

## **RULE 17 - METER SETTING**

**Section 1.** Generally, meters shall be installed in a meter pit. The County will furnish the meter pit for meter sizes 5/8" through one inch (1") as part of the service installation. Meter pits for meters larger than one inch (1") in size shall be constructed in place or furnished as a pre-cast concrete unit conforming to the specifications, and under the supervision of the Water Division. Responsibility for constructing or furnishing such meter pit, together with all costs attributable to same, shall be borne by the owner of the property being served.

**Section 2.** With the approval of the Water Superintendent, water meters may be installed inside commercial or industrial buildings, provided the meter is installed in a room which is only accessible through a single exterior entry door secured by a keyed lock. The room in which the meter or meters is located shall be temperature controlled to prevent freezing and shall be accessible to authorized County employees at all times. Three sets of keys to the room shall be given to the Water Superintendent at the time the service is turned on.

**Section 3.** When it is determined to be in the best interest of the County from the standpoint of cost effectiveness and efficiency, the Water Division may, at its option, install a remote meter reading device on the exterior of a building to eliminate entry into such building for the purpose of reading the meter. No less than annually, however, the interior meter shall be read and the reading checked for accuracy against the reading obtained by the remote reader. Any significant inaccuracy will be corrected and the amount of over-consumption or under-consumption will be adjusted in the next billing.