

North City Water District Code

Title 8: Definitions

“Arterial, collector” has the same meaning as that street designation is defined in the municipal code of the city in which the street is located.

“Arterial, major” has the same meaning as that street designation is defined in the municipal code of the city in which the street is located.

“Arterial, minor” has the same meaning as that street designation is defined in the municipal code of the city in which the street is located.

“Assembly” means a back-flow prevention assembly. [5.12.010]

“Board of commissioners” means the board of commissioners of NCWD. “All of its members” or “all commissioners” means the total number of commissioners holding office. [1.04.020]

“Burned or demolished structure” means a house, building or other structure which has been burned, demolished, or otherwise destroyed and which still has existing water service. [6.02.010]

“Charge card” means a card or device issued under an arrangement pursuant to which the issuer gives a card holder the privilege of obtaining charge from the issuer. [2.14.010A]

“Commercial or non-residential customer” means any customer not properly classified in the definitions of single- family residential customers and multifamily customers. Commercial or non-residential customer includes, without limitation, retail uses, grocer and or convenience stores, restaurants or other eating establishments, bars, lounges, clubhouses, public or private community buildings, gas stations, auto repair or service stations, professional offices, banks or lending institutions, barber or beauty shops, warehouses, theaters or auditoriums, laundromats, schools, medical facilities, hospitals, rest homes, convalescent centers, treatment centers or other structure used in the course of business. [6.02.010]

“Connection” in the context of a “Connection Charge,” means the physical hook-up of a structure or land use to the District’s water system.

“Connection Charge” means the District's charge for connecting to the District's water system as authorized by RCW 57.08.005(10) and this title. The District previously used the following terms to describe a connection charge: Systems Facilities Charge, System. Development Charge and System Cost Share Charge. [6.02.010]

“County” means King County. [1.04.020]

“Customer” means the owner of real property or a mobile apparatus legally connected to the district's system.
[5.12.010]

“District” means NCWD or the area within the territorial limits of NCWD, and such territory outside NCWD over which NCWD has jurisdiction or control by virtue of any constitutional or statutory provision. [1.04.020]

“District” means the North City Water District. [5.12.010]

“District side of meter” means the District's system which includes all improvements and appurtenances on the supply side of, as well as including, the meter, but does not include any fittings, pipes or connecting facilities to the meter on the customer side of the meter. [6.02.010]

“Domestic” or “Domestic Service” means the use of water as being for personal household or commercial business use and may include irrigation if plumbed into the service line on the customer side of the meter. [6.02.010]

“Dwelling unit” means a space designed for occupancy by a person or family for living and sleeping purposes, containing kitchen facilities and rooms with internal accessibility, for use solely by the occupants. [6.02.010]

“Dwelling unit, accessory” (also, "ADU") means a use that meets the definition of an accessory dwelling unit as defined by the City of Shoreline (for a use within the City of Shoreline's boundaries) or the City of Lake Forest Park (for a use within the City of Lake Forest Park's boundaries), regardless of whether the use obtained all required permits by the respective city. When a use meets both the city's ADU definition and the District's definition for a multi-family residence, the ADU will be regulated by the District as a multi-family residence rather than an ADU." [NEW DEFINITION]

“ERU” means “Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).” [6.02.010]

“Fire Flow” means a use of water as being reserved for fire suppression use only and does not infer domestic or irrigation purposed. [Note that there may be instances where one meter serves more than one purpose. In these cases, such meters will be considered and billed as domestic. [6.02.010]

“Fire sprinkler service” means a service connection having a meter size of one-inch or greater used for the sole purpose of fire suppression. [6.02.010]

“Highway, major” has the same meaning as that street designation is defined in the municipal code of the city in which the street is located.

“Hosting” means the purchase of food and/or beverages for non-district related purposes.
[2.12.010]

“In-premises installation” or “in-premises protection” means installation of an approved air gap assembly or back- flow prevention assembly at the point of hazard (generally a plumbing fixture), and located within the property lines of the customer's premises. [5.12.010]

“Installation Charge” means a charge for the total cost including labor, equipment and materials, and meter cost, incurred by the District which is directly attributable to the improvements required to connect a property owner's real property to the District's system. This charge is associated with providing a service pipe and meter from the District main to the property owner's private system. [6.02.010]

“Irrigation” means the use of water for watering lawns, shrubs or trees or for crop sprinkling, or other similar uses and does not include domestic or fire suppression uses. [6.02.010]

“Irrigation meter” means a meter of one-inch or greater and associated water service line which is used for irrigation uses. [6.02.010]

“Life-saving medical treatment customer” means any residential customer who is required by medical circumstances to utilize a constant amount of water on a routine medical basis for treatment. For example, kidney dialysis. [6.02.010]

“Mains or Water Mains” mean pipelines from which domestic, fire suppression or irrigation service lines are supplied with water. [6.02.010]

“May” is permissive. [1.04.020]

“Month” means a calendar month. [1.04.020]

“Multifamily customer” means a customer of the District living in a structure containing two or more dwelling units. [6.02.010]

“Multifamily structure” means a structure containing two or more dwelling units. [6.02.010]

“Must” “shall” and “will” are each mandatory. [1.04.020]

“Neighborhood connector” has the same meaning as that street designation is defined in the municipal code of the city in which the street is located.

