



Dear Elyria Resident,

All Elyria residents have the opportunity to deduct the water used outside the home (lawn sprinkler, car washing, etc.) from their sanitary sewer bill by purchasing a sanitary deduct meter. However, in 2020 Elyria City Council incorrectly believed your neighborhood did not have the same opportunity to purchase such a meter. As such, Council passed Elyria Codified Ordinance 937.20 which created an alternative consumption calculation to lower your sewer bill and make it more equitable with rest of Elyria.

On May 6, 2024, City Council repealed Ordinance 937.20 after learning that homes in your neighborhood do have the opportunity to purchase the sanitary deduct meters. This means that, beginning in 2025, your sanitary sewer account will be billed according to consumption in the same manner as other Elyria residents. Likewise, if you prefer, you have the opportunity to purchase and install a sanitary deduct meter now or at any point in the future.

Installing a deduct meter is not required, and you should consider whether such a purchase is necessary based on your exterior water use. Attached you will find information on the deduct meter, how it works, and how it can be purchased. Should you choose to purchase a meter please note that it must be installed by a licensed plumber and inspected by the Elyria Utilities Department.

I hope you find the information enclosed helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the Elyria Utilities Office at (440) 326-1440.

Very truly yours,

Chris Pyanowski
Safety Service Director



Elyria Public Utilities
131 Court St Suite 102
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Elyria Public Utilities Secondary Meter Permit

Date _____

Property Owner _____

Account number _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Contractor _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Present Number of Meters _____

Number of Meters to be Added _____

Relocating Meters? Yes No If so Where? _____

The Public Utilities Dept. shall inspect and approve all connections and materials.

Signature of Owner/Representative _____ Date _____

This application has been reviewed by Elyria Public Utilities and permission granted to install.

EPU Signature _____

Date _____

Internal use: RLCWA inspection Complete

Date _____





Water Distribution Department
Dave Rothgery
Operations Manager

Deduct Meter Procedure for Rural Lorain County Water Authority Customers Who Pay Elyria Public Utilities for Sewer

1. Resident will need to call the Rural Lorain County Water Authority (RLCWA) Backflow Department at, 440-355-5121 to schedule an onsite survey, before applying with the Elyria Public Utilities for the Sewer Deduct meter. This will ensure that RLCWA Customers follow all procedures.
2. Resident will need to apply for a “Sewer Deduct” meter permit with Elyria Public Utilities. They may obtain our Sewer Deduct Permit Packet and fees on the City’s website: www.cityofelyria.org/ruraldeduct or they can find any other needed information from the Elyria Public Utilities @440-326-1570
3. Resident will need to purchase the meter and pick it up at Elyria Public Utilities 131 Court St. Elyria Ohio. The customer must use either a plumber who is registered with the City of Elyria (recommended) or they may do the work themselves if capable. The specs for the meter installation are in the permit packet.
4. Once the meter installation is completed, the resident will need to call RLCWA for inspection. Please have RLCWA contact the Elyria Public Utilities to verify they passed the inspection for the customer.
5. After the RLCWA inspection has passed, call the Elyria Public Utilities to schedule the final inspection.
6. At the final inspection, the Elyria Service Worker will record data, attach the pre-installed wiring and add the antenna outside of the home. The new meter will be added to the account.
7. Due to the fact that this is a RLCWA water line, all specifications, guidelines, inspections and costs dealing with backflow installation and yearly testing will rest with RLCWA.
8. No deduct meter connection shall by-pass the current minimum backflow specifications enforced by RLCWA Backflow Department.



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*******Technical information*******

After payment the customer will receive a meter and tail pieces to connect to the new plumbing.

All pipe fittings used must be of the approved type (copper, brass, PEX) IRON FITTINGS are NOT permitted. "Shark Bite" fittings that allow for rotation of the meter are unacceptable.

The plumber is to install a tee to separate the deduct piping zone from the interior plumbing zone. (See Diagram) The tee must be placed downstream of the backflow device and optional pressure regulator.

The brass tail pieces provided must be attached to both ends of the meter. (No substitutions.)

The deduct meter pipe must have a valve on each side of the meter.

Meters must be properly supported with appropriate clamps or supports to prevent accidental breakage.

The meter must be accessible for repairs and removal. Obstacles such as water heaters or other items which prevent access to the meter will be the responsibility of the owner to move.

The deduct zone may only include hose bibs and irrigation systems. Any other connection will cause failure of the inspection and no deduct in sewerage will be granted until corrections are made.

18/3 doorbell wire must be supplied and installed by the owner or contractor from the meter to the outside of the home. The city will connect the wire to the meter and install the antenna on the outside of the residence.

NOTES:

1. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLE TO RUN $\frac{1}{8}$ " DOORBELL WIRE FROM METER TO OUTSIDE RESIDENCE; CITY TO MAKE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

