

# ORDINANCE NO. 2011-031

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

July 26, 2011

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.04.060, ADDING SECTION 13.04.075, AND AMENDING SECTION 13.04.180 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO WATER SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

### SECTION 1.

Section 13.04.060 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

#### **13.04.060 Service connections generally.**

Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, each lot or parcel shall have a separate water service, except for fire service connections serving more than one lot or parcel that are authorized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. All water service lines shall be equipped with an approved corporation stop/valve at the distribution main and a curb/stop valve at the point of service. Such service lines shall not cross another lot or parcel without first obtaining any and all rights-of-way, easements and/or other approvals necessary to do so.

To be eligible for water service, the property to which service is to be extended must abut a dedicated public easement or a city right-of-way in which a distribution main is constructed at a point immediately adjacent to the property, unless the director authorizes the extension of a distribution main.

The director may authorize water service for land locked parcels provided that the customer obtains recorded private easements from the affected owner(s) and all other applicable legal requirements are fulfilled. Private easements must abut a distribution main in a dedicated public easement or city right-of-way. Water service lines constructed in private easements are private water lines, and the city shall have no responsibility for the maintenance and repair of such lines.

Except as provided herein, maximum sizes of service connections shall be determined by the director. For single-family domestic service connections, the maximum size shall be one inch, or one and one half inches if residential fire sprinkler systems are present, unless otherwise authorized by the director.

All water service connections are subject to the city's tap, meter, development, and abandonment fees established from time to time by resolution of the city council, and to the department's then-current cross-connection control standards.

## SECTION 2.

Section 13.04.075 is added to the Sacramento City Code to read as follows:

### **13.04.075 Water Service for Community Gardens.**

The director may authorize lots or parcels utilized for a community garden, as defined in section 17.16.010 of this code, to use the existing water service connection of an adjoining lot or parcel to provide irrigation for the community garden if the owner of the adjoining lot or parcel consents to such use, provided that:

- A. A backflow prevention device is installed and periodically tested in accordance with such requirements as may be specified by the director to protect the potable water supply of the city and of the adjoining lot or parcel served by the existing water service connection; and
- B. A water meter is installed on the existing water service connection.

The owner of the adjoining lot or parcel served by the existing water service connection shall notify the director prior to the initiation of any such use, and shall be liable for all rates, charges, and fees for the water service furnished to the existing water service connection used to provide irrigation for the community garden.

## SECTION 3.

Section 13.04.180 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

### **13.04.180 Service pipes.**

It shall be unlawful for any person whose water service pipe is attached directly or indirectly to a public water main, to allow any person to attach any pipe or hose connection to the plumbing on his or her lot or parcel for the purpose of providing water service to any other lot or parcel, except to provide irrigation for a community garden in accordance with section 13.04.075 of this code.

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Adopted by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sacramento on June 26, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy and Mayor Johnson.

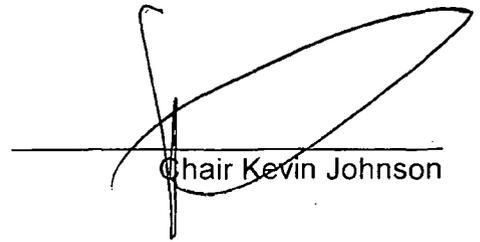
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Attest:

  
Shirley Concolino, Secretary

  
Chair Kevin Johnson