

## **RULE 22 - METER ACCESSIBILITY AND RIGHT TO ENTER PREMISES**

**Section 1.** Meters shall, at all times, be freely accessible to authorized employees of the County. Meters installed in exterior pits shall not be allowed to become covered with or obstructed by landscaping, parked vehicles, rubbish or other items that interfere with the County's ability to read, maintain, replace or repair the meter or appurtenances thereto.

**Section 2.** Authorized employees of the County shall have the right, as a condition of service, at any reasonable hour, to enter any premises served by the County's Water Distribution System for the purpose of reading, repairing, installing, removing or inspecting water meters or for any other purpose necessary for the proper safeguarding of the interests of the County or the consumer. If access to any premises is refused, the water supply of such premises may be discontinued until such time as access to such premises is granted.