CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

FOR

PRIVATE SERVICE CONNECTIONS



FORT BEND COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

FORT BEND AND HARRIS COUNTIES, TEXAS

REVISED

MAY 2017

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of these standards is to define the minimum requirements for private water and sanitary sewer construction within the jurisdiction of Fort Bend County WC&ID No.2.

These standards supersede all prior construction standards and are effective October 2016. The District Rate Order and other orders may contain construction procedures and remain in effect.

II. SPECIFICATIONS

Current City of Houston Standard Specifications with the latest amendments, addenda, and revised drawings are to be followed within the jurisdiction of Fort Bend County WC&ID No. 2, except as noted in these Construction Standards and TCEQ Rules & Regulations for Public Water Systems.

Variations from these Construction Standards will be allowed only with written permission of the District Engineer, the General Manager of the District, or the Board of Directors.

All internal water and sanitary construction shall conform to the latest revision of the Southern Standard Plumbing Code. All licensed plumbers, irrigators and backflow testers must be registered with and approved with the District in accordance with the District's Rate Order.

III. BONDS

The City of Missouri City, City of Stafford and Fort Bend County may require performance or maintenance bonds for work within public rights-of-way or easements. All applicants are directed to consult with Missouri City, Stafford, Sugar Land and Fort Bend County as applicable regarding building permits and bonding requirements before beginning construction.

IV. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE WITHIN WATER DISTRICT

Application for water or sanitary sewer service must be filed prior to installation of the service line. The tap fee must be paid prior to the District making the connection. The District will not make the water tap until visual signs of construction are apparent. For residential taps, the owner/builder must have property lines staked prior to the connection. A sample of the application is shown as Appendix A and may be obtained from the District's offices or online @ fbcwcid2.com. Construction of the service line(s) shall not begin until approval by the District in writing.

V. INSPECTION PROCEDURES

A. Response Time for Inspection. The District requires a minimum of four (4) hours notice prior to inspection.

- B. <u>Posting of Permit Card.</u> If the Permit Card is not posted on the job site, at the time of a scheduled inspection, the inspection(s) will not be performed and there will be a charge for the trip and any resulting additional trips to the job site.
- C. Water Connection Inspection. All connections to the District's water system, including but not limited to service lines, irrigation systems and swimming pools shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of these construction standards. No water connection shall be backfilled in the ground and water service shall not commence until a representative of the District has inspected and approved the connection and service line. A CSI (Customer Service Inspection) is required prior to permanent water service.
- D. <u>Sewer Connection Inspection</u>. All connections to the District's sanitary sewer system, including sample wells and grease traps shall be made in accordance with the applicable provisions of these Construction Standards. No sewer connection or sewer service line shall be backfilled in the ground and sewer service shall not commence until a representative of the District has inspected and approved the connection and service line.
- E. A fee of \$50 per trip shall be assessed by the District for an inspection and for each subsequent re-inspection required; not to exceed two (2) trips, after which, \$100 will be charged for each trip.
- F. Backfilling of the sewer or water service line trench and sewer or water connection excavation must be accomplished within 24 hours of inspection and approval. No debris will be permitted in the trench or connection excavation.
- G. In the event that a water or sewer connection is made or water or sewer service line installed and backfilled without the District's inspection, the District may terminate water and sewer service to the User until the User uncovers the connection or service line at User's expense and the District makes the inspection. See IX. PENALTIES of these Construction Standards.
- H. All connections to the District's water or sanitary sewer system, not constructed by the District, shall be made by the User's plumber or utility contractor only with the District's approval. Said plumber or utility contractor shall also be subject to the approval of the District. See Section 13, L. Approval of Plumbers, in the District's Rate Order.
- I. The contractor/plumber shall comply with all laws applicable to Trench Safety. OSHA standards shall be followed at all times.

VI. WATER SERVICES

A water service is defined as the water line from the foundation of the building up to and including the corporation stop or the public water main.

Residential, commercial & industrial facilities shall be serviced by a single connection. Multifamily, i.e. apartments, mobile homes parks and multi-tenant buildings shall be considered a single commercial facility. Variances may be granted for extenuating circumstances.

Water service from the water main, up to and including the master water meter at the right-of-way, will be maintained by the District. Should the User damage or obstruct the water meter, the District will repair the meter or clear the obstruction at the User's expense. The water service from the water meter to the building served will be privately maintained.

All connections to the District's water mains will be in accordance with the most current TCEQ Regulations, Title 30 TAC, Chapter 290, Section 290.44, Subsection h, "Backflow, siphonage". Where an air gap is not feasible, a TCEQ approved testable backflow prevention assembly will be required. See the District's Rate Order, Section 9: Plumbing Regulations, Prohibition against Cross-Connections and Unacceptable Plumbing Practices; Penalty for Violation, or current revision thereof.

No branches or tees shall be allowed between the meter and the backflow prevention assembly.

