

MCDOWELL COUNTY WATER SYSTEM IRRIGATION METER ORDINANCE

Section 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the McDowell County Water System Irrigation Meter Ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose, Authority, and Enactment

North Carolina General Statute 143-355.4 requires that all public water systems adopt an ordinance that prescribes the installation of separate irrigation meters.

Section 3. Jurisdiction

This Ordinance shall apply to the McDowell County Water System (also known as the Nebo Water System) and any future water systems owned and/or operated by McDowell County.

Section 4. Standards and Requirements

- A. All new in-ground irrigation systems installed after adoption of this ordinance that will be supplied water from the McDowell County Water System shall be independently connected to the system and water consumption shall be measured through a separate irrigation meter.
- B. An irrigation service line may be installed by a direct tap into the main (separate tap) or by a split line off the non-irrigation service line at a point between the main and the non-irrigation meter (split tap). Either method of connection shall be performed by the McDowell County staff or a licensed contractor. A licensed contractor must obtain a permit from the McDowell County prior to installing an irrigation service line.
- C. An irrigation service line, the irrigation meter and all related appurtenances shall be installed in accordance with the same regulations, policies and procedures that apply to non-irrigation meters (including backflow prevention).

Section 5. Fees

Water customers must pay any required irrigation meters fees that are set forth in the McDowell County fee schedule. The fee schedule also addresses monthly billing for usage.

Section 6. Penalty for Improper Installation

McDowell County may discontinue water service for any customer that constructs an irrigation system after the adoption of this ordinance and fails to install the required irrigation meter. Service will be resumed once the proper meter is installed.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Ordinance was adopted by the McDowell County Board of Commissioners and shall take effect and be in force on the 9th day of September, 2013.

s/David N. Walker
Chairman of the Board of
Commissioners of
McDowell County, NC

s/Ashley R. Wooten
Clerk to the Board of
Commissioners
McDowell County