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PROCEDURE FOR UTILITY SERVICES TO A NEW DWELLING

Water and Sewer: All water and sewer mains are installed by one of three ways.

- (1) A District – The property owners are assessed the cost over a period of years.
- (2) A developer installs the mains and the cost of the water and sewer main installation is included in the cost of the lot when you purchase it.
- (3) Hastings Utilities, at Hastings Utilities option, installs the water and sewer mains, and the costs are recovered by the Out-Of-District Fee. This fee is based on the previous year's average costs to install an 8" main. This frontage fee is adjusted annually.

Frontage fees must be paid on the lot(s) where the building will be constructed prior to obtaining a building permit. **Contact Ron Sekora, Coordinating Engineer (463-1371 ext. 253) to check if there are any water or sewer frontage fees due.**

The installation of water and sewer services from the mains to the dwelling is the homeowner's responsibility and will be as set forth in the City of Hastings plumbing code. The above frontage fees do not include any tapping, meter, or service line charges. **It is the responsibility of the homeowner and the developer to field verify the depth of the sewer main and/or sewer stub.**

Gas: Gas mains are installed into a development along the street at no cost to the property owner. The only cost to the homeowner is for the service line from the property line to the meter set. This is installed by the Gas Department at \$3.00/ft for service lines up to 1¼" in diameter. Time and material will be charged for services 2" in diameter and larger. **Contact Ron Sekora (463-1371 ext. 253)** as soon as you plan to build so that you can sign an order form for the installation of the gas service. The service will not be installed until the basement has been backfilled and the area tamped properly 3 feet each side of the proposed meter set location. This will give the Gas Dept. a solid base to install the new plastic gas service and meter. If a meter set sinks and has to be dug up, it will be at the expense of the contractor or homeowner. **Four to six weeks notice is needed before the service will be installed**, so it is important to contact Hastings Utilities as soon as possible to get on the list of services to be installed. No air conditioners or venting of appliances will be allowed above or 2 feet either side of the gas meter.

Electric: There are 3 ways for a service to be installed.

Underground: In an area of established underground electric power the homeowner's electrician is responsible for furnishing and installing the underground cable from Hastings Utilities meter pedestal to the electric panel in the dwelling.

Overhead: Overhead cable will be provided from a Hastings Utilities pole to the service entrance riser, on the building, at no expense to the owner. If more than one secondary pole must be installed, to reach the riser, the homeowner will be required to have the other pole(s) installed by their electrician.

Underground in an overhead area: If an underground service line is preferred, instead of the overhead service cable, Hastings Utilities will set a meter pedestal, next to the existing power pole, for a one-time cost of \$350.00. The homeowner's electrician is responsible for furnishing and installing the underground cable from Hastings Utilities meter pedestal to the dwelling.

Meters: Once it has been determined that utilities will be needed for the new dwelling, the owner must stop in the Hastings Utilities Business Office to sign for the gas, water, and electric meters. This may be done as soon as the building permit has been issued so that there will not be a delay in getting service when it is needed. A deposit is usually required. **No meters will be set until all gas, water, sewer, and electric systems have been inspected and tagged by the appropriate city inspectors.**

**ANY DAMAGE TO HASTINGS UTILITIES STRUCTURES, ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND,
WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERMIT HOLDER**

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