CITY CODES:

14.20.020 Unauthorized taking of City water:
Every person who willfully takes water from the City water system without the City’s permission, is liable to the City in the sum of $500.00, as a civil penalty, for the first such act and $1,000.00, as a civil penalty for each subsequent act during any three-year period. This sum shall be recoverable by civil suit in a court competent jurisdiction. This section does not limit the City’s right to recover the cost of any City water taken without the City’s permission.

14.20.030 Tampering or damage to the City water system:
Every person who willfully tampers with or causes damage to any City water system appurtenance is liable to the City in the sum of $500.00, as a civil penalty, for the first such act and $1,000.00, as a civil penalty for each subsequent act during any three-year period. This sum shall be recoverable by civil suit in a court competent jurisdiction. This section does not limit the City’s right to recover the cost of damage to its water system.

14.20.040 Operation of City valve or hydrant without permission of City:
Every person who willfully operates or uses any City water valve or hydrant on the City water system without the City’s permission is liable to the City in the sum of $500.00, as a civil penalty, for the first such act and $1,000.00, as a civil penalty, for each subsequent act during any three-year period. This sum shall be recoverable by civil suit in a court of competent jurisdiction.

FEES ASSOCIATED WITH TEMPORARY CITY METERS:

**Deposit:**
- 5/8” or 1”: $300.00
- Bridge, Hydrant or 6”: $1,500.00

**Start Service Fee:** $125.00

**Unable to Set/Test:** $25.00

**Relocate:** $125.00

**Charge for water:** $6.20/1,000 gallons

**Monthly Fixed charge:**
- 5/8” $13.76
- 1” $30.86
- Bridge $93.57
- Hydrant $173.36
- 6” no fixed charge

**Note:** Fees subject to change. Rates effective 7/1/20.
TEMPORARY WATER METERS

Temporary water service connections are required where there is a need for construction site water from the City of Santa Rosa and there is not a metered and backflow protected connection. The temporary meter/backflow assembly is required to assure the City that the water is being paid for and, more importantly, that our water supply is being protected from contamination.

Typical uses of temporary meters are for site water for construction purposes, connection water for testing and flushing water mains in new developments, and for filling water trucks. The City of Santa Rosa Utilities Department provides many choices for temporary connections to fit the need of each user. This brochure contains a brief description of each type of temporary meter connection.

**WARNING (Connection):** Temporary Meters may not be connected to any building (permanent or temporary), recreational vehicles, or any irrigation systems at anytime. Doing so will violate your permit resulting in possible fines and/or removal of Temporary Meter.

**WARNINGS (Sewer):** All of the meters listed are for temporary uses and are not to be used for domestic purposes. No water received from a temporary meter connection can be allowed to enter the sanitary sewer.

**WARNINGS (Storm Drains):** Discharge of concrete, soil and other construction debris to the storm drain is prohibited (City Code Chapter 17-12). Assume all outdoor drains are storm drains which lead directly to creeks. Dischargers may be fined up to $25,000 per day, per violation and are subject to civil and criminal penalties.

**SERVICE METERS:** These are either 5/8 inch or 1 inch water meters and backflow prevention devices connected to an existing curb stop that does not yet have a permanent water meter. Typically, these meters are used in new residential or commercial developments for site construction purposes. The maximum flow delivered at the customer side of the backflow device is 15 to 20 gallons-per-minute (gpm). The deposit fee is $300.00.

**HYDRANT METERS:** These are large devices with a 3-inch meter and a 2-inch backflow device for attaching to a city fire hydrant. The flow from this device is much higher than a service meter and is typically used for filling water trucks and for site water. Maximum flow is 300 gpm and the deposit is $1,500.00.

**BRIDGE METERS:** Bridge meters have backflow devices and are used to “bridge” from the City’s water system to a project’s water system for the purposes of testing buried water infrastructure and for providing site water. The bridge meter’s maximum flow is 160 gpm and has an $1,500.00 deposit.

**6 INCH:** The 6-inch bridge meter is supplied and installed by the contractor under Utility Department inspection. City staff verifies that the meter registers in gallons and operates correctly. It is Contractor responsibility to test backflow prior to use. The 6-inch meter is to provide for fire protection when combustible materials such as lumber are being used at a construction site. The maximum flow through the meter is 2,000 gpm and the deposit is $1,500.00. Since the 6-inch device is not the City’s, the deposit is for insurance against damage to the City’s infra-