

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC
ORDINANCE 2024-21**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
Chapter 144 Regarding the Installation of Water Meters and Curbstop Boxes in the
Borough of Longport.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT that:

Borough of Longport Code Provision Chapter § 144 is hereby amended as follows:

§ 144-8 Acknowledgment prior to installation; meters required.

The municipality shall have the right to install water meters in all properties within the municipality, intended installation of water meter services shall be acknowledged by the owner or owners of the property or person or persons acting as their agent, receiver or trustee before the actual installation occurs. All water taps made and all use of water within Longport shall be through water meters.

§ 144-9 Satisfactory location required.

If the Borough Plumbing Subcode Official or the contractor employed by the municipality to install the water meters determines that the present piping on any premises within the municipality is unsuitable, improper or inadequate for the installation of said meters, the owner or owners of said premises, or their agents acting on their behalf, shall be required to have a plumber realign or rearrange said piping so as to provide a satisfactory location for the meter, within 60 days from the date of final notice. Notice shall be in writing and shall be forwarded to the owner or owners of the particular premises, or to their agents acting on their behalf, by regular mail. The expense of said rearrangement shall be borne by the owner of the particular premises.

§ 144-10 Location of rearranged or realigned piping.

Should realignment or rearrangement of the piping become necessary pursuant to § 144-9 of this chapter, [then the meter must be located in a meter pit outside of the structure in accordance with §144-11] ~~said piping shall be located in the crawl space or utility room of the premises, ahead of any branches in piping, and shall consist of a horizontal or vertical section of pipe at least 12 inches long and with sufficient clearance to permit the installation of the meter. Before making such rearrangement, approval must be obtained from the contractor or the Borough Plumbing Subcode Official.~~

§ 144-11 Outside installation by contractor.

In the event that it is not possible to make the realignment or rearrangement aforesaid ~~or in the event that such realignment or rearrangement would be fiscally prohibitive or is otherwise unfeasible, which determination shall be made solely by the Borough Plumbing Subcode~~

Official, the contractor will then be required to install the meter in the pit area outside the premises. The cost of said installation shall be borne by the owner. [The meter pit assembly (including meter, meter pit, and shut off valve) shall be installed in compliance with the following requirements:

1. The existing curbstop must be covered with a curbstop box. If a new curbstop installation is required it must be installed in close proximity to the curb ahead of the meter. Curbstop box must be level with final elevation of landscaping so as to be unobstructed and clearly visible. Hardscaping may be installed directly up to the meter pit lid. The owner is responsible to continue to keep curbstop box and meter lid free from any obstruction and clearly visible
2. Meter pit must be as close as reasonably possible to the curbstop box. No meter pit may be placed in any walkway or driveway if any other viable location is available in the front of the property or, if on a corner lot, the street side. The meter pit lid must be level with final elevation of landscaping so as to be unobstructed and clearly visible at all times. The owner is responsible to continue to keep the meter pit lid free from any obstruction and clearly visible.
3. The top of the meter yoke must be installed within a 12' to 14' depth of final elevation of meter pit lid.

If an owner or building contractor is of the opinion it is not feasible to comply with the above requirements, they may request an exemption from the Borough Plumbing Subcode Official. The Official will then make the final determination, in consultation with the Water Department, as to the location of the curbstop box and meter pit if the above requirements cannot be met.]

§ 144-12 **Enforcement.**

It shall be the responsibility of the Borough Plumbing Subcode Official and the duly authorized agents of the Superintendent to enforce compliance with all terms and conditions of this chapter.

§ 144-13 **Impeding authorized agents prohibited.**

No owner of any premises subject to this chapter, nor said owner's agents, shall impede or refuse to permit the Borough Plumbing Subcode Official, the contractor or any of their authorized agents or employees from implementing the terms or conditions of this chapter. Specifically, by way of example but not limitation, no owner or agent shall refuse the aforesaid officials ready access to premises to enable said officials to install meters and connections.

§ 144-14 **Violations and penalties.**

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, to a fine not to exceed \$500 or to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 10 days in the county jail, or both. [Whenever such person shall have been officially notified or by service of a summons in a prosecution, or in any other official manner, that said person is committing a violation, each day's occurrence shall constitute a separate offense, punishable by a fine or penalty.]

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