfill as stated in Section 200, Aggregate, of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction for Washoe County, with no rock larger than four inches (4"). If native material does not meet the requirements then backfill material shall be imported. Minimum allowable cover for sewer service lines is twelve inches (12").
- 8.13 Clean-Outs: A clean-out shall be provided by the Owner within five feet (5') outside of the foundation. A clean-out must also be installed where the building sewer crosses the property or easement line. All clean-outs shall be installed at intervals not to exceed three hundred feet (300'); variances in this length must be approved by IVGID Compliance. In a change of direction ninety degrees (90°) or more, a clean-out must be installed within one foot (1') of that transition. All clean-outs shall be cut to grade, plugged, and have a concrete box with metal lid marked "Sewer." Plugs shall be two piece expansion types similar to ETCO, T-cone stopper or equivalent steel or alloy is prohibited. Owner shall be responsible for keeping clean-out boxes from being buried or damaged.
- **8.14** Backwater Valves: Installation of a backwater valve on lots with fixtures lower than the next upstream manhole, as more specifically explained in the UPC, shall be enforced. Backwater valves must be installed in an accessible location inside or outside of the structure. Outside installations will be required to be properly boxed, upstream of foundation cleanout. Please see the following Backwater Valve Diagram for a further explanation. Combination Backwater/Cleanouts may also be utilized call The IVGID Compliance Dept. 775-832-1224 for further details and installation criteria.
- **8.15** Max Adaptor Coupling: Can be used in place of Fernco TM Couplings. Please inquire with the Compliance staff with any questions.
- **8.16** Link Seals: Shall be used on all penetrations of Vaults and Foundations.

BACKWATER VALVE DIAGRAM



One of the keys to preventing a sewer backup in your basement is knowing your location in relation to the sanitary sewer system that serves your building or home. A sewer backup valve (backwater valve) can make all the difference between having your basement or home flooded knee deep with raw sewage and staying high and dry.

- **Home #1** does not need a backwater valve because water would drain from the first upstream sanitary sewer manhole which is lower than the inlet to the drain pipe in this home's basement. This home should not experience a flooded basement due to a sewer backup.
- Drains located on the first floor of Home #2 might be safe as it is slightly higher (must be at least 24" higher) than the first upstream sanitary sewer manhole cover, but there are some cases in which pressure builds enough to temporarily allow water to flow at a level above the lowest drain. When in doubt, and especially when the second floor living space is installed, it is wise to install a back water valve. However, any drain fixture in the basement of Home #2 would be below the level of the first upstream manhole and sewage backups could occur without a backwater valve.
- Any drain opening in **Home #3** would be located below the level of the first upstream sewer manhole cover so this home would definitely require the installation of a backwater valve.

All Backwater Valves shall be placed within the crawl space or confines of the home and be made readily accessible for maintenance and repairs. Exceptions can be made if the home is slab built.

Please contact IVGID Compliance 775-832-1224 for more details.

8.17 Grease Interceptor, Interceptor and Separator Installation Requirements and Test Procedure:

- A. Grease interceptors, interceptors and separators shall be required when and where necessary for the removal of grease, oil, sand, garbage, flammable wastes or other waste components not typically present in wastewater. No such device shall be required for residential service. Grease interceptors, interceptors and separators and sampling pits shall be constructed to prevent any bypass of matter prohibited in the wastewater system.
 - (1) <u>Grease Interceptors</u>. Grease interceptors shall be installed for establishments where food is prepared or other establishments were grease is introduced into the drainage or sewage system in quantities that can effect sewer mains, effect wastewater treatment or have other negative impacts on the sewer system.
 - Grease interceptor Plan Requirements: Plans submitted to the Washoe County Building Department for permitting grease interceptors shall include the following:
 - a) The design, operation and sizing of all interceptors shall be performed by a licensed engineer using the formula from the most recent District-adopted UPC, as specified in Appendix H, Section H 901.0.
 - b) No food waste disposal unit or dishwasher shall be connected to or discharge into any interceptor unless specifically designed for this function.
 - c) Make, model, and size of unit to be constructed.
 - d) Location of unit to be constructed. Interceptor shall be located as close to the source as possible and be accessible for servicing and sampling.
 - e) A sampling box shall be installed downstream of all grease interceptors.
 - f) A sewage backwater valve shall be installed immediately downstream of the sample box prior to connection with the building sanitary sewer.
 - g) Hydromechanical grease interceptors are not permitted.
 - h) Toilets, urinals and other similar fixtures shall not drain through an interceptor.
 - (2) <u>Interceptors (Clarifiers) and Separators</u>. Interceptors and clarifiers shall be required for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing flammable wastes, sand, solids, oil, acid substances or alkaline substances or other ingredients harmful to the building. The design of these interceptors and separators shall be performed by a licensed engineer using the formula from the most recent District-adopted UPC, as specified in Appendix H, Section H 901.0. These types of interceptors are typically installed for auto repair facilities, car washes, warehouses and other similar facilities. For food establishments, see Grease Interceptor section, above.
- B. <u>Setting and Installation</u>: The grease interceptor, interceptor and/or separator shall be constructed following the Manufacturer's installation procedures, including accessibility,

