

# Building Services and Water Services Notice

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## Changes to bulk City water revenue meter installation standards

**Attention:** Homebuilders, architects, engineers, industrial/commercial/institutional contractors

August 16, 2018

Please be advised of the following changes to bulk water meter construction and installation requirements and restrictions for residential developments (including rental apartment buildings and cluster townhouse sites) and industrial, commercial and institutional developments.

The following is offered in complement to Water Services' May 2, 2018 "Changes to Water Metering Requirements for New Developments – effective July 1, 2018" notice.

The respective terms of this notice will take precedent over contents of past notices and form policy and business requirements for all applicable building permits effective immediately;

- Planned servicing to such properties will be required to provide sufficient space for a single bulk water revenue meter, to measure all water fed to the entire private water system. This space may also be utilized for a premise isolation backflow preventer if one is required for the property.
- The City will seek to require the bulk water revenue meter to be located in or adjacent to the private building nearest to where the central water service enters the development. If the total distance to the nearest building exceeds 18 meters (three lengths of pipe), then a separate above ground heated structure large enough to contain the meter and backflow preventer (if one is required) would need to be constructed near the property line.
- The use of meter pits/chambers will not be permitted to reduce installation costs and eliminate health and safety concerns while conducting meter maintenance in the future. Control valves and tee fittings will not be permitted to be installed in the water service between the location of the control valve located at the property line and the building control valve located immediately upstream of the bulk water meter.

Should you have any questions regarding these changes to City water revenue metering practices, please contact Water Services' Distribution Metering Technician, Mathew Newman, at [mathew.newman@guelph.ca](mailto:mathew.newman@guelph.ca) or by phone at (519)-822-1260 x2631.

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