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Meriden Drainage Contractors

RE: Change to Meriden City Code  
Permit for Water Service Installation/Repair

At its February 20, 2018 meeting, the Meriden City Council voted to amend the City Water Code to require that anyone proposing to install or repair a water service that is serviced by the City of Meriden Water Division is now required to obtain a permit from the Engineering Division prior to starting any work.

The parameters of the permit application are the same as the existing process for permitting sanitary sewer service repairs. The contractor must be licensed to work in the City of Meriden, hold a valid P-1 or P-7 plumbing license issued by the State of Connecticut, and have an active \$4,000 Drainlayers Bond on file. The Permit Application form should be filled out and submitted to Engineering along with a \$50 permit fee and a sketch showing the location of the work area and the extents of the proposed repair.

**This change to the permit requirements will be begin on Monday, April 2, 2018.**

Attached is a copy of the revisions to the Water Code. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brian Ennis, P.E., or Howard Weissberg, P.E., PTOE, at 203-630-4019.

Very truly yours,

Brian Ennis, P.E.  
Associate City Engineer

cc: Public Utilities Commission  
Dennis Waz, Director of Public Utilities  
Robert J. Bass, P.E., Director of Public Works  
Howard Weissberg, P.E., PTOE, Associate City Engineer  
Doug Dexter, Water Distribution Supervisor  
Don Angersola, Building Official  
Bobby Marcantonio, Public Works Facilities Inspector  
Project File – Water Code Amendment  
File

## § 207-6 Maintenance of Service Pipes

- C. No unauthorized person(s) shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, repair or disturb any public water line or appurtenance thereof.

A person intending to connect a water service pipe from his property to the public main shall first obtain a permit to connect from the Engineering Division. The application shall be made on forms provided by the Engineering Division and it shall be accompanied by a sketch or plan showing the proposed installation in sufficient detail to enable the Engineering Division to determine that the proposed installation meets the requirements of this regulation and other applicable specifications, codes and laws. The application shall be signed by the qualified contractor who has been chosen to perform the work of installing and connecting the water service pipe to the public main. Upon approval by the Engineering Division of the application and plan, a permit shall be issued to have the work performed by the stated contractor. In the event that the premises changes ownership before the work is completed, or if another contractor is chosen to perform or finish the work, the original permit becomes void and a new permit must be obtained by the parties in interest. New fees shall be charged.

Prior to obtaining a permit to connect, the applicant or his authorized representative shall provide adequate documentation to the Engineering Division to indicate how the connection is proposed. The Engineering Division and/or the Public Utilities Commission shall review the application to determine if the proposal is acceptable or if changes are required. It shall be unlawful for any person who has received such a permit connect with any water main or service other than the one approved in such permit.

The City reserves the right to increase the limits of the repair if, in the opinion of the Water Inspector or Water Distribution Supervisor, the condition of the service pipe is such that a larger repair is necessary.

- D. All water service pipes shall be installed by a plumber who possesses a valid license issued under Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. In addition thereto, no person shall make any connection with any public or private main in the City unless he is licensed and obtained all necessary permits, and no person shall employ any unlicensed person to do such work.

Every person so licensed shall file with the Engineering Division a surety bond, payable to the City, in the sum of \$4,000, conditioned that the licensee will indemnify and save harmless the City from all loss, cost or damage arising out of or in connection with any work done under such license.