setting unit on level base, installing inlet and outlet pipes, inlet vented flow control(s), vents, grouting, sealing, setting and adjusting of grade rings, risers, frames, covers and all other hardware and appurtenances and sampling structures.

- 8.18 Water Testing Policy and Procedure: The Trap/Interceptor/Separator shall be tested to insure that the system as a whole is watertight. The unit is designed to be watertight so the Trap/Interceptor/Separator shall be filled with water to the cover frame and hold water with no measurable loss for a period of sixty (60) minutes. Concrete units will be allowed time for complete adsorption within unit, and then be refilled for the sixty (60) minute test. Watertight testing must be completed and approved after installation and before the Trap/Interceptor/Separator is put into service.
- 8.19 Trap/Interceptor/Separator Final Inspection: A final inspection shall be made of the unit before the Washoe County Building Permit is signed off by IVGID. The Trap/Interceptor/Separator shall be accessible, have accessible vented flow control(s), sealed covers, and be connected to all required fixtures ready for service. At the approved final inspection IVGID will issue a Commercial Wastewater Discharge Permit and authorize the unit to be put into service. IVGID will also issue a Customer Information Packet explaining the District policy on use, maintenance, and record keeping.

ARTICLE 9. INDIVIDUAL SEWER PUMP STATIONS

- 9.01 General: If an individual sewage pump station is to be installed outside of the foundation, it falls within the jurisdiction of the District and will be constructed to meet the following specifications. Individual sewage pump stations shall not be used in the District unless the property is too low to be served by gravity to an existing sewer line, the property owner shall install an individual pump station as approved by the District. The property owner shall install the pressure building sewer with his own contractor or employees. However, the District will approve materials and inspect and approve the construction. All pump stations will discharge into a manhole unless otherwise specified by the District. Where individual sewage pump stations are authorized, they shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in conformance with these specifications. District inspection of newly installed pumping facilities shall be completed in accordance with the procedures outlined within this document.
- 9.02 The District may periodically inspect any individual sewage pump station to determine if it is being properly maintained. Where stations are not being maintained in conformance with these specifications, service may be terminated. Resumption of service will not be allowed until all discrepancies are corrected and the District has approved the work. Any expense incurred by the District to discontinue and resume service shall be paid by the property owner at the time of reconnection.
- 9.03 <u>Materials:</u> Unless previously accepted in writing by the District, pressurized pipe from individual sewer pump stations shall be engineered size to provide a minimum velocity of (2') two feet per second, and not less than (2") in diameter. Piping approved by the District is Ring-Tite Class 200 PSI SDR 21 or Iron pipe size (IPS) class 200PSI PE3408/PE4710 tubing SDR11 ASTM D-2737. The 2" discharge piping connection to the pressurized line from the pump station shall be made with only the IVGID approved fittings for the 2" IPS PE 3408/PE4710. <u>Solvent welded joints or brass fittings shall not be used</u>