- A. <u>Materials</u>. The use of pipes and pipe fittings that contain more than 0.25% lead or solders and flux that contains more than 0.2% lead is prohibited. The following types of pipe and fitting materials are approved for construction of service lines. Pipe and fittings in each individual service line will be identical material.
 - Polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipe conforming to ASTM D-1785 (Schedule 40). For services greater than 2 inches in diameter, the District recommends thrust blocks on all bends.
 - Polyethylene (PE) pipe conforming to AWWA C-901, minimum 125 psi pressure rating. (Orangeburg).
 - 3. Copper pipe conforming to AWWA B-88.
- B. <u>Minimum Tap Sizes.</u> All connections to the District's water system and the installation of meters for said connections shall be made by a representative of the District.
 - 1. Epoxy coated saddle, with stainless steel double strap, plus corporation stop and curb stop.
 - 2. Single service. One -inch (1"), no joints under streets.
 - 3. <u>Double service</u>. One-inch (1"), no joints under street. Once clear of right-of-way, a U-branch must be installed and a meter is required for each user.
 - 4. Other. 1 ½ and 2-inch, no joints under streets; 3,4,6 and 8-inch Same as for public water mains, see the "Construction Standards for Public Utility Lines and Lift Stations."
- C. Meters. All connections to the District's water system must be metered. All water meters shall be supplied by the District. All meters must be Sensus One Touch meters.

- Meter Location. The Customer shall provide and maintain a location free of expense, and satisfactory to the District for installation, reading and maintenance of the installation.
- Meter Installation. All meter boxes shall be concrete, or approved equal. Meters shall not be located in areas enclosed by fences or otherwise deemed inaccessible by the District. Variances may be granted.

Single Family Residential User.

- (1) Meter boxes are not to be installed below final grade or no higher than 2-inches above final grade. Original installation of meter box shall be maintained at all times.
- (2) Residential irrigation systems will be served by a tee on the User's side of the potable meter. An industry approved backflow prevention assembly must be installed on the system, and must be tested upon installation and every three years thereafter at the customer's expense. A pressure vacuum breaker (PVB) is allowed with sprinkler heads or shrub risers up the 12 inches. For sprinkler heads or shrubs risers over 12 inches, a double check valve assembly will be required. The double check valve assembly may be installed below ground in a concrete meter box. The District requires Schedule 40 pipe up to the backflow assembly and recommends Schedule 40 pipe up to the control valves. All irrigation systems must be installed by a licensed irrigator who is registered with the District or installed by said property owner. In accordance with the District's water conservation policy, the District requires the installation of an automatic wet weather shut-down device.

b. Multi Family Residential User.

- (1) One potable meter sized for the entire development.
- (2) Irrigation system at Multi Family Residential must be separately metered.

c. Other Users - Commercial.

 A one owner lot or tract, with multi units or multi buildings will be served by one potable meter, sized for the units.

d. Commercial Irrigation Systems.

- (1) All commercial irrigation systems shall be metered separately.
- (2) All irrigation systems shall be installed by a licensed irrigator that is registered with the District. All irrigation systems must be installed per TCEQ Standards found in

- 30 TAC 344.61. Irrigation or yard sprinkler repair work can be performed by a maintenance person regularly employed by the owner of the premises.
- (3) All commercial irrigation systems shall be required to have a double check valve assembly (RPZ) and must be tested upon installation, and annually thereafter, by an approved tester that is registered with the District. In accordance with the District's Rate Order, the dated, signed original Device Test Report shall be provided to the District.
- (4) The double check valve assembly may be installed below ground in a concrete meter box.
- (5) The District requires Schedule 40 pipe up the backflow assembly, and recommends Schedule 40 pipe up to the control valves.
- (6) In accordance with the District's water conservation policy, the District requires the installation of an automatic wet weather shut-down device.

D. Meter Vault Assembly.

- All meter vault assemblies shall be located within a dedicated water meter easement. The
 easement must be large enough to allow for repair of the meter, bypass piping, and
 potable water meter assembly without affecting surrounding private property. The meter
 vault assembly shall be large enough to allow adequate access for meter reading,
 maintenance and repairs.
- 2. Meters three-inch (3") in diameter and larger shall be located in a vault.
- E. <u>Fire Lines.</u> All fires lines shall be maintained by the property owner. The District will install tap, at the customer's expense; and will maintain tap up to the property line. A double check detector valve assembly will be installed and maintained by the property owner.

VII. SANITARY SEWER SERVIES

A sewer service is defined as the sewer from the foundation of the building to the sewer main line owned by the District. All users are subject to requiring District's Pretreatment Program.

The portion of the sewer service from the District's main sewer line to the property line will be structurally repaired or replaced by the District.

Sewer service from the building served to the District's main, including the tap, will be maintained of all blockages by the property owner.

The sewer service from the property line to the building served will be repaired or replaced by the property owner. Within the easement, the District will make the repair. On back lot easements; fences, landscaping, building, etc., will be removed by property owner prior to District making repair.

Only one (1) sewer service connection to the District's sanitary system is permitted for each residential or commercial building. For large commercial developments, variances from this requirement may be granted on a case by case basis.

