

DEFINITIONS

1. Abandoned Service

"Abandoned Service" shall mean a service connection documented based on actual field conditions that the service lateral was cut, capped, and left in place. If the service classified as abandoned is actually removed, the service shall be reclassified as removed in District records. See "Removed Service".

2. American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standards

"American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standards" shall mean the latest revision of the standards adopted by AWWA, Denver and available for review at the District.

3. Applicant

"Applicant" shall mean a person applying for new water service to a particular parcel within the System. The applicant must be the property owner, or his legally designated representative.

4. Automated Meter Reading Equipment (AMR)

"Automated Meter Reading Equipment" shall mean the equipment for the remote collection of consumption data from a customer's water meter.

5. Backflow Prevention Assembly

"Backflow Prevention Assembly" shall mean an assembly for the prevention of backflow from the customer's water system to the System's water system and may include, but not be limited to, a backflow prevention device, isolation valves, test cocks, thrust restraints, a vault, connecting piping, an enclosure, and other appurtenances.

6. Backflow Prevention Assembly - Approved

"Approved Backflow Prevention Assembly" shall mean an assembly that has been investigated and approved by the District. The approval of backflow prevention devices by the District will be on the basis of a favorable report by an approved testing laboratory recommending such an approval, and acceptance through the District's approval process.

7. Billing Date

"Billing date" shall mean the date scheduled for rendering monthly water bills.

8. Board

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

9. Combined Service

"Combined Service" shall mean a single service connection through which water is obtained for the dual purpose of private fire service and domestic service.

10. Conditional Water Commitment

"Conditional Water Commitment" shall mean a water commitment that may be made if the applicant completes specific requirements within specified time frames as specified in a written agreement with the District.

11. Construction Water

"Construction Water" shall mean metered water delivered for construction purposes including, but not limited to, compaction and dust control.

12. Cross Connection

"Cross Connection" shall mean any physical connection or arrangement of piping or fixtures between two (2) otherwise separate piping systems, or a private well, one of which contains potable water and the other non-potable water or industrial fluids of questionable safety, through which, or because of which, backflow may occur into the potable water system. This would include, but not be limited to, any temporary connections, such as swing connections, removable sections, four-way plug valves, spools, dummy section of pipe, swivel or change-over devices or sliding multi-port tube.

13. Customer

"Customer" shall mean a person who is a recipient of water service from the System through an existing service connection, or a person applying for water through an existing service connection.

14. Deserted Service

"Deserted Service" shall mean a service connection whose existence is documented in System records, but cannot be field located.

15. Developer

"Developer" shall mean any person engaged in or proposing development of property.

16. Development Approval

"Development Approval" is the approval(s) required from Clark County for division of property, or issuance of a building permit.

17. Disconnected Service

"Disconnected Service" shall mean an active service connection which has been turned off, or terminated for non-payment of water bills.

18. District.

"District" shall mean the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

19. Domestic Service

"Domestic Service" shall mean a service connection through which water is obtained for all purposes including commercial and industrial uses, exclusive of fire protection and construction service.

20. Emergency

"Emergency" means a sudden or unexpected occurrence or need that requires immediate action to prevent an adverse impact upon life, health, property or essential public services.

21. Emergency Service Connection

"Emergency Service Connection" shall mean a District authorized service connection on an interim basis required to safeguard health and protect private or public property.

22. Employee

"Employee" shall mean any individual employed by the District, excluding independent contractors, consultants and their employees.

23. Equivalency - 5/8"

"5/8 Equivalency" shall mean the comparable number of 5/8" meters, which equates to the meter size under discussion, primarily used for fee and rate calculations.

Meter Size	Typical 5/8" Equivalency
5/8"	1.0
3/4"	1.5
1"	2.5
1½"	5.0
2"	8.0
3"	16.0
4"	25.0
6"	50.0
8"	80.0
10"	115.0
12"	170.0

24. Expansion or Addition

"Expansion or Addition" shall mean an increase in size of an existing building or other structure presently served by the District; or a building or structure added to an existing parcel presently served by the District.