- **9.04 Pumps**: A minimum of two pumps shall be provided at each individual sewage pump station. Where pumps are used, they shall be either grinder pumps or non-clog sewage pumps (dual compressor pneumatic ejector shall be utilized only with prior approval by the District) engineered to serve the dwelling and overcome the head pressure within the pressure ejector line.
- **9.05** <u>Valves</u>: Each pump shall be equipped with a check valve and an isolating gate or ball valve. Valves and check shall be located in the dry chamber area outside of the actually wet well area so repairs can be completed.
- 9.06 Controls and Alarm: Pumps shall be automatically controlled by the level in the wet well. The lag pump shall be controlled in such a manner that it will automatically take the place of the lead pump in the event of failure. An alternating system shall be installed to balance wear on both pumps. An audible alarm and a red high water level light shall be installed in a moisture proof enclosure adjacent to the station. This light must be visible from the street in public view and approved by the District. This light shall be controlled by a separate level setting above the lag pump control range. Red high water level light can be eliminated if high wet well alarm is monitored by a Security/Monitoring System.
- 9.07 Wet Wells and Storage Chambers: A minimum of three hundred (300) gallons of storage per living unit shall be provided above the normal pump operation level, variances in storage capacity must be approved by IVGID Compliance. Such storage shall be provided either in the wet well or in an adjacent structure with a drain back feature. Storage is provided primarily to allow continued use during brief outages. Wet wells and storage chambers shall be concrete, polyethylene, or fiberglass. A manhole opening shall be provided into wet wells and storage chambers. The wet well shall be equipped with the required inlets and outlets.
- 9.08 <u>Sewage Pump Station Vault</u>: An acceptable weather proof, insulated box with adequate waterproof insulation below the box lid directly above the holding tank. The outside bottom of the Sewage Pump Station Vault Tank must be anchored down by means of concrete. Concrete to be installed around the outside bottom of tank to prevent the Sewage Pump Station Tank from floating.
- 9.09 <u>Testing</u>: Pressurized sewer pipe shall be hydrostatically tested for fifteen minutes (15) at 1.5 times the pump capacity or meet sewer pipe class specifications. Installation standard shall be manufacturer's specifications and shall meet all of the District's installation requirements. Wet well shall be hydrostatically tested for sixty minutes (60) with no loss. All functions of the station will be tested and approved by the District.

ARTICLE 10. COMMUNAL UTILITY SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

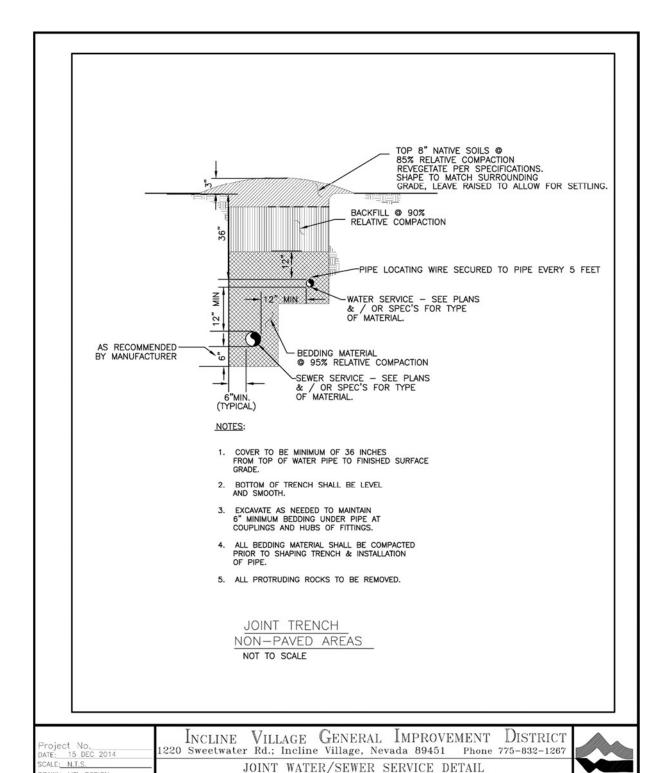
Communal systems have additional requirements. Contractors are encouraged to submit a set of preliminary plans and meet with IVGID Compliance. Contact the District for specifications: 775 832-1224.

ARTICLE 11. JOINT TRENCHING SPECIFICATIONS

11.01 Joint Trenching: Joint trenching of utility service lines is allowed; however, jurisdictional standards must be met within the public right-of-way and District easements. All water service(s) shall be installed and maintain a minimum of one foot (1') above and one foot (1') horizontally away from all

building sewer on undisturbed soil. All water services lines in joint trenching shall maintain a twelve inch (12") minimum separation at all times and have their own #10 tracer wire attached to the water service line every five feet (5') by means of tape. Water mains constructed within the public right-of-way and District easements shall be installed twelve inches (12") minimum above the sewer main and a minimum of ten feet (10') horizontally away from the sewer where possible. Joint trenching is not allowed with the District main systems. No other utilities shall be installed within three feet (3') horizontally of the District main lines and/or within one foot (1') from service building sewers.

