



## **SECOND WATER METER INSTALLATION PROGRAM**

### **FOR OUTSIDE WATER CONSUMPTION**

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has available to its residents on the municipal water system, a "Second Water Meter" Installation Program for "outside water consumption". This second meter, when purchased by the customer, will result in a second and separate billed item for water being used by the customer. The second meter will only charge for the water consumption going through the meter, without adding a sewer charge. This meter would be used for watering lawns, gardens, making ice rinks, washing cars, etc. The volume of water used for such purposes should be the deciding factor as to whether or not it is economically desirable to acquire the second meter.

The second meter may be purchased at City Hall located at 225 E. Portage Avenue. An application for the meter will need to be filled out at the Utility Billing Office. Payment for the meter will then need to be collected at the Cashier's office.

The property owner, or occupant of the residence, shall be responsible for the full purchase price of the meter at current market rate, the full cost of plumbing, and any backflow preventer(s) devices deemed necessary.

Should at some future time, the customer desires to return the meter to the City, the sum of the meter shall be returned to the customer, assuming there has been no destruction of the meter.

An inspection of the plumbing and installation of the second meter will be by appointment only and required before the meter will be installed. This inspection can be scheduled by placing a call to the Utility Billing Coordinator at (906) 632-5722. Any questions about this program can also be directed to the Utility Billing Coordinator.

Please see important information about the installation below.

## PLUMBING REQUIRMENTS

- 1.) The second meter shall be installed as close to the main supply line meter as possible, using the installation chart attached hereto.
- 2.) An approved shut-off valve shall be installed immediately before and after the second meter. (This is mandatory)
- 3.) Meter connections will be supplied by the Water Department, included in the cost of the meter.
- 4.) It is highly recommended by the Water Department that a hose bib vacuum breaker, illustration attached, be used on all outside hose connections. This would eliminate any chance of contaminated water getting back into the household drinking water supply through back-siphonage. These hose bib vacuum breakers are available at the local hardware and plumbing supply store.

