

NEW WATER METERING REQUIREMENTS

Water meters allow customers to know how much water they actually use and to be billed accordingly. Metering is proven to be one of the most effective means of encouraging water use efficiency. Local rules have been updated to reflect new water metering requirements in the following areas due to the passage of state laws.



SUBMETERS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DWELLING UNIT IN MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

A submeter to measure the amount of water used by each individual residential dwelling unit is required for any project in Long Beach that includes new construction of a multi-family residential building or mixed-use residential and commercial building, and:

- (1) applies for a construction permit from LBDS on or after January 1, 2018 (the construction documents submittal date), and
- (2) applies for new water service from LBWD on or after January 1, 2018.

California Water Code, Division 1, Chapter 8, Article 5, Section 537-537.5

LBWD Rules and Regulations Section 204.2.2(B)



SEPARATE METERS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL IN MIXED-USE BUILDINGS

Effective January 1, 2017, applications for new water service at sites with mixed-use residential and commercial must have a separate service connection dedicated solely to the residential units and a separate service connection dedicated solely to the commercial units. The private pipeline systems for residential commercial uses must be independent of the other and not cross-connected.

Long Beach Municipal Code Section 18.47.090

LBWD Rules and Regulations Section 204.2.2(C)



DEDICATED IRRIGATION METERS

Effective January 1, 2017, applications for new water service at residential sites with landscapes over 5,000 square feet and for non-residential sites with landscapes over 1,000 square feet must have a dedicated irrigation service connection separate from the service connection for non-irrigation use. The private pipeline systems for irrigation and non-irrigation uses must be independent of the other and not cross-connected.

California Code of Regulations Sections 490-495, Chapter 2.7, Division 2, Title 23

California Water Code Section 535

LBWD Rules and Regulations Section 204.4