** OTHER UTILITY AGENCIES MAY HAVE DIFFERENT SEPARATION CRITERIA. PLEASE CHECK WITH ALL AGENCIES PRIOR TO JOINT TRENCHING.**

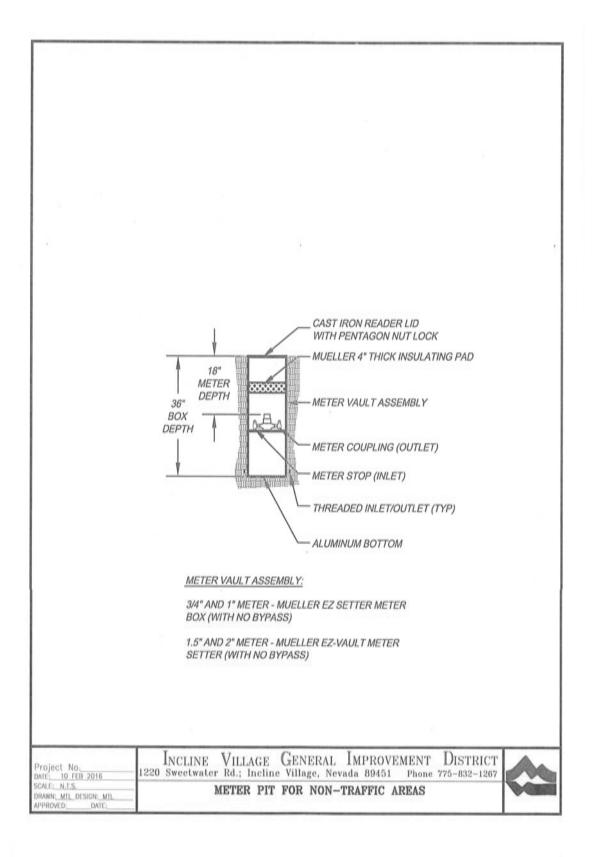


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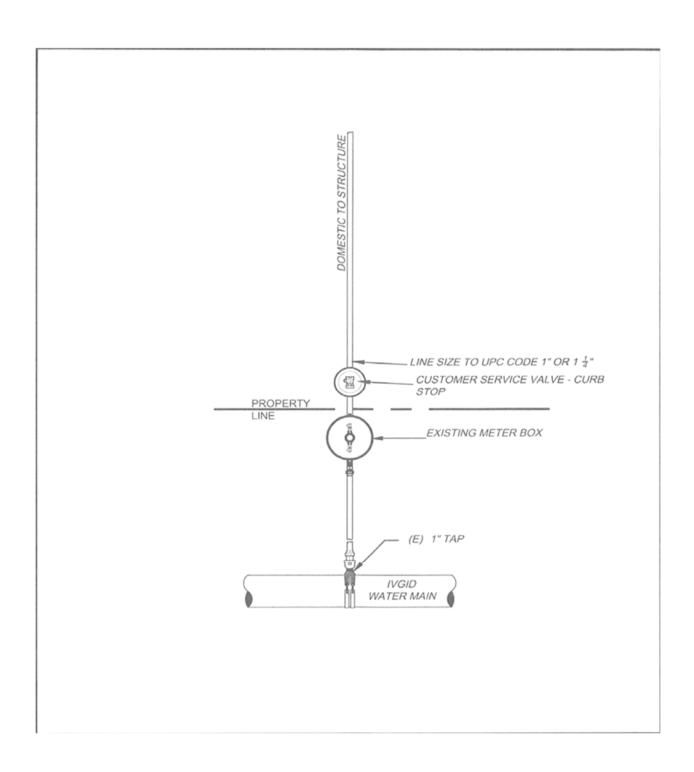
