

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ WATER DEPARTMENT

Meter Downsizing Information & Authorization

Services and meters are initially installed to provide a certain capacity and pressure to meet the maximum demand expected by the customer. Sizing of these facilities is based on the Uniform Plumbing Code's fixture unit counts.

Section 16.04.100 of the Municipal Code governs changes in meter size. A request for a smaller size meter will ordinarily be approved if the customer's usage history indicates the meter size requested will provide satisfactory service.

Connection fees are levied for all new or additional residential units or water services. No refund for connection fees previously paid will be given when a request for a meter downsizing is made. A connection fee credit, however, for the larger size meter will be established for the service and will remain valid for 24 months after the meter downsizing. Should a request for a larger meter be made after this 24 month period, connection fees will be assessed at the rates in effect at that time.

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