- A. Material. The following types of pipe and fitting materials are approved for construction service lines. Pipe and fittings in each individual service line will be identical material.
 - Ductile iron pipe conforming to AWWA C-151 with rubber gasket joints and installed according to manufacturer's recommendations. Polyethylene encasement in accordance with AWWA C-105 shall be provided for all buried ductile iron pipe.
 - Polyvinylchloride (PVC) pipe conforming to ASTM Specification D-1785 (Schedule 40) or ASTM Specification D-3034 (non-pressure rated SDR-26), or ASTM specification D-2241 (150 psi pressure rated SDR-26).
- B. Minimum Sizes. Minimum sizes of service lines shall be as follows.
 - 1. Residential four-inches (4") in diameter.
 - 2. Commercial, Industrial, or Multi-Family
 - a. Standard fixture units less than 160 four-inches (4") in diameter on private property. (see Southern Standard Plumbing Code Table 714.2) Six-inches (6") in diameter from sampling well to sewer main.
 - b. Standard fixture units 160 to 620 six-inches (6") in diameter.
 - c. Standard fixture units 620 to 1,400 eight-inches (8") in diameter.
- C. Minimum Grades. Minimum grades for service lines shall be as follows:
 - 1. 4 inch Pipe One foot (1') drop per hundred feet (1%)
 - 2. 6 inch Pipe Eight (8") drop per hundred feet (0.7%)
 - 3. 8-inch Pipe Five inch (5") drop per hundred feet (0.4%)

Construct service lines to true alignment and grade. Warped and sagging lines will not be permitted.

D. Fittings, Cleanouts and Service Lines.

- All service lines shall have bends of 45 degrees or less installed. If a 90 degree change in sewer line direction is required, two 45 degree bends must be used. They shall be separated by five (5) feet or more of straight sewer line. A cleanout is required on the upstream side of all bends.
- 2. Each service line shall be provided with a clean out at its upper terminal. Commercial and multi-family users shall provide cleanouts ever 80 feet along their service lines. Residential users shall have cleanouts every 50 feet. The distance from final cleanout to the District's main line shall not exceed 50 feet for residential users or 80 feet for commercial and multi-family users. Each cleanout shall be installed at final grade no higher than 2-inches above final grade.
- Construction of all service lines shall be installed in a straight alignment from house to main.
 Warped, sagging, bowed, i.e.; will not be permitted. Building connection will be made
 directly to the stubout with water tight fittings used, no cement, grout, or rubber adapters are
 permitted.
- 4. Sample wells are required for all non-residential service lines. Multi-family services are exempt from the sample well requirement. The sample well shall be brought to the surface adjacent to the property line. The sample well shall be considered a "clean-out" when figuring spacing between cleanouts as described in paragraph 2 above. See Appendix "E" for the sample well detail. Sample wells shall be brought to the surface and constructed to prevent inflow and infiltration of storm runoff.
- 5. Place six-inches (6") of sand bedding above, below and both sides of the service line.
- E. Grease Trap. All restaurants, school cafeterias, church cafeterias and other facilities where food is served to the public shall have a grease traps installed. Size of grease trap is to be determined by the owner with minimum size of 750 gallons. All grease traps must be outside of the building perimeter. No interior grease traps are allowed.
- F. <u>Lint Trap.</u> All washaterias, Laundromats and other facilities with laundry facilities, shall have a lint trap installed. Size of line trap is to be determined by the owner.
- G. <u>Sand/Oil Interceptor</u>. All automotive repair car washes and other facilities which provide these services, shall have a sand/oil interceptor installed. Size of sand/oil interceptor shall be determined by the owner.
- H. Sewer Main Taps.

All taps to the District's sanitary sewer system not constructed by the District shall be made by the User's plumber or utility contractor. The plumber or utility contractor shall be subject to approval by the District. See Section 13, L. Approval of Plumbers in the District's Rate Order.

Existing service connections (taps) must be used unless an exception is allowed by the District. Taps and/or service connections shall be located by contractor/plumber, prior to construction.

New service connections to the District's main shall be a water-tight adapter with Stainless Steel Bands designed for the pipe being used. Bank Sand will be used to cover tap assembly and piping, which must be inspected prior to and after bedding and backfill.

- I. <u>Driveway Crossing.</u> Where the District has given prior approval to cross a proposed driveway on private property, the following procedures are recommended:
 - 1. Place 2.0 sack cement stabilized sand from sand bedding to base of proposed pavement.
 - 2. These procedures are recommended to reduce crushing of service lines by heavy machinery before pavement is installed.

VIII. EXCLUDED FLOW AND WASTE

Certain waste is not to be discharged into the District's sanitary sewers. Excluded and limited waste is listed in the District's "Order Establishing Regulations for Business, Commercial, Industrial and other Waste."

IX. PENALTIES

Failure to adhere to the preceding construction regulations may result in a fine of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation per day to be paid to the District.

Water service will not be provided by the District until the requirements herein have been met and the District's representative has approved the installation.

