

## UTILITIES METER RESETS

When utilities (gas and/ or electric) have been turned off at a property for six months or more, the purveyors of those utilities require a permit and inspection by our department to restore those services.

For a gas meter reset, the lines have to be pressure tested to ensure they are able to hold ten pounds of pressure on a thirty pound gauge. We allow homeowners to obtain this permit if they know how to perform this operation. If that is not the case, they are to hire a licensed plumber, gas contractor, or HVAC (mechanical) contractor. The cost for this permit is \$54 on residential properties, \$55 on commercial. Property owners are not allowed to obtain these permits for rentals or commercial properties.

Electric meter resets are similar to the above, except there is usually no preparatory work that needs to be done in advance of the inspection. Our inspectors do a visual inspection of all the electrical items they can see to ensure there are no glaring safety issues. Homeowners are allowed to obtain these permits also, though our inspectors have the discretion to require an electrical contractor to get involved if they do see a hazard that needs to be addressed. Permit fees for this situation are the same as those for the gas meter resets, as are the stipulations regarding property owners of rentals or commercial properties.

Results of these inspections are entered into our software, and forwarded to the appropriate utilities provider so that they know whether it is safe to restore service to these properties.