

ORDINANCE NO. [2024-07]

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MOFFAT REQUIRING INSPECTIONS OF WATER METER PITS

WHEREAS, the Town of Moffat does not currently have a required inspection process for water meter pits; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees recognizes the need to ensure the proper maintenance, safety, and functionality of water meter pits for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees seeks to implement a mandatory inspection program to be called "Exhibit A" to uphold the integrity of the town's water infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MOFFAT, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a mandatory inspection program for water meter pits within the Town of Moffat to ensure they meet safety and operational standards.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- Water Meter Pit: A below-ground enclosure housing the water meter and associated components.
- Inspector: A person authorized by the Town of Moffat to conduct inspections of water meter pits.
- Automatic Failure Items: Critical items that will result in an automatic failure of the inspection due to their impact on safety, functionality, and compliance. These items include but not limited to:
 - Cracked or severely damaged meter pit cover.
 - Visible damage, rust, or leaks in the water meter.
 - Loose or improperly aligned water meter.
 - Incorrect installation of backflow prevention devices if required.
 - Any leaks detected in the inlet and outlet connections or within the meter pit.

- Presence of standing water or signs of water infiltration inside the pit indicating inadequate drainage.
- Obstructions preventing access to the meter pit, such as debris, excessive vegetation, or structural barriers.
- Pit cover that cannot be easily removed.
- Sharp edges, protruding objects, or other hazards inside the pit.
- Absence of necessary warning signs or labels where required.
- Evidence of pests or pest damage within the meter pit.

Section 3. Inspection Requirement

1. Mandatory Inspections: All water meter pits within the Town of Moffat shall be inspected at least once every year to ensure compliance with safety and operational standards.
2. Inspection Checklist: The initial inspection shall be conducted in accordance with the checklist provided in Exhibit A, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference.
3. All lines must remain fully exposed and shall not be backfilled prior to the initial inspection. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the necessity for re-exposing the lines at the property owner's expense.

Section 4. Inspection Process

1. Scheduling Initial Inspections: Property owners shall notify the Town in writing that their contractor is ready for inspection, at which time the Town will schedule with the Town's authorized inspector to complete the initial inspection. All subsequent inspections will be announced in writing by the Town via mailing out a Public Notice to customers.
2. Inspection Fees: Property owners shall be responsible for an initial inspection fee of \$300. This fee must be paid prior to the inspection.

Section 5. Compliance and Penalties

1. Compliance: Property owners must address any damage caused by themselves and or their contractor that may be identified during the inspection within 30 days of receiving the inspection report.
2. Penalties: Failure to comply with the inspection requirements or to address identified issues may result in loss of water service until satisfactorily resolved.

Section 6. Automatic Failure Disclaimer

If any automatic failure items are identified during the *initial* inspection (Not subsequent inspections), the water meter pit will be considered as having failed the inspection. These critical issues must be

remedied before any further water related construction or modifications can be undertaken on the property, and water service will not be established until all failures have been resolved.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its final passage and adoption.

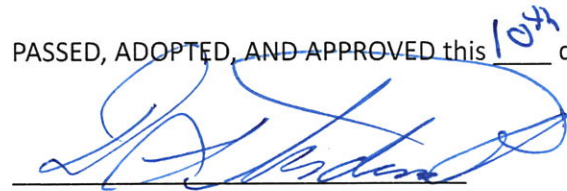
Section 8. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 9. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 10th day of December, 2024.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

Exhibit A

Water Meter Pit Inspection Checklist

Inspector Name: _____

Inspection Date: _____

Property Address: _____

1. General Condition

- [] Check the overall condition of the meter pit structure.
- [] Ensure the pit is free from debris, water, and other obstructions.
- [] Verify the pit cover is intact, securely in place, and can be easily removed.

2. Pit Cover

- [] Inspect the cover for cracks, damage, or corrosion.
- [] Ensure the cover fits properly and provides adequate protection.
- [] Verify that the cover is labeled appropriately for easy identification.

3. Meter Condition

- [] Check the water meter for visible damage, rust, or leaks.
- [] Verify the meter is securely attached and properly aligned.
- [] Ensure the meter reading is visible and can be easily accessed.

4. Meter Connections

- [] Inspect the inlet and outlet connections for leaks or corrosion.
- [] Ensure all connections are tight and secure.
- [] Check for proper installation of backflow prevention devices if applicable.

5. Pit Interior

- [] Inspect the interior of the pit for signs of water infiltration or standing water.
- [] Ensure there is adequate drainage to prevent water accumulation.
- [] Check for the presence of pests or evidence of pest damage.

6. Accessibility

- [] Verify the pit is easily accessible for maintenance and meter reading.
- [] Ensure there is clear access to the pit and it is not obstructed by landscaping or other structures.
- [] Confirm there is adequate space around the pit for safe operation.

7. Safety

- [] Check for any sharp edges, protruding objects, or other hazards inside the pit.
- [] Ensure all components meet safety standards and regulations.
- [] Verify the presence of any necessary warning signs or labels.

8. Documentation

- [] Record the meter reading and compare it with the previous reading for accuracy.
- [] Note any maintenance or repairs needed.
- [] Take photographs of the pit and meter for documentation.

Comments/Notes:

Inspector Signature: _____

Date: _____