

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Apartment. A multi-family living unit with one owner of all of the units and the property that the units set upon.

Applicant. Any person association, corporation, entity or governmental agency requesting water service.

(The) Board. The Board of Water Works Trustees, of the City of Des Moines, is the governing body as constituted under the laws of the State of Iowa.

(The) City. The City of Des Moines, Iowa, a municipal corporation acting through the City Council or its duly authorized representatives.

Combination General Service Line. Domestic service line and fire protection line served from a single tap.

Condominium. A multi-family living unit with individual owners for each unit. The property that each unit sets upon is normally owned by one common owner (a homeowner's association).

Connection Fee. A calculated charge assessed to a property owner who will utilize increased flow capacity of the distribution system for which the Des Moines Water Works has made a capital cost investment.

Cross Connection. Any connection or structural arrangement between a public or a consumer's potable water system and any non-potable source or system through which backflow can occur.

Des Moines Water Works or DMWW. The Des Moines Water Works or DMWW is the utility which is governed by, and officially titled as the Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

Distribution Main. The water pipe, located in a street or approved easement area, from which domestic water supply is delivered to the service pipe leading to specific premises; usually not larger than 12" in diameter.

CEO and General Manager. The duly appointed chief executive officer of the Des Moines Water Works.

Duplex/Flat. A two family living unit with one owner of the two living units. The owner of the units also owns the property that the two units set upon (side-by-side or stacked).

Implied Public Access. Areas on private property that are accessible to the general public, and will remain accessible in the future. Examples of such areas are driveways and parking lots for shopping malls and apartment complexes.

Manufactured Home Complexes. Two or more manufactured homes adjacent to each other, located on a property owned by one common owner. (Ewing trace)

Master Plumber. A plumber who has satisfactorily completed the Master Plumber Certificate of competency examination administered by the City of Des Moines.

Master Service. A water supply line to a group of buildings or planned units, usually metered in one location to indicate total consumption for the development.

Owner. The agency or individual in possession of a property being serviced by the Des Moines Water Works.

Plumbing Contractor. An individual who holds a certificate of competency as a Master Plumber and posts the appropriate surety and cash bonds to the City of Des Moines Building Inspection Department and supplies a plumber's license bond to the Des Moines Water Works.

Private Fire Protection System. Consists of a fire service connection to the Des Moines Water Works main and any or all of the following: standpipe(s), automatic sprinkler system(s), fire pump(s), or fire hydrant(s).

Private Water Main. Water pipe, which supplies water to a specific premise or premises, owned and maintained by people or organizations other than the Des Moines Water Works.

Process Service. A water supply line used for providing a consistent, high volume demand for water over a period of time for industrial or cooling purposes.

Service Line. All piping and appurtenances installed from the water main to the outlet connection of the first shut-off device within a building.

Service Main. A privately owned and maintained water service to a single property, which provides fire and domestic service connections with the individual valves located in implied public access way.

Street, Road, or Alley. The whole area within the right-of-way limits.

Tap. The physical connection to a water main through which the water supply is carried.

Townhome. A multi-family living unit with individual owners for each unit. The owner of the living unit normally owns the property that each unit sets upon.

Transmission Main. Large diameter water pipe, usually 16” or larger in diameter, which delivers water from treatment plants or pumping stations to the Distribution Mains. Transmission Mains cannot be tapped directly for water service without special permission from Des Moines Water Works.

Water Service. All piping and appurtenances installed from the water main to the outlet connection of the first shut-off device within a building.

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