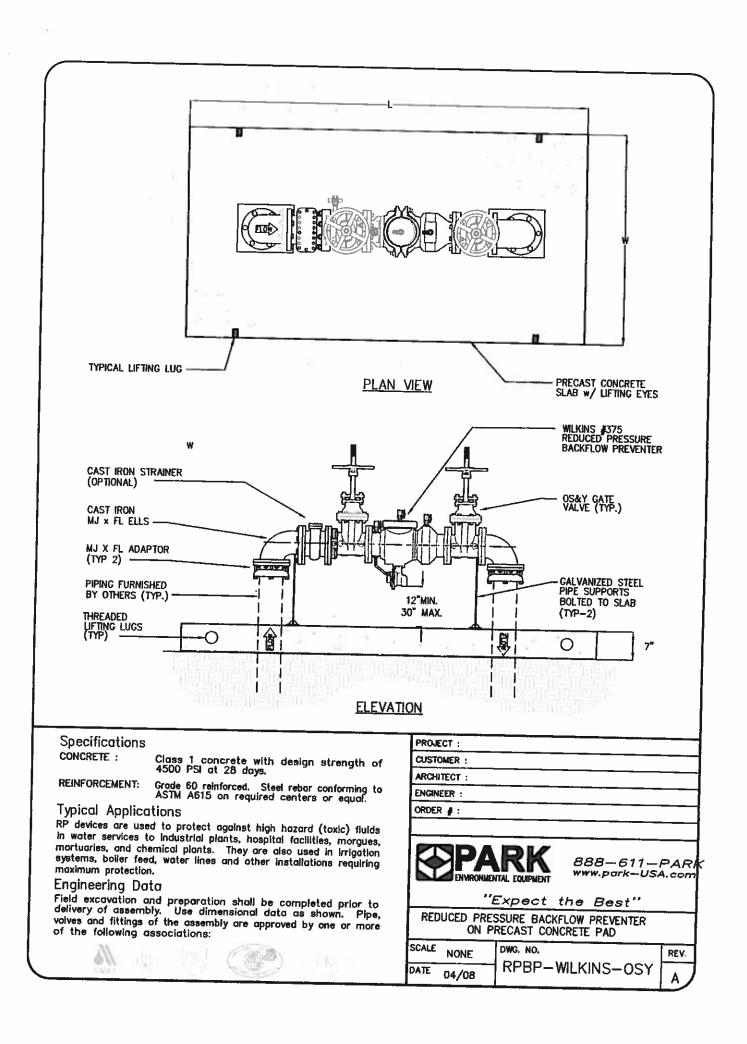


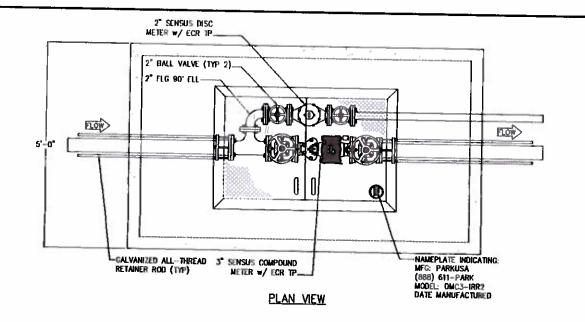
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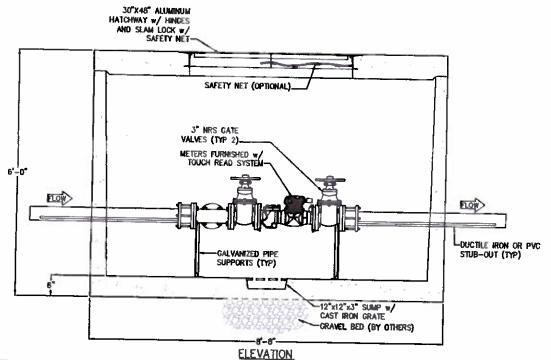
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APPLICATION FOR WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER CONNECTIONS

Applicant:	New/Addition:
	E-Mail:
Address	Phone:
Type of Business:	No. Units:
Residential, Multi-tenant, Apartments, Mob	ile Home Park, Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, Food Services, etc.
Service Address:	Subdivision:
Lot #: Block #: Reserve #:	City:
	Plat:
	Attach copy of plat, if requested,
Owner:	Contact:
Address:	Phone:
E-1	Mail:
- ramong con	Contact,
Must be licensed & registered with Distr	rict Phone:
Water Connections:	
Size of Tap: Domestic Water:	Irrigation System: Fire Protection:
	eter: Irrigation Meter:
Sanitary Sewer Connection: Size	of Tap:
Connection Charges Paid by:Address:	Phone:
	Phone:
Estimated Water Usage: Office:	Manufacturing (Process):
Type Waste Generated: Domestic:	Process:
Grease Trap (Size Determined by District):	(If Process Waste, an Industrial User Report will be required)
Service Deposit Billed To: Address:	Phone:
Acknowledgement of Receipt of District's Construction Standards	Application for Connections Approved by District:
	Ву:







CONCRETE:

Class I/II concrete with design strength of 4500 PSI at 28 days. Unit is of monolithic construction at floor and first stage of wall with sectional riser to required depth. Gross

empty weight of approximately 3,000 pounds.

REINFORCEMENT:

Grade 60 reinforced. Steel rebar conforming to ASTM A615 on required centers or equal.

