

## Abandonment of an Irrigation System with Exclusion Meter

### Customer Guidelines

#### Making Your Decision

You have expressed interest in, or are at least considering, no longer using your irrigation system, what we refer to as “abandonment”. You may feel you no longer need the system you once used, you are making efforts to conserve water, and/or you are attempting to reduce your costs, including the monthly charge to read your exclusion meter, and the required annual testing of the backflow prevention assembly on the system. This is an important decision to make, and we wish to provide you with as much information as possible in this regard.

A **major factor to consider** in your decision is based upon the type of irrigation system you own. Your irrigation system is served by a water meter, called an exclusion meter, which is connected to your private water service line behind the ACSA primary meter. This type of irrigation system is no longer allowed. However, exclusion meter irrigation systems, like the one you own, have been “grandfathered” and allowed to remain in use as long as the homeowner maintains the system properly. Since January 1, 2006, an ACSA customer requesting an irrigation system has been required to pay for a separate tap on the ACSA water main.

Therefore, ***a decision to abandon your irrigation system means the exclusion meter can never be reinstalled.*** Should you, or a future homeowner, decide to reactivate the irrigation system at a later time, a separate tap (with a water meter) must be made for irrigation water service. The cost of such a tap varies depending upon a variety of factors, but an estimate of \$1,500-\$2,000 applies in most instances.

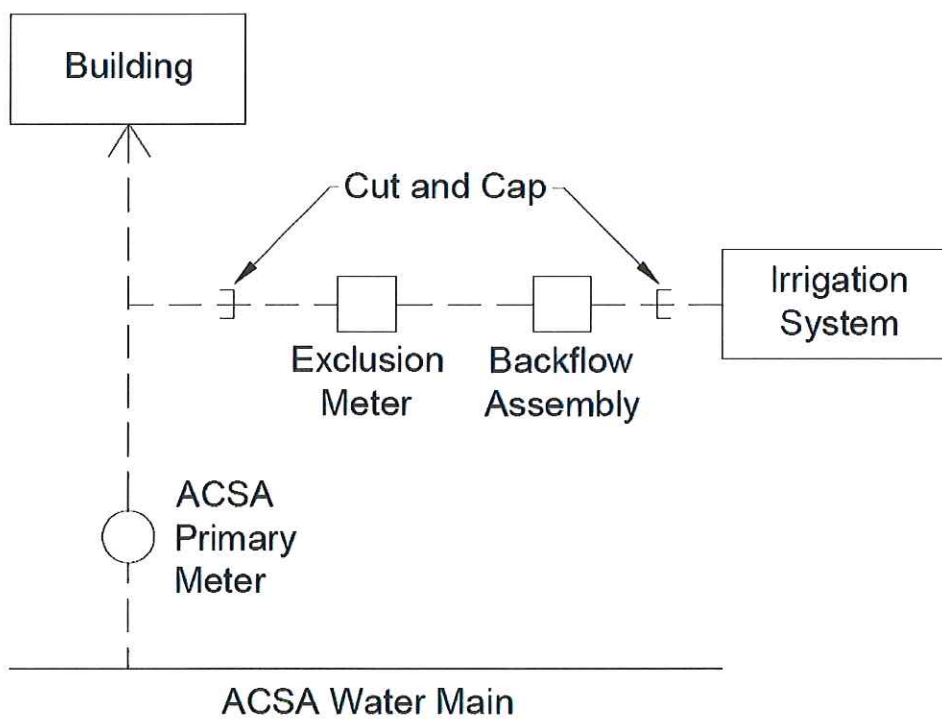
#### Proceeding with Abandonment

1. You must **first express the desire** to abandon your exclusion meter irrigation system by signing and dating the **attached statement**. Either mail the form via the postal service, or scan and attach the form to an e-mail, using the contact information below:

Customer Service Department  
Albemarle County Service Authority  
168 Spotnap Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22911  
434-977-4511

[custserv@serviceauthority.org](mailto:custserv@serviceauthority.org)

2. You may feel comfortable conducting the abandonment by following steps #4-6 (below), but the ACSA recommends that you contact your irrigation service provider.
3. **Notify the ACSA** when your project is to occur by using the above contact information. This will allow an ACSA staff member to visually inspect the abandonment as it occurs, or within two (2) business days of the completion of step #6.
4. Close the valve on the upstream side of the exclusion (irrigation) meter. This is the side closest to the primary water meter.
5. Remove the exclusion meter, any meter yoke, any meter box, and the backflow prevention assembly; all of this is owned by you.
6. Permanently cap the remaining pipe.
7. Have the project inspected and approved by an ACSA staff member.
8. The ACSA staff member will relay proper abandonment to Customer Service, and the monthly charge to read your exclusion meter will cease.





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I hereby wish to permanently abandon the irrigation system serving my property.

I understand that this type of irrigation system, involving a second water meter called an exclusion meter, is a type of irrigation system that is no longer allowed by the Albemarle County Service Authority (ACSA). If I abandon my exclusion meter system and later desire to restore irrigation on the property, this action will require a separate tap (and meter) on the ACSA water main at an additional cost to me.

I have been provided this information, and additional details, in the ACSA document "Abandonment of an Irrigation System with Exclusion Meter – Customer Guidelines".

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ACSA Account Number

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Signature

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