



City of McAllen McAllen Public Utility

SERVICE AGREEMENT

I. PURPOSE The McAllen Public Utility (MPU) is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper plumbing practices. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of these restrictions to ensure the public's health and welfare. Each customer **MUST** sign this agreement before the McAllen Public Utility will begin service. In addition, when services to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the MPU will not establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.

II. PLUMBING RESTRICTIONS. The following undesirable plumbing practices are prohibited by State regulations.

- A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the MPU by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
- B. No cross-connection between the MPU and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
- C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
- D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0 percent lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2 percent lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.

III. SERVICE AGREEMENT. The following are the terms of the service agreement between the McAllen Public Utility and the customer.

- A. The MPU will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises is connected to the MPU.
- B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other undesirable plumbing practices. These inspections shall be conducted by the MPU or its designated agent prior to initiating service and periodically thereafter. The inspections shall be conducted during the MPU normal business hours.
- C. The MPU shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other undesirable plumbing practice which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic re-inspection.
- D. The Customer shall immediately correct any undesirable plumbing practice on his premises.
- E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the MPU. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the MPU.

IV. ENFORCEMENT. If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the MPU shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer. CD:1:14

PRINT CUSTOMER NAME _____ SERVICE ADDRESS _____

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE _____ ACCT # _____