HATCHWAY:

Aluminum diamond plate cover with extruded aluminum frame furnished with drop handle, open door support and slam lock, (300 P.S.F. live load)

Engineering Data

The valve assembly shall be factory assembled in vault & hydrostatically tested prior to delivery. Field excavation & preparation shall be complete prior to delivery. Pipe, valves and fittings of the assembly shall be approved by one or more of the following associations:











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3" DOMESTIC WATER METER ASSEMBLY FORT BEND COUNTY W.C. & I.D. #2

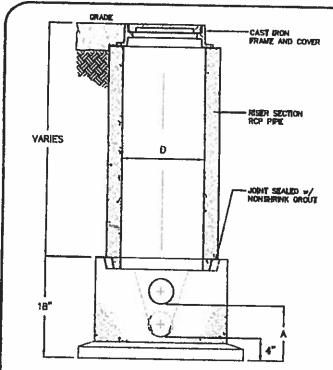
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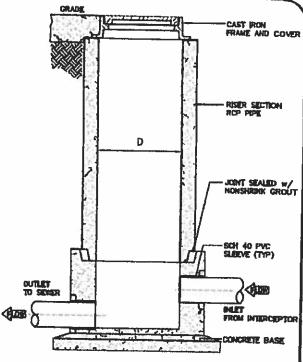
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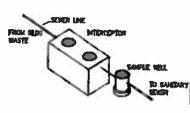
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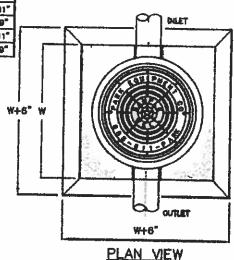
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MODEL.	DIAMETER "D"	IN & OUT	HTOW	-,-
SWB-154	15"	4"/8"	24	11
SW8-156	15"	4"/8"	24	9
518-184	18"	4"/6"	28"	11"
SW9-186	18"	4"/6"	28"	9"
SWB-244	24"	4"/6"	34"	11*
SMB-246	24"	4"/6"	34"	9"

NOTES

- 1. SAMPLING WELL MUST BE DISTALLED UNDER A SEPARATE PLUMBING PERMIT.
- 2. USE 15" Tag R.C.P. FOR INSTALLATION 6"-0" DEEP AND LESS.
- USE 24" Tag R.C.P. FOR INSTALLATION GREATER THAN 6"-0" DEEP. (STD RING AND M.H. COVER REQUIRED).
- SAMPLING WELL MUST BE SET IN A CIRCULAR OR SQUARE CONCRETE PAD (1'-0" GREATER THAN OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF PIPE).
- 5. INSIDE INSTALLATION NOT PERMITTED, WHERE OUTSIDE INSTALLATION IS POSSIBLE.
- 6. INSTALLATION INSIDE BLDC MUST BE POURED IN PLACE (15"MM) NO CONCRETE PIPE IS PERMITTED, (AR-TIGHT COVER REQUIRED).
- 7. LAWN INSTALLATION MUST BE 4" ABOVE PRISHED GRADE
- 8. DRIVE & SIDEWALK INSTALLATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO FINISHED GRADE.
- 9. TO BE INSTALLED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, IN AN ACCESSIBLE LOCATION TO CITY PERSONNEL.



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SPECIFICATIONS

CONCRETE :

Class II concrete with of design strength of 4500 PSI at 28 days. Unit is of monolitide construction at floor and first stage of wall with sectional riser to required depth.

C.I. CASTINGS:

Cast Iron frames and grates are manufactured of grey cast Iron conforming to ASTM A48-76 Class 30, Heavy-Duty AASHTO H-20