25. Final Water Project Acceptance

"Final Water Project Acceptance" shall mean prior to scheduling the final inspection, the Developer shall verify the entire water project is ready for inspection. The Developer is responsible for the restoration of all existing water facilities belonging to the District immediately adjacent to the approved water plans work area. The water facilities include laterals, meters, valves, collars, blow-offs, vault access cover, air vacuum air release assemblies, backflow assemblies, anode test stations, and or chlorine/pressure monitoring stations.

26. Fire Hydrant Service

"Fire Hydrant Service" shall mean a service connection for public fire hydrant(s) to be located within a public right-of-way or easement. The fire hydrant shall be of a type and manufacturer approved by the entity having jurisdiction.

27. Fixture Units

"Fixture Units" shall be defined as specified in the Uniform Plumbing Code, current edition.

28. Fire Department

"Fire Department" shall mean the Clark County Fire Department.

29. General Manager

"General Manager" shall mean the person duly appointed by the Board to perform the duties of the position, or that person's duly appointed representative.

30. Idler

"Idler" shall mean a length of pipe installed in lieu of a meter (use of an idler is not allowed).

31. Illegal Service

"Illegal Service" shall mean a service connection which is located in the field, but whose installation was not authorized by the District, or is in violation of the Searchlight Service Rules. Illegal services include, but are not limited to, expansions of on-site systems to serve adjacent parcels.

32. Inactive Service

"Inactive Service" shall mean a service connection which is not in use, but is fully operational, installed in accordance with System standards documented in District records.

33. Inter-Connection

"Inter-Connection" shall mean any actual or potential connection from customer piping, which will provide water to other property, or permit use of water for purposes other than that for which a service was authorized.

34. Irrigation

"Irrigation" shall mean the application of water to the land, by artificial means, for non-agricultural purposes.

35. Land Division

"Land Division" shall be as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes, Sections 278.471 through 278.4725.

36. Legally Designated Representative

"Legally Designated Representative" shall mean that person to whom the property owner has given power of attorney or other documentation satisfactory to the District authorizing said person to apply for new water service on behalf of the property owner. The documentation presented to the District must contain the property owner's signature, mailing address, and location of the property that is the subject of the application. The property owner shall become liable for all water service provided to the property as a result of the application by the legally designated representative, and any unpaid charges shall become a lien on said property pursuant to Section 9.1 of Chapter 167 of the Statutes of Nevada, 1947.

37. Main Extension

"Main Extension" shall mean an adjacent, parallel, or extended addition to the District's distribution system, consisting of a pipeline which is a nominal six (6) inches in diameter or greater, for the purpose of providing an adequate water supply. The District may require an increase in the length of a main extension beyond that required to serve a particular development in order to provide for the orderly development of the District's distribution system, improve water quality, and/or improve system reliability.

38. Master Meter

"Master Meter" shall mean the District approved primary measuring device installed for, but owned by the District, which is used for the purpose of accurately recording all consumption entering an area containing a number of customers.

39. Meter

"Meter" shall mean the District approved measuring device, installed for, but owned by the District, which is used for the purpose of accurately recording the consumption of water used by customers.

40. Meter Maintenance

"Meter Maintenance" shall mean the routine testing, calibration, repair or replacement of District water meters to ensure accuracy and compliance with the American Water Works Association Meter Standards.

41. Mobile Home Park

"Mobile Home Park" shall mean an area or tract of land, appropriately zoned, where two (2) or more mobile homes or mobile home spaces are privately owned, rented or held out for rent. This does not include an area or tract of land where:

1. More than half of the spaces are rented overnight or for less than 3 months for recreational vehicles.
2. Mobile homes are used occasionally for recreational purposes and not as permanent residences.

