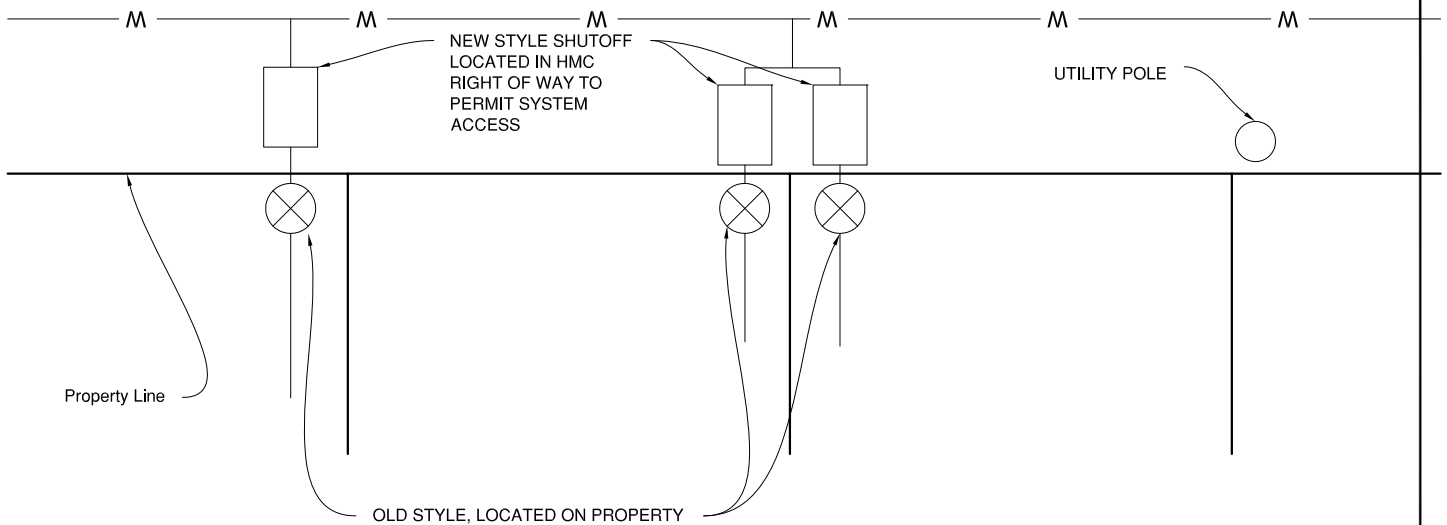


NEW VALVE LOCATIONS



New services will be connected within HMC owned roadway (ROW). It was a typical practice to install shutoff valves at each residence just inside of the property line. This proved problematic for water systems over time because problems at the gate valve required permission to repair. The modern standard practice is to place a service meter setter (the box the meter sits in) just outside the customer's property so that the water system has access to the meter assembly when repairs are required. This issue affects many utilities, this is why Peninsula Light's utility poles are all located on the HMC roadway parcel rather than on individual lots. In special cases a lot will be used, but access must be granted by recorded easement prior to installation.

What this means for your water service is that the contractor will be placing service meters just outside of your property and reconnecting to the pipe that exists in the ground at this time. Your shutoff valve will be left as is and may be removed at your convenience. We are unable to provide that service on a case by case or system-wide basis, as we would have to write up nearly 400 separate access agreements to each property owner which would have to be recorded prior to USDA funding being used. Since this would be a very significant increase in project cost, the decision was made to leave the valves as is. In addition, federal funds (our USDA funding) cannot be used to the benefit of individual property owners or private property.

In practice the way this will work is that the contractor will install service laterals, meter setters and meters at the approximate location where they expect the existing lateral to be when it crosses onto your property. Once the system is pressurized, tested, and ready for service, they will dig up each service lateral and switch your service over from the old system to the new system. In 300 out of 350 of these this will be very quick, obvious, and painless. For a few of you, they will have to do some "location by excavation", e.g. dig around and find the pipe feeding your house.

Locating with an excavator is pretty pricey stuff, and we would greatly appreciate your attention whenever possible to verify our service meter location marks. We are placing services based on what old maps show, where gate valves indicate services, where the memories of people who have done repair indicate, and any other method we can; however, its an imperfect process. If we have staked a location that you have reason to believe is NOT where your service line comes from the main, we need to know that as soon as possible. Please contact the Island Manager, Claudia Ellsworth, at hmcmanager@herronisland.org ASAP if you believe there is an error.

If in the future you wish to remove the shutoff valve that no longer serves a purpose (the service meter assemblies include a shutoff valve) you may do so at your discretion. The gate valve is "yours" by virtue of it being on your side of the service meter. In the new layout, you are responsible for everything beyond the service meter, and the Herron Island Water System will provide all service, maintenance, and repair of equipment (pipes, meters, pumps etc) from the bottom of the well through to the end of the service meter assembly.

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