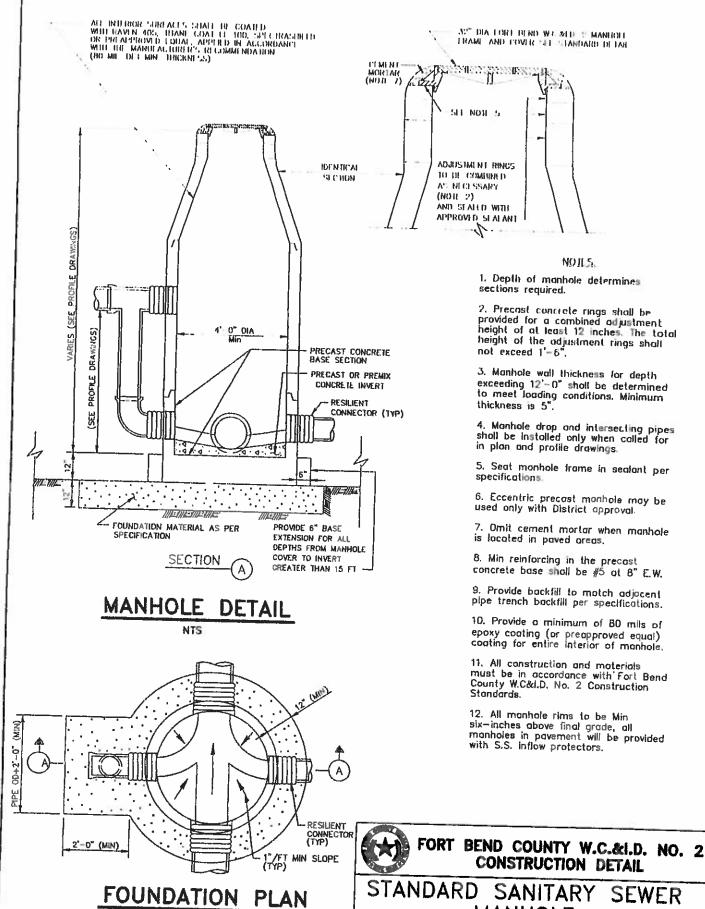


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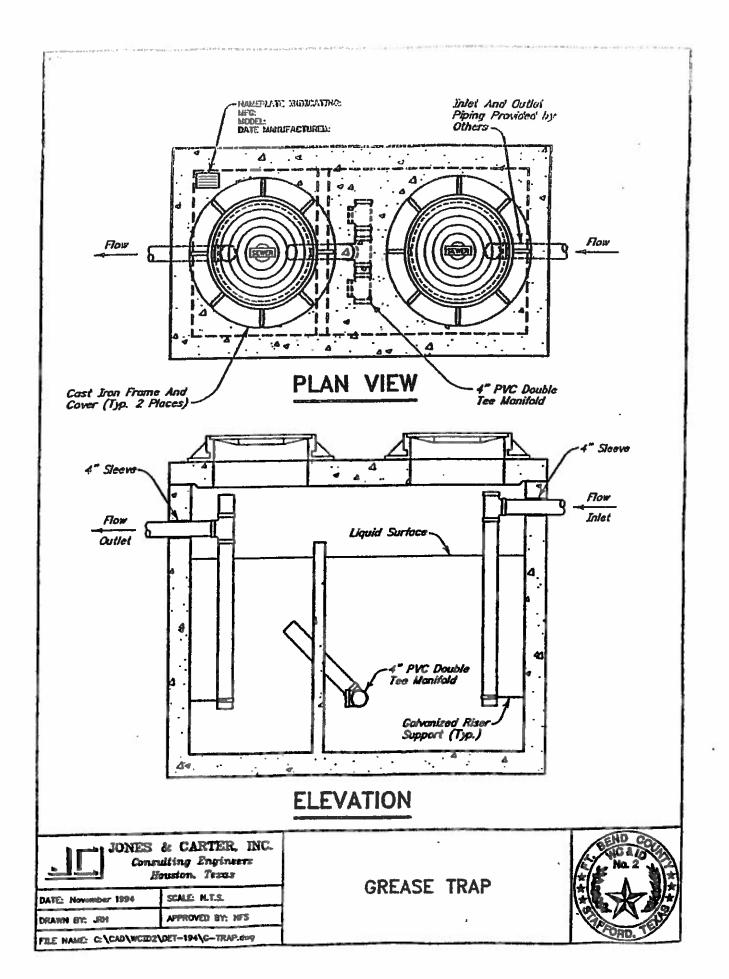
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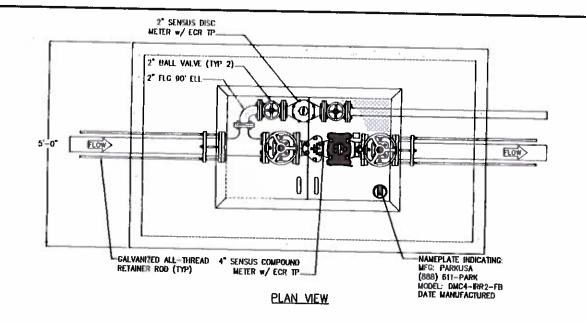
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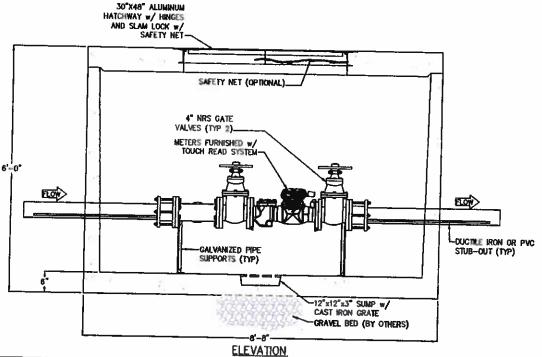


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DATE: 02/2013 2331 S. MAIN, STAFFORD, TX JASON A. KIRBY, P.E. DISTRICT ENGINEER







CONCRETE:

Class I/II concrete with design strength of 4500 PSI at 28 days. Unit is of monolithic construction at floor and first stage of wall with sectional riser to required depth. Gross

empty weight of approximately 3,000 pounds.

REINFORCEMENT:

Grade 60 reinforced. Steel rebar conforming to ASTM A615 on required centers or equal.

