

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 619, Section 10 and BCC 15.18.100 are hereby amended to read as follows:

METERING REQUIREMENTS. (a) All dwelling units relying on private wells pursuant to a mitigation certificate issued by Benton County or by a private water bank shall meter their water usage through a meter approved by the County and pay an annual fee, in the amounts set forth by resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, for the administration of a metering and monitoring program.

(b) Participants are responsible for the installation of meters and metering equipment and any associated costs as determined by County specifications, with the equipment and inspection fees set by Board of Commissioner resolution. Meter installment must meet the following specifications and will be subject to inspection:

(i) The meter must be installed on the mainline prior to any ~~((residential))~~ lateral connections ~~((r))~~ or spigots ~~((r-or))~~ . Additionally, the meter may be installed immediately after the pressure tank((s-in-a-well-house)) , but must still be installed prior to any lateral connections or spigots.

(ii) Meters must be accessible.

(iii) The meter must be installed according to the manufacturer specifications despite varying pipe-fitting, pipe size, well locations and landscape conditions.

(iv) Meter installation must have an accessible, weather resistant, meter structure, such as a meter box or equivalent, and be appropriate for location and geographic area.

(v) Meter installation must contain provisions for cellular endpoints for automatic reading. Below ground installations shall utilize a manufacturer's recommended meter box and lid specifications with accommodations for the end point. Installations inside a building shall properly mount the end point in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. End points shall be mounted on the building exterior if necessary to ensure adequate signal strength.

(c) Installation of metering equipment and functional water flow must be complete and approved prior to the inspection and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

(d) If metering equipment requires maintenance, repair, and/or replacement, the property owner is responsible for ensuring proper equipment functionality. If the property owner does not comply with any needed maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of the metering equipment at the cost of the property owner Benton County may undertake such work and recover the costs from the property owner through either an invoice for costs or a lien on the parcel.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any

person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the ordinance and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____.

Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Pro-Tem.

Member.

Approved as to Form:

Constituting the Board of
County Commissioners of
Benton County, Washington

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Attest: _____
Clerk of the Board

