

**COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION
NON SEWER USE PARALLEL METERS**

- 1. GENERAL:** For commercial Customers, the Moon Township Municipal Authority (Authority), will permit the use of a water meter (“Parallel Meter”) to measure water which does not enter the sewer system and which flows through a supply line that is equipped with a dedicated exterior shut off valve. The Customer will not be billed charges for sewer service for water flowing through an approved Parallel Meter. All Authority water and sewer Customers desiring to use a Parallel Meter must comply with the requirements of this Section.

- 2. APPLICATION:** A written application prepared on an Authority form must be submitted to establish a Parallel Meter account and to request installation of a Parallel Meter. The application shall include a sketch plan drawn to scale illustrating and delineating the Parallel Meter location, the piping configuration and the facilities to be supplied through the Meter.

- 3. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:** Every Parallel Meter installation must be in accordance with the following:
 - a. There shall be no cross connections between the General Service supply system and the Parallel Service supply system at any point downstream of the dedicated exterior shut off valve on the Parallel Service supply line.
 - b. The installation and operation of the Parallel Service shall comply with all requirements of the Authority.
 - c. The Parallel Service shall be considered a separate water supply service account subject to separate minimum water usage charges. Water properly consumed through an approved Parallel Service will be exempt from sewer charges.
 - d. Parallel Service requires the installation of a Parallel Meter connected to a water supply line with a dedicated exterior shut off valve. No Parallel Meter may be installed downstream of a General Service Meter.
 - e. Water passing through a Parallel Meter may only be used to supply outside (exterior) fixtures that do not drain into a sanitary sewer.

- 4. INSTALLATION OF PARALLEL METERS:** Parallel Meter use will be subject to MTMA Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service, and to the following additional requirements.
 - a. The Authority will furnish and install an appropriate Parallel Meter for each Customer whose Application has been approved.
 - b. The Customer shall provide a safe, readily accessible and protected location for the installation of a Parallel Meter. The location must be

accessible to the Authority. The Customer shall also provide a location outside of the structure for the placement of a remote meter reading device, which location must be within one (1) foot of the remote reading device for the General Service Meter. The Authority will install the appropriate wiring for the remote meter reading device if the wiring runs through an unfinished and readily accessible area of the structure and if the wiring is less than thirty (30) feet in length. Otherwise, the Customer shall be responsible for the installation of the wiring and remote reading device, subject to inspection and testing by the Authority.

- c. Outside Location – In cases where it is impractical or unsuitable to place a Parallel Meter within a structure, the Authority may place the Meter in a box or vault at the Customer’s expense.
- d. The Customer shall install a Reduced Pressure Zone (“RPZ”) backflow prevention device acceptable to the Authority on the outlet side of the Parallel Meter. Every RPZ backflow prevention device must be tested annually by a certified Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester, with the report submitted annually to the Authority. The inspection and testing process and procedure shall be governed by the Authority’s Backflow Preventer Inspection and Testing Program and the Customer shall pay to the Authority an annual fee of \$15 for the administration of the Program.

5. INSPECTION OF INSTALLATION: The Authority will inspect the completed installation of the Parallel System piping and appurtenances and, if satisfactory, will install the Parallel Meter. If unsatisfactory, the Applicant will be notified by the Authority of the deficiencies which must be corrected before the Meter is installed by the Authority.

6. SERVICE FEE: The Customer shall pay all costs associated with purchasing and installing a Parallel Meter and appurtenances and any and all connection, Customer and tapping fees imposed by the Authority, including the following:

- a. Parallel Meter Installation Fee – The fee for Parallel Meter installation will be the same as that established by the Authority for the installation of a General Service Meter.
- b. Minimum Usage Charge – A periodic minimum usage charge will be imposed on each Customer with a Parallel Meter while the dedicated supply line to the Parallel System remains active (turned on). This charge is in addition to the periodic minimum usage charge applicable to the General Service Meter. This charge allows the use of a specified minimum quantity of water without additional charge. The charge applies to both Parallel Meter Customers using a single service tap at the water main (same tap as the General Service) and to those using an independent service line with a separate tap. Customers with a Parallel Meter installed prior to November of 2013 and which does not have a dedicated exterior shut off valve on its water supply line must pay the periodic minimum

usage charge at all times, while those Customers with a Parallel Meter installed after November of 2013 and/or which has a dedicated exterior shut off valve may request that the Authority shut off the water supply to the Parallel System as set forth below and no minimum usage charge will be imposed while the Parallel Service supply is shut off.

7. **NO CHANGES TO INSTALLATION:** Upon the completion of a Parallel Meter installation by the Authority, the Customer shall not, without receiving prior written approval and/or a subsequent inspection by the Authority, alter, or cause to be altered, the Parallel Meter, its appurtenances or the piping configuration. All water passing through a Parallel Meter must immediately proceed to the exterior of the building or structure in which the Parallel Meter is installed and be used only through fixtures that do not drain into a sanitary sewer.
8. **SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION:** Authorized employees of the Authority, designated by proper identification, shall have access to the Customer's Premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of inspecting and/or testing the Parallel Meter, its installation and configuration.
9. **AUTHORITY SHALL OWN AND MAINTAIN METER:** The Authority will own, and maintain all Parallel Meters in the same manner as with General Service Meters. The ownership and maintenance of Parallel Meters shall be subject to the provisions of Section IV of these Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service.
10. **PARALLEL SERVICE SUPPLY SHUTOFF:** A Customer may request that the Authority shut off the water supply to the Parallel Service for a period of time of no less than ninety (90) days. A Parallel Meter will not be subject to the minimum usage charge while said supply is shut off. The Authority may charge a service fee for shutting off and/or turning on the water supply to the Parallel Service.