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Under the authority granted to the City by MCA 69-7-201, and under the authority granted to the City Administrator by BMCC 26-101, the Rules and Regulations Governing Water and Wastewater Service for Billings, Montana, are hereby amended as follows:

Section 34-27, FIRELINES, is hereby modified as follows:

34-27. FIRELINES

Firelines shall be applied for and installed in compliance with the appropriate requirements of this chapter, and, in addition, they shall comply with the utility's standards of design and construction for firelines.

With the exception of Modified 13R fire sprinkler systems noted below, a fireline shall not be interconnected with domestic service pipes downstream of the curb valve, and each fireline shall have its own independent curb valve, which shall be located at or near the water main in the street at a point designated by the utility.

In the case of existing nonresidential buildings, subject to the adopted policy and approval of the public utilities director, Modified 13R fire sprinkler systems may be connected to existing domestic service lines upstream of the existing water meter provided the existing water service line is capable of supplying adequate flow. Such installations shall be charged an annual fireline charge based on the size of the fireline with a minimum billings size of 1-1/4 inch diameter. In addition, installations shall be subject to meeting current departmental metering and backflow prevention standards.

Water shall be drawn by a customer from firelines for fire protection purposes, only. Customer's found by the utility to be using water from firelines for other than fire protection purposes may have all their water service immediately discontinued by utility until such time as the customer, at his expense, installs metering equipment meeting utility's specifications on said firelines. In the event the utility turns off a customer's fireline because of non-payment of water bills or non-compliance with these regulations, the utility shall immediately notify the city fire department of said turnoff.

All firelines which connect to the municipal water supply system shall have approved backflow prevention devices installed on same to prevent backflow into such system. In addition, fireline loops connecting with the municipal water supply system at more than one location shall have approved check valves installed on the fireline loops to prevent circulation of water through customer's firelines into the

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municipal water supply system.

Customer shall pay to the utility the rates for fireline services as per utility's approved rate schedules for this type of service, and all such payments shall be made in accordance with Section 16-4.

The amendments adopted herein shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 1 day of October, 1997.

Mark Watson
Mark Watson, City Administrator