“Net Usable Area” or “Net Usable Square Feet –NUSF” means the sum of all areas on all floors of a building either assigned to, or available for assignment to, an occupant or specific use, or necessary for the general operation of a building. [6.02.010]

“New Customer” means a customer of the District who requests water service to a property that is not presently being served. [6.02.010]

“Non-travel” is official business in which there is no overnight stay. [2.12.010]

“Oath” means and includes an affirmation or declaration in all cases in which, by law, an affirmation may be substituted for an oath, and in such cases, the words "swear" and "sworn" shall be equivalent to the words "affirm" and "affirmed." [1.04.020]

“Official business” means any conference, meeting, activity or other function conducted or participated in by a commissioner or employee of the district for the purpose of addressing any issue relating to the operation of the district, including any management, fiscal, employment, legal, engineering or other aspect of the district operations. [2.12.010]

“Owner,” applied to a building or land, means and includes any part owner, joint owner, tenant in common, joint tenant, tenant by the entirety, of the whole or a part of such building or land. [1.04.020]

“Person” means and includes a natural person, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, association, club, company, corporation, business, trust, organization, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer or employee of any of them. [1.04.020]

"Personal property" means and includes money, goods, chattels, things in action and evidences of debt. [1.04.020]

“Plan” means the North City Water District Cross Connection Control Plan. [5.12.010]

“Preceding” and “following” mean next before and next after, respectively. [1.04.020]

“Premises” means a continuous tract of land, building or group of adjacent buildings under a single control with respect to the use of water and responsibility for payment therefore. [6.02.010]

“Premises isolation” means installation of an approved air gap assembly or back-flow prevention assembly at or near the service connection, or at an alternative location acceptable to the district, which serves to isolate the customer's water system from the district's distribution system. [5.12.010]

“Property” means and includes real and personal property. [1.04.020]

“Real property” means and includes lands, tenements and hereditaments. [1.04.020]

“Residential Customer”, means a customer of the District utilizing the premises connected to the District water system for residential purposes. [6.02.010]

“Service Connection”, means that portion of the District water system from the water main to the property line including meter, temporary meter, piping and related appurtenances. [6.02.010]

“Sidewalk” means that portion of a street between the curb-line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians. [1.04.020]

“Single-family residence” means a structure containing one dwelling unit. [6.02.010]

“Single-family residence, primary” means a residential use (typically, a single-family house) to which an accessory dwelling unit is accessory. [NEW]

“Single-family residential customer” means a customer of the District living in a single family residence. [6.02.010]

“SPU facility charge” or “SPU facilities charge” means a charge imposed and defined by Seattle Public Utility. [NEW DEFINITION]

“State” means the state of Washington. [1.04.020]

“Street” means and includes all streets, highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, courts, places, squares, curbs or other public ways in NCWD which have been or may hereafter be dedicated and open to public use, or such other public property so designated in any law of this state. [1.04.020]

“Temporary Water Service” means a 5/8 x 3/4 inch water meter installed as a bypass to the full domestic service meter. The temporary water service is to be used to provide water during construction only and may not be used for domestic service. [6.02.010]

“Tenant” and “occupant,” applied to a building or land, mean and include any person who occupies the whole or a part of such building or land, whether alone or with others. [1.04.020]

“Travel” or "traveling" refers to official business in which an overnight stay occurs. [2.12.010]

“Vacant structure” means a house, building or other structure which has been abandoned or from which the owner or tenant is absent and which still has existing water service. [6.02.010]

“Water service” means any connection to provide water to a building, unit or facility. [6.02.010]

“Water system extension” or extension” means all improvements, additions, or extensions to the district's water system on the district side of the meter. [5.20.020]

“Water system extension agreement” or “WSEA” means a standard form agreement prepared by the District under the authority of RCW Chapter 57.22 to establish the responsibilities, obligations and costs for any water system extension, required improvement or service connection on the District side of the meter. [6.02.010]

“Water system extension agreement” or “WSEA” has the same definition as in NCWDC Section 6.02.0106. [5.20.020]

“Wholesaler” or “Wholesale Customer” means a customer which provides water to the end user, and which assumes responsibility for construction, maintenance and operation of its own water system. [6.02.010]

“Written” means and includes printed, typewritten, mimeographed, multigraphed or otherwise reproduced in permanent visible form. [1.04.020]

“Year” means a calendar year. [1.04.020]