

City of Saskatoon

Council Policy

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NOTE: THIS POLICY IS UNDER REVIEW BY THE UTILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE UTILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 975-2534 REGARDING QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS POLICY.

POLICY TITLE <i>POTABLE WATERLINE CONNECTIONS</i>	ADOPTED BY: <i>CITY COUNCIL</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>OCTOBER 30, 1989</i>
ORIGIN/AUTHORITY <i>WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 42-1989</i>	CITY FILE NO. <i>CK 7781-0</i>	PAGE NUMBER <i>1 of 6</i>

1. PURPOSE

- a) To restrict ribbon growth along the pipeline outside the City and to prohibit the growth of small holdings by subdivision of large land areas into small acreages.
- b) To provide potable water to surrounding towns and villages but to limit the supply area to the corporate boundaries in place at the time the town or village was connected to the City's water supply.
- c) To encourage farmers with at least 160 acres of land to use City water and to discourage people whose land does not abut the waterline from connecting to that line.
- d) To discourage commercial and/or industrial growth outside the City limits if land is available within the City limits.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Potable Waterlines - drinking waterline.
- 2.2 SWSU - Water Supply Utility, Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
- 2.3 Reassignment - request for connection to potable waterline where there is a change in ownership or of principle land use on a parcel of land for which connection has previously been granted.

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3. POLICY

A land owner, outside the boundaries of the City of Saskatoon, may apply to the City of Saskatoon for connection or reassignment to a pipeline of the City's water distribution system or to an existing potable water pipeline (outside the City limits) provided the pipeline owner has agreed to the connection.

3.1 Application

An application must be submitted for each request for a new connection or reassignment to the potable waterlines emanating from the City of Saskatoon.

- a) Applications for reassignments may be approved by the Administration. If the property does not meet the City's criteria, as outlined below, the request shall be submitted to City Council.
- b) Applications for new connections shall require written approval from City Council.

3.2 Criteria

- a) Urban Areas - The use of treated water should be limited to the areas incorporated within the boundaries of each municipality at the time the town or village was connected to the City's potable water supply. The City will, however, consider individual requests for an extension to the original boundaries but only on condition that such an extension will not affect the maximum volume of water supplied, by agreement, to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
- b) Rural Residential or Farms
 - i) New Connections - Applications for rural residential or farm water connections must meet the following criteria in order to be approved:
 - must not use treated City water for irrigating crops which are to be raised for sale;
 - the land abuts the existing potable waterline;

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- must have a minimum of 160 acres (one piece of property) or have a piece of property less than 160 acres provided it is used for a market garden, sod farm, or nursery operation, or a dairy, hog poultry, beef cattle or fur bearing animal farm which was in operation prior to construction of the City's potable water supply;
 - must obtain a majority of income from farming and be willing to provide the City Solicitor with such proof of same as the Solicitor may require; and,
 - must be a bona fide registered owner or have an agreement for sale for the property.
- ii) Reassignments - Applications for residential or farm water reassignments must meet the following conditions:
- the use of the property has not changed;
 - the water consumption has not changed significantly;
 - the property has not been subdivided; and,
 - the criteria outlined in Section 3.2 b) i) are adhered to. Exception: Those reassignments in which the connection existed prior to August 4, 1980, and prior to an agreement with the City of Saskatoon are not required to meet the criteria of Section 3.2 b) i).
- c) Rural Connection (other) - Applications for other rural connections (i.e. industrial, commercial, R.M. metered water stations, cemeteries, etc.) must meet the following criteria in order to be approved:
- i) the land abuts the existing potable waterline; and,
 - ii) the company will provide storage facilities capable of providing at least a two-day supply during peak demand periods.

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Further salient factors should be considered with respect to industrial and/or commercial connection requests:

- i) the availability of suitable land within the City limits;
- ii) the purpose the water is to be used for:
 - as part of the commercial or industrial process; and/or,
 - solely for drinking and/or ablution purposes.

3.3 Termination of Connection

The City reserves the right to discontinue any approved connection to a potable waterline when:

- a) any information provided by an applicant is found to have been false; or,
- b) changes in ownership or of principal land use are such that the operation no longer meets the above criteria set out in Section 3.2; or,
- c) in the opinion of the City Administration, the City of Saskatoon cannot deliver a satisfactory supply of potable water to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation because of real or potential problems which may be encountered from time to time in either the City's treatment or distribution system.

3.4 Financial Considerations

Policy No. 03-013, "Water Supply - Capital Contributions - Outside Users", sets out the financial requirements of applicants for connections, reassignments and water usage.

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4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Applicant

- a) Obtain written approval from the pipeline owner (usually the SWSU) to connect to the pipeline.
- b) Apply through the Director of Works and Utilities for permission to connect to the pipeline.

4.2 Director of Works and Utilities

- a) Instruct the Manager, Water and Pollution Control, to review and report on all applications for reassignment and connection to the potable water pipelines after determining that surplus water is or is not available.
- b) Provide Director of Planning and Development with appropriate background information and request his recommendation.
- c) Make appropriate recommendations to the Works and Utilities Committee regarding applications for connection to the potable waterline.
- d) Render decision regarding applications for reassignment to the potable waterline.

4.3 Works and Utilities Committee

- a) Consider applications to connect to the City's potable water supply and forward recommendations to City Council.
- b) Consider applications for reassignment that do not fit the criteria and forward information and recommendations to City Council, where appropriate.
- c) Review and, where appropriate, recommend to City Council, amendments to this policy.

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4.4 City Solicitor

Together with the Director of Works and Utilities, administer agreements for connections to the City's potable water supply.

4.5 City Council

- a) Consider all applications submitted by the Works and Utilities committee regarding connection or reassignment to the potable waterline and render a decision.
- b) Approve all amendments to this policy.