

STATE OF TEXAS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SEGUIN CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 102, UTILITIES, ARTICLE III, WATER, DIVISION II, CONNECTIONS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 102-106, RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CUSTOMER YARD PIPING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City's responsibility for its water system does not include the areas on the customer side of the water meter, which, under state law, is considered plumbing; and

WHEREAS, the system wide water pressure may vary greatly; however the City must maintain such a pressure that, at a minimum throughout the system, pressures for fire flow are maintained; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of a water system some customer may experience higher water pressure; and

WHEREAS, customers, especially those with water softeners or sprinklers, who experience a water pressure greater than 80 pounds per square inch may want to control such pressure with a pressure reducing valve that is installed as a plumbing fixture on the customer side of the meter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:

SECTION ONE. The Seguin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 102, Utilities, Article III, Water, Division II, Connections, is hereby amended by the creation of a new Section 102-106, to read as follows:

Sec. 102-106. Responsibilities for Customer Yard Piping.

- (a). The City of Seguin will maintain, repair, and replace water service lines and meters from the distribution main to the outlet side of the meter, including the outlet side meter coupling.
- (b). The customer is responsible for installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of customer side equipment, including, but not limited to, pressure regulating valves and yard piping extending from the outlet side of the meter coupling throughout the remainder of the customer's property in accordance with the plumbing code adopted by the City.
- (c) The customer is responsible for all maintenance of the pressure regulating valve on the customer side of the meter.

SECTION TWO. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

SECTION THREE. All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION FOUR. This Ordinance is effective 10 days after the date of its passage on second reading.

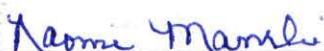
SECTION FIVE. City staff is authorized to prepare this Ordinance for submission as a supplement to the Seguin Code of Ordinances.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this 1st day of May, 2018.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading this 15th day of May, 2018.


DON KEIL, Mayor

ATTEST:


Naomi Manski, City Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: David Rabago, P.E., CFM, Utility Engineer

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Ordinance Amending Water Connections to set Maintenance and Responsibility for PRV

Date: April 23, 2018

Staff is requesting approval for an Ordinance Amending Water Connections to set maintenance and responsibility for pressure regulating valves.

As an anticipated result of the construction of the Continental Elevated Storage Tank and Booster Pump Station on 123 Bypass, there were noticeable increases of water pressure throughout some sections of the City water service area. There were also increases in pressure within some areas of the OVN subdivision resulting in numerous complaints. In an effort to address these complaints, the City of Seguin installed a 6" CLA-VAL pressure-reducing valve at the northwest end of the subdivision. The new valve established pressure ranging from a high of 80 to a low 60. However, at time due to anomalies in the system, pressure may exceed 80 psi. Pressure within the City's water distribution system can vary greatly. However, the City must maintain a minimum water pressure, including pressure for fire flow. Inevitably, due to the nature of the City's water distribution system, some existing and future water customers may experience higher water pressures than they desire for their homes.

It is also important to note that while the installation of the 6" PRV addresses many of the complaints, city staff began receiving low-pressure complaints from within the OVN Subdivision. Many of these complaints have been addressed; however, staff is now beginning to receive complaints of high pressure in the most eastern section of the subdivision. In an effort to provide these water customers the flexibility to control pressure at their residence, Staff is proposing to amend the Code of Ordinances. The changes will require that customers, who experience a water pressure greater than 80 pounds per square inch, or greater than they desire for their homes, may want to control such pressure with their own pressure-reducing valve that is installed as a plumbing fixture on the customer side of the meter. Moreover, customers would be responsible for the installation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the pressure regulating valves.

Please note that Utilities throughout our area such as San Antonio Water Systems, Austin Water, City of Schertz, and the City of San Marcos require property owners to install and maintain pressure-reducing valves at their expense. Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances and will be available to answer any questions at the May 1, 2018 City Council Meeting.