42. Mobile Meter

"Mobile Meter" shall be a fire hydrant meter, generally mounted on a vehicle, issued to small consumption water users for short-term connection to fire hydrants at multiple locations within a single day. Use must remain within the District's service area and permits are issued solely at the discretion of the District. All mobile meter permittees must abide by the conditions set forth in Section 7 of these rules.

43. Multiple Meter Service

"Multiple Meter Service" shall be a single lateral pipe utilizing a battery of meters for providing domestic service.

44. Non-Potable Water

"Non-Potable Water" (also called recycled or reclaimed water) shall mean water that does not meet the State of Nevada standards for potable water and that is made available for irrigation purposes for large scale turf and landscaped areas including, but not limited to, golf courses, schools, and parks. Non-potable water may include reclaimed or recycled wastewater, water which has been recovered from a ground water recharge/recovery facility for non-potable use, and/or potable water which has been blended with reclaimed or recovered groundwater for capacity or water quality reasons.

45. Non-Standard Service Connection

"Non-Standard Service Connection" shall mean a service connection from a main to a parcel that is not contiguous to the main to which the connection is made. A service will not be considered or classified as non-standard if the parcel to be served is not adjacent to a public right-of-way, and a permanent right of access with overlapping utility easement is provided for the on-site (private) lateral.

46. Offsite Main

"Offsite Main" shall mean a main, regardless of size, which extends from the existing water system to a development and generally remains outside the development boundaries

47. On-site Main

"Onsite Main" shall mean those public mains, which are installed specifically to provide service to developments and are generally located within the development's boundaries.

48. Parallel Main

"Parallel Main" shall mean a distribution main extension adjacent to a previously existing distribution main, or transmission main. Where used, frontage connection charges and refunds will be based on the main providing the direct connection for service.

49. Parcel

"Parcel" shall mean a separate identifiable and transferable lot or plot of real property of a legal and usable size, including the improvements. Portions having well-defined boundaries such as walls, fences or hedges, which prevent the common use of the property by all occupants, shall, for the purpose of these Rules, be determined separate facilities.

50. Parcel Map

"Parcel Map" shall be as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes, Section 278.461.

51. Person

"Person" shall mean any individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation or entity, and any municipal, political or governmental corporation, district, body or agency other than the District.

52. Primary Building Permit(s)

"Primary Building Permit(s)" shall mean the permit(s) issued by Clark County for a structure including but not limited to the foundation, shell, and other related building components.

53. Private Fire Service

"Private Fire Service" shall mean a service connection through which water is available on private property for fire protection exclusively. Private fire service shall be equipped with a District approved double detector check assembly.

54. Private Main.

"Private Main" shall mean a water pipeline and appurtenances not owned by the District after completion.

55. Property Owner.

"Property Owner" shall mean the owner of record of a parcel, which is or will be receiving water service from the District

56. Public Health, Safety and Welfare

"Public Health, Safety and Welfare" shall mean any activity where the use of water is the most appropriate and practical method to abate a health or safety hazard, or where the use of water is required to reasonably meet the provisions of federal, state, or local law, or where a project approved by the General Manager is planned, or underway.

57. Public Main or Main

"Public Main" or "Main" shall mean a water pipeline and appurtenances which is owned, operated and maintained by the District after completion and acceptance.

58. Recycled Water Distribution System (RWDS)

"Recycled Water Distribution System (RWDS)" shall mean the pumping stations, pipelines, control systems, and related facilities and appurtenant equipment, which conveys or aids in the efficient conveyance of non-potable water from the designated water resource center.

59. Removed Service

"Removed Service" shall mean a service connection documented based on actual field conditions that the service lateral no longer exists. The service is classified as removed in District records. If field conditions later indicate that a service classified as removed was actually abandoned, the service shall be classified as abandoned in District records. See "Abandoned Service".

60. Residential Main Extension

"Residential Main Extension" (RME) shall mean the water main and its appurtenances installed by the District to supply water to an individual applicant property zoned single family residential. Such main shall be installed at a cost to the single-family property owner in accordance with the System's Service Rules.

