

ORDINANCE NO. 12-500

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING SEPARATE METERING FOR WATER CONSUMPTION  
NOT ENTERING THE PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 12-501. Any person may request that the City water utility furnish a separate water meter, with a vacuum breaker, to only be attached to the hose bib or water faucet outside the person's home or business. The purpose of such meter shall be to measure water used for such outdoor purposes as washing cars, watering lawns, and other similar uses, where the water used will not be entering the public sanitary sewer system.

Section 12-502. The only separate water meter permitted to be used shall be a meter, with a vacuum breaker, originally furnished by the City of Ishpeming.

A Person requesting permission to use such a meter shall:

- (a) secure approval from the City Manager or Water Department designee; and
- (b) have such meter inspected by the City Water Utility prior to installation.

The fee for the purchase and inspection of a meter, with attached vacuum breaker, shall be stated in the Council approved City Fee Schedule.

The meter shall be the property of the homeowner or person purchasing the meter, and the City shall not be responsible for any repair or maintenance of the meter. A meter owner may request that the City test the meter. The charge for a 2<sup>nd</sup> water meter to be tested shall be the same as the fee for testing of regular water meters as set forth in the Council approved City Fee Schedule.

Section 12-503. Such separate meter may only be used to record water consumption through the connection where installed during the months of April through October each year. The separate meter shall be removed by the homeowner during the months of November through March of each year, and shall not be used during said period. It shall be the owner's responsibility to remove the meter to prevent it from freezing or being damaged and to reinstall it each year in time for the City to conduct any required inspections.

Section 12-504. Water consumption recorded by the separate meter shall be billed annually to the premises, except that there shall be subtracted from the overall bill t That portion of the regular sewer charge attributable to the flow through the 2<sup>nd</sup> water meter shall be credited to the user's utility account. For billing purposes, the meter will need to be brought to the Utility Billing Clerk by November 1<sup>st</sup> for verification. The meter user is required to present the meter to the Utility Billing Clerk by November 1<sup>st</sup> in each year during which it has been used for any length of time, for the annual reading.

Section 12-505. It shall be unlawful for any person having a separate meter to suffer, allow or permit any of the water passing through such meter to be used in any fashion whereby the water will be introduced into the sanitary sewer system of the City.

Section 12-506. If any such separate water meter shall become defective, it shall be the responsibility of the homeowner to have the meter repaired. Any and all readings

from a defective meter shall result in the homeowner being billed at the regular rate for water/sewer consumption, without any credit for that portion of the sewer charge attributable to the flow through the separate meter.

Section 12-507. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal civil infraction. A person, firm or corporation determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a municipal civil infraction shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars plus costs, and if applicable, damages and expenses as provided by law. A municipal civil infraction action brought for any violation of this ordinance shall follow the procedures set forth in Act No. 12, P.A. 1994, as amended, and a Defendant charged with a municipal civil infraction violation shall have all of the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations set forth therein.

Section 12-508. This ordinance shall be effective July 28, 1986.

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