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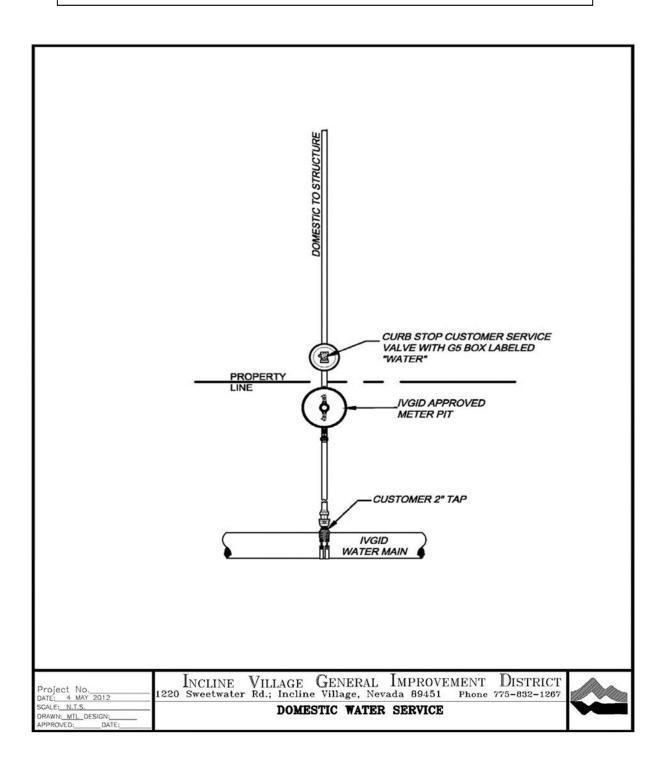
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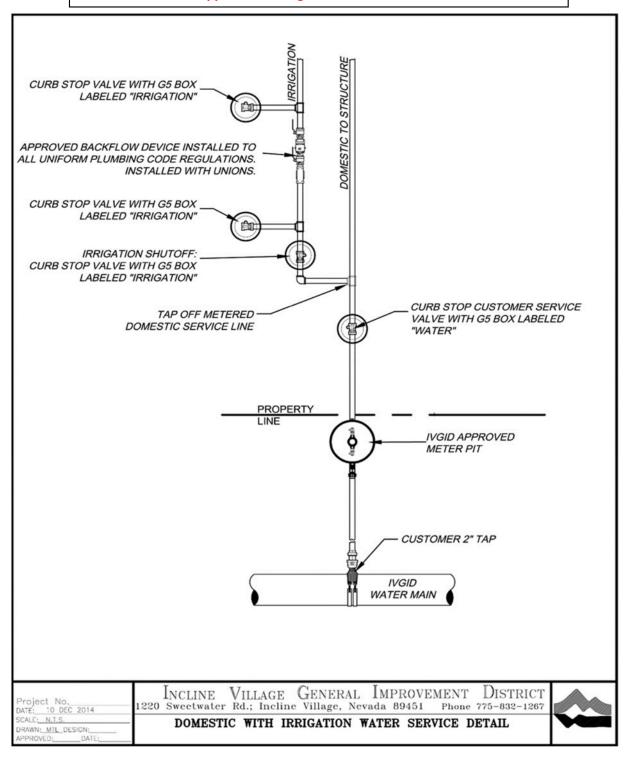
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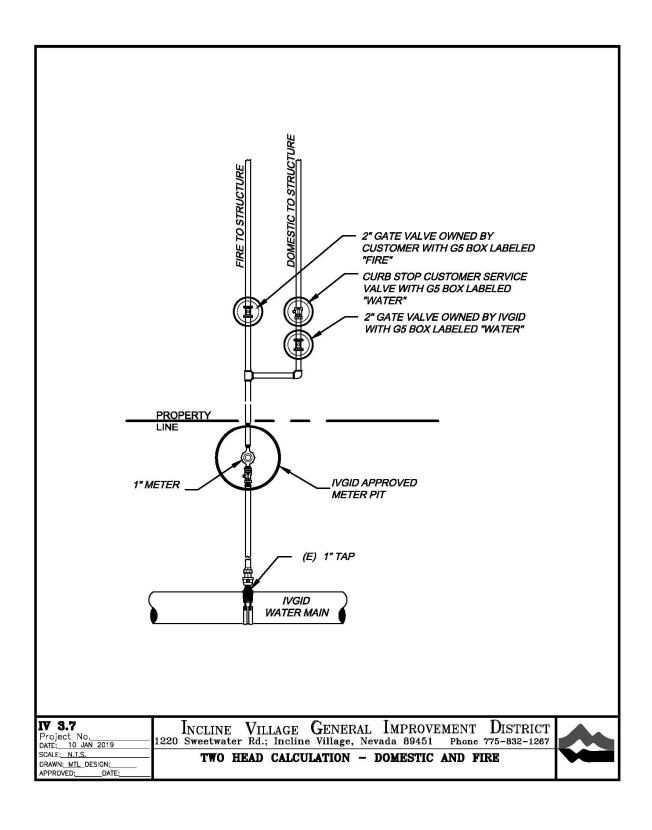


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