61. SNWA

"SNWA" shall mean the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

62. Service Adjustment

"Service Adjustment" shall mean the adjustment of an existing service connection to include the horizontal and/or vertical extension and/or adjustment of the meter and meter box, while using the existing lateral or lateral alignment and tap, while maintaining the existing account. This adjustment will not require the payment of inspection fee(s), unless as otherwise provided for in the Service Rules.

63. Service Connection

"Service Connection" shall mean the connection to the main and the lateral pipe to deliver the water, and may also include, but not be limited to, a meter, or battery thereof, a meter box or vault, valves, thrust restraints, and other appurtenances from a District main, to the point where the water being delivered leaves the piping owned by the District.

64. Service Deposit

"Service Deposit" shall mean an amount deposited with the District to assure payment of water bills. The deposit may be in cash or another form of security acceptable to the District.

65. Service Relocation

"Service Relocation" shall mean a change in location that will require tapping the existing main or a new water main at a new location, installing a new service lateral, establishing a new account, and removing an existing account. This service will require the payment of appropriate application fees, inspection fees, and/or other charges.

66. Spacer

"Spacer" shall mean a length of perforated pipe installed in lieu of a meter or idler on a temporary basis while facilities are under construction.

67. Standard Service Connection or Permanent Service

“Standard Service Connection” or “Permanent Service Connection” shall mean a service connection installed at a location contiguous to the property being served.

68. Subdivision

“Subdivision” shall, for the purposes of these Rules, meet all provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 278 and shall be as defined in Section 278.320.

69. Supplemental Service Connection

“Supplemental Service Connection” shall mean a service connection or connections to property, which is also served by another source of supply, such as a well or non-potable system. A supplemental service connection shall include an approved backflow prevention assembly.

70. System

“System” shall mean the Searchlight Water Distribution System.

71. Tampering

“Tampering” shall mean acts by persons which cause damage to, or alteration of, District property including, but not limited to, service connections, shut off valves, hydrants, mains, meters, registers, AMR equipment, and service locks, or seals by any willful or negligent act. Such persons shall be responsible for payment of costs incurred and any and all penalties prescribed by these Service Rules and by law.

72. Temporary Riser

“Temporary Riser” shall mean a service connection of a minimum of six (6) inches attached to a blow off valve.

73. Temporary Service Connection

“Temporary Service Connection” shall mean a District-authorized service connection installed at a location not adjacent to the parcel served, i.e. a non-standard location, and which is subject to removal or relocation at such time as a main is constructed contiguous to the parcel.

74. Transmission Main

“Transmission Main” shall mean a water main that transports water from the main supply or source to a distant area where the water is distributed through distribution lines. A Transmission Main is usually a larger diameter main (greater than 24”) with limited connections due to the nature of the materials used to construct large diameter pipelines, as well as to ensure system reliability.

75. Uniform Design and Construction Standards for Potable Water Systems (UDACS)

"Uniform Design and Construction Standards for Potable Water Systems (UDACS)" shall mean the minimum design and construction criteria for water distribution systems within the jurisdiction of the District and the System.

76. Unusual Installation Conditions

"Unusual Installation Conditions" shall mean circumstances that include, but are not limited to, the length of the lateral, the type of pavement, anticipated soil or other underground conditions, and the width or travel conditions of the roadway or right-of-way and also those imposed as a result of governmental or property owner actions.

77. Valved Outlet

"Valved Outlet" shall mean a valve installed on a transmission main to which a distribution main could be connected.

78. Water Commitment

"Water Commitment" shall mean a commitment from the District to provide potable water service to a specific development on a specific parcel of land.

79. Water Conservation

"Water Conservation" shall mean the controlled and systematic protection of potable and non-potable water resources.

80. Water Facilities

"Water Facilities" shall mean, but not be limited to, water mains, fire hydrants and laterals, service connections, backflow prevention assemblies and appurtenances, from the main to the point where water being delivered leaves the piping owned by the District.