HATCHWAY:

Aluminum diamond plate cover with extruded aluminum frame furnished with drop handle, open

door support and slam lock. (300 P.S.F. live load)

Engineering Data

The valve assembly shall be factory assembled in vault & hydrostatically tested prior to delivery. Field excavation & preparation shall be complete prior to delivery. Pipe, valves and fittings of the assembly shall be approved by one or more of the following associations:

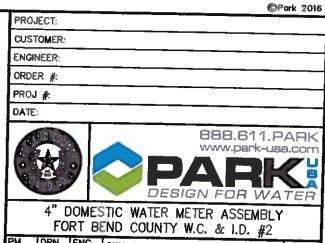








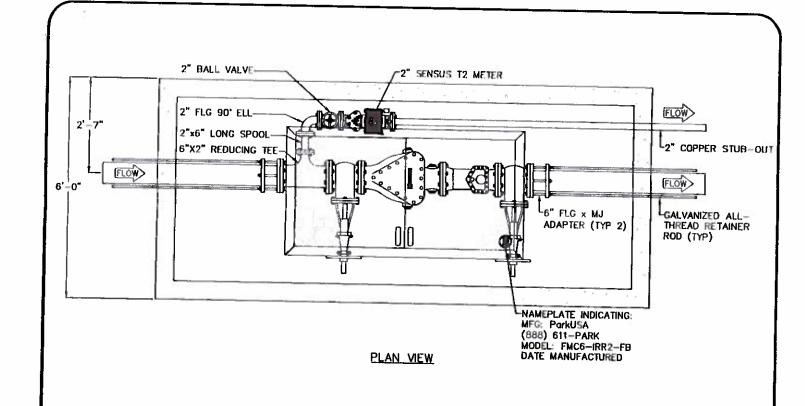


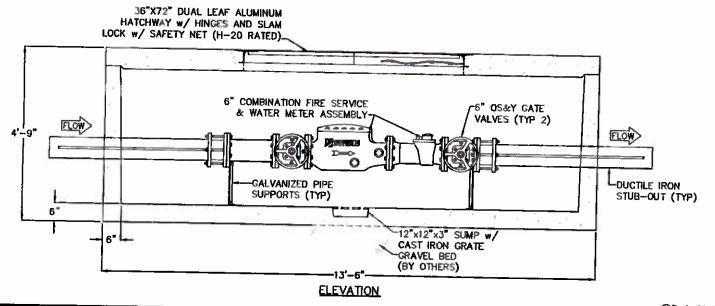


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CONCRETE:

Class I/II concrete with design strength of 4500 PSI at 28 days. Unit is of monolithic construction at floor and first stage of wall with sectional riser to required depth. Gross

empty weight of approximately 3,000 pounds.

REINFORCEMENT: Grade 60 reinforced. Steel rebar conforming to ASTM A615 on required centers or equal.

HATCHWAY:

Aluminum diamond plate cover with extruded aluminum frame furnished with drop handle, open door support and slam lock. (300 P.S.F. live load)

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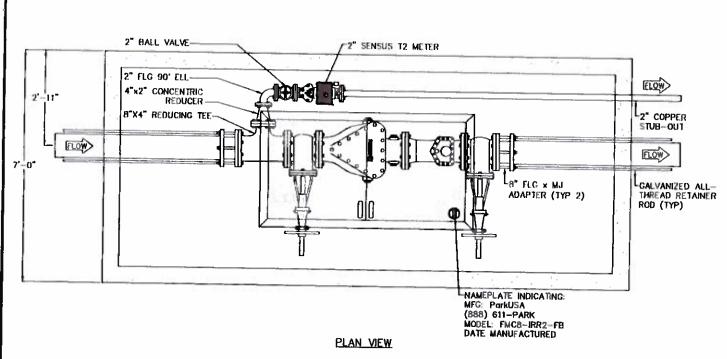
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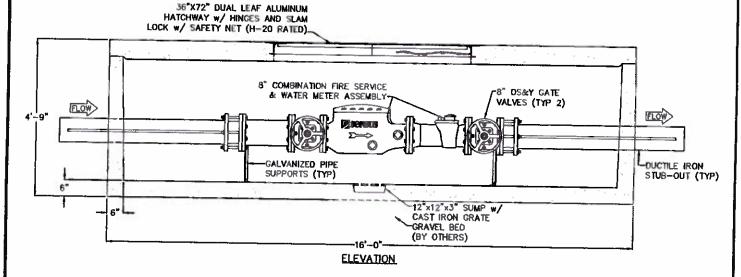
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Class I/II concrete with design strength of 4500 PSI at 28 days. Unit is of monolithic construction at floor and first stage of wall with sectional riser to required depth. Gross empty weight of approximately 3,000 pounds.

REINFORCEMENT: Grade 60 reinforced. Steel rebar conforming to ASTM A615 on required centers or equal.

