

ORDINANCE NO. 77-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 “WATER METERS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALO, IOWA

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide an avenue for consumers of the City’s municipal water service to verify the accuracy of their water means from time to time or when a concern arises. This ordinance establishes that process and the standard by which water meters shall be evaluated for accuracy.

SECTION II. SECTION REPEALED AND REPLACED. Section 91.10 of Chapter 91 “Water Meter” of the City Code is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as follows:

CHAPTER 91

91.10 ACCURACY TEST.

A customer may make a request, in writing, to the Superintendent for a water meter accuracy test once every six months. The Superintendent shall make a test of the accuracy of any water meter at any time when requested in writing, but not more often than once in six months. Such request shall be accompanied by a refundable deposit of \$150.00, guaranteeing payment of costs if found due. Accuracy tests shall be completed consistent with the American Water Works Association Standard C700, Cold Water Meters-Displacement Type and to be considered accurate the meter must register at least 98.5 percent, but not more than 101.5 percent of the volume of water passing through the meter.

If a meter does not meet the AWWA Standard C700, the City shall pay the cost of testing. A refund of the deposit shall be made to the customer and the customer’s utility account will be adjusted based on an average billing of the previous years’ worth of data or if a full year is not available, the average of the customer’s use for the property. If the meter is found to be accurate, the customer deposit shall be forfeited as the reasonable costs of the test, and the customer shall be liable for any and all previous consumption charges.

SECTION III. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.


SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February 2025.



Eric VanKerckhove, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lenna Goodale, City Clerk

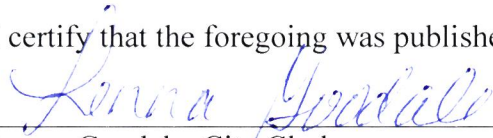
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Lenna Goodale, City Clerk