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**To:** All Architects, Builders, Developers, Engineers, and Surveyors Practicing in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church

**Subject:** Water Main Extension Policy Revisions

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On June 3, 2021, Fairfax Water approved changes to our Water Main Extension Policy (Policy). The Policy is now a separate, stand-alone policy and no longer embedded in our Design Practice Manual.

A summary of the key Policy changes are highlighted below:

- Standardizes design requirements for new and existing development; Explicit design criteria have been removed from the Policy and the Policy now references design criteria to our Design Practice Manual.
- Standardizes the reimbursement process for all applicants; Fairfax Water will now monitor new connections for reimbursement for all applicants.
- Removes the option to have Fairfax Water design, construct and permit water main extension projects unless the applicant is individual homeowner.
- Revises Fairfax Water funding of fire hydrants to exclude those required by code/design practices for the provision of adequate service.
- Removes the Availability Charge reimbursement for developer funded projects.
- Reduces the reimbursement of the Local Facilities Charge from a period of 10-years to a period of 5-years following project completion.

The Water Main Extension Policy may be found on the Fairfax Water website at [www.fairfaxwater.org](http://www.fairfaxwater.org). Please refer to the Fairfax Water website for the effective version of this Policy and related documents.

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