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IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE

Irrigation water service is readily available to most parcels located within the boundaries of Midway Heights County Water District. Irrigation water is untreated ditch water sold expressly for outside irrigation. All applicants for irrigation water service with Midway Heights County Water District must provide proof of a potable water source for use inside the home before irrigation service can be provided.

Non-metered irrigation water is sold in increments known as Miners Inches. A Miners Inch is a measurement of flow rate delivery. One Miners Inch flows at a rate of approximately 11.2 gallons per minute. Irrigation water is currently sold at a monthly rate of \$69.36 per Miners Inch. Additional Miners Inches can be purchased for the summer season (May 1 - September 30) at a cost of \$60.69 per Miners Inch per month.

Midway Heights County Water District also offers the option of purchasing **metered irrigation water** to its new and existing customers. All metered irrigation services are read approximately every 2 months, and receive bimonthly invoices that show a service charge from \$28.84 to \$201.88 per meter per month plus usage charges of \$0.33 per unit (1 unit = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons). The service charge is based on the flow rate requested by the customer. The minimum service charge of \$28.84 per month will deliver a flow rate equivalent to one miners inch or 11.2 gallons per minute. This flow rate is sufficient for approximately a 5 acre lot when you take into account a house, driveway etc. On the average, irrigated pasture requires about one-half miners-inch of water per acre but this can vary. The meter will be sized according to the flow rate chosen by the customer and water work standards for continuous flow rates, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meter being the smallest available. As per the District's current code, all conversions to metered irrigation service shall be at the customer's request.

All applications for irrigation water service must be made directly with Midway Heights County Water District. A brief description regarding various service application situations and the required deposits and/or fees follows:

INSTALLATION OF A NEW IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING DISTRICT MAIN PIPELINE:

In order to cover all applicable costs and charges of the service installation, the District will require a deposit (based on staff estimations) of up to \$1,500 per service. If the actual installation costs amount to less than the deposit received,

the excess amount will be refunded to the applicant within sixty days of completion of the work. Conversely, if the deposit proves insufficient to cover the costs incurred, service may not begin until arrangements are made for paying the balance.

INSTALLATION OF A NEW IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE NON-ADJACENT TO AN EXISTING DISTRICT MAIN PIPELINE:

In those cases where parcels may not be serviced by existing District pipelines, construction of a main pipeline extension may be arranged with the District. All costs incurred for main pipeline extensions are the responsibility of the applicant and will require the approval of a Mainline Extension Agreement before work is begun. Specific information regarding mainline extensions may be obtained by contacting the District office.

RECONNECTION OF AN ABANDONED IRRIGATION SERVICE:

Abandoned irrigation services are those that have been disconnected for a continuous period of two or more years, as defined by District Code. In order to cover all applicable costs and charges of the work required to bring the abandoned service up to current standards, the District will require a deposit (based on staff estimations) of up to \$1,500 per service. If the actual costs of the required work amount to less than the deposit received, the excess amount will be refunded to the applicant within sixty days of completion of the work. Conversely, if the deposit proves insufficient to cover the costs incurred, service may not begin until arrangements are made for paying the balance.

TRANSFER OF AN EXISTING IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE:

A \$50.00 service fee is charged when application is made to transfer an irrigation service (with home ownership) from one customer to another. This fee covers inspection and any work that needs to be done by the District to upgrade the service, as well as costs for a customer requested change in delivery (as long as the request is made at the time of the transfer).

CHANGE IN DELIVERY FEE:

A \$50.00 service fee is charged when application is made for: (1) converting a non-metered (Miners Inch) service to metered delivery; (2) converting a metered service to non-metered delivery; or (3) changing the flow rate delivery of a non-metered service (an increase or decrease in Miners Inches).

RECONNECTION OF AN EXISTING DISCONNECTED IRRIGATION WATER SERVICE:

A \$200.00 reconnection fee is charged when an applicant requests reconnection of a disconnected irrigation water service (except in the case of an abandoned service, as discussed above). This fee covers any work that needs to be done by the District to repair and/or upgrade the service.