HATCHWAY:

Aluminum diamond plate cover with extruded aluminum frame furnished with drop handle, open

door support and slam lock. (300 P.S.F. live load)

Engineering Data

The valve assembly shall be factory assembled in vault & hydrostatically tested prior to delivery. Field excavation & preparation shall be complete prior to delivery. Pipe, valves and fittings of the assembly shall be approved by one or more of the following associations:











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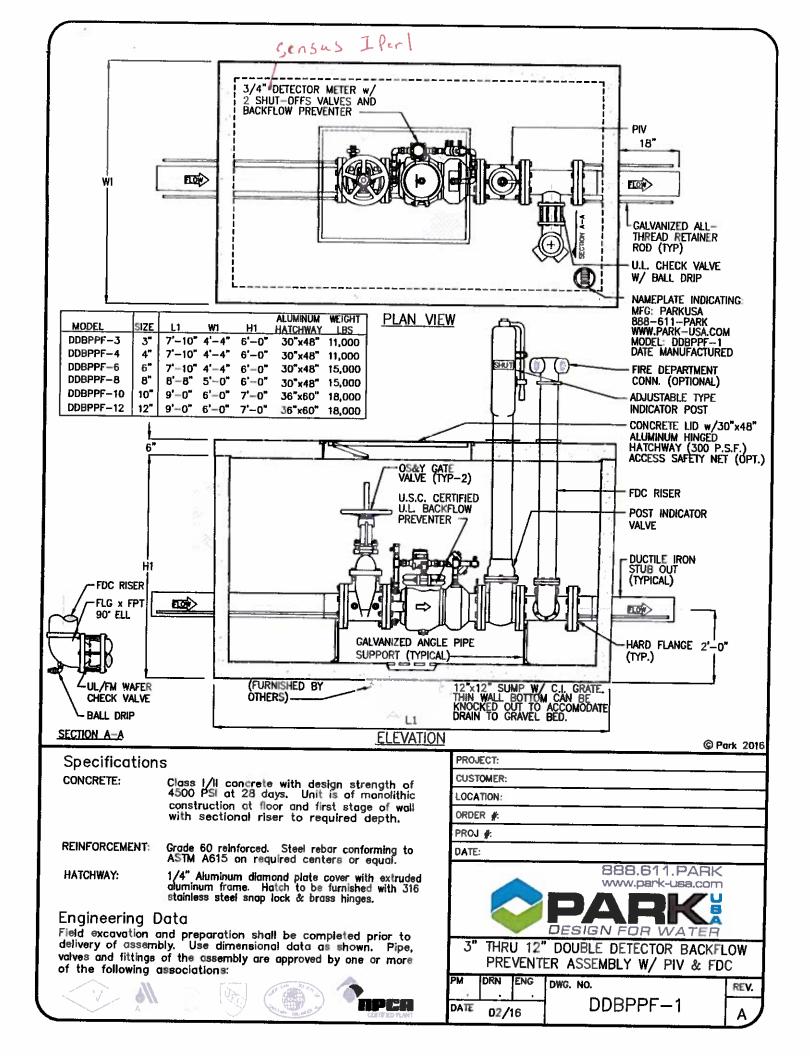


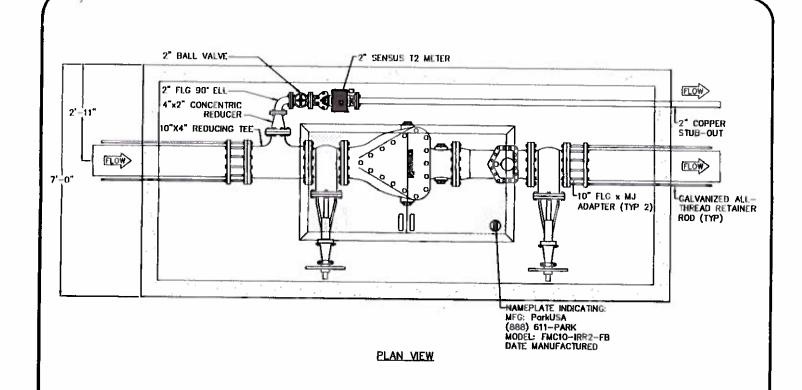
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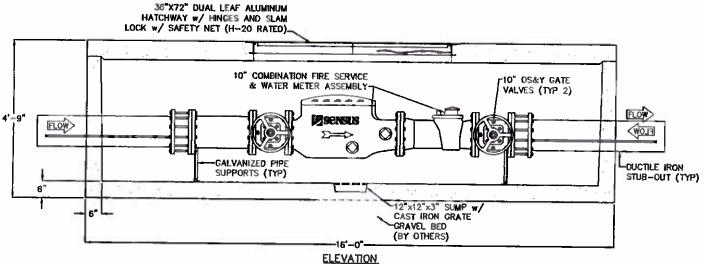
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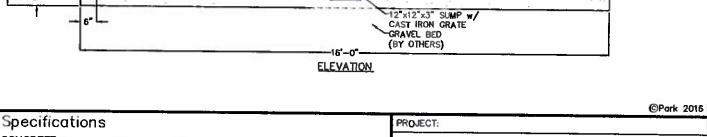
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CONCRETE:

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with sectional riser to required depth. Gross empty weight of approximately 3,000 pounds.

REINFORCEMENT: Grade 60 reinforced. Steel rebar conforming to ASTM A615 on required centers or equal.

HATCHWAY:

Aluminum diamond plate cover with extruded aluminum frame furnished with drop handle, open

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