

**Town of Pittsboro
Standard Specifications**

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These Standard Specifications and associated Detail Drawings shall apply to all water system extensions and development of the Town of Pittsboro municipal water system. The Standard Specifications and Detail Drawings included herein shall apply to all aspects of the Town water system that extend into any areas outside the corporate limits in which the water system is otherwise owned, operated and maintained by the Town of Pittsboro. All utility extension permits must be obtained prior to construction.

3.01 WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE

1. DESIGN

A. Location

Water transmission lines shall be located and sized in accordance with the current "Water System Master Plan" or as directed by Pittsboro and shall extend to the adjacent properties to provide an adequate network. All public water mains shall be located under the roadway within dedicated right of way or dedicated easements with a minimum width of 20 feet. Dedicated easements for water mains and appurtenances shall be recorded as "Pittsboro Utility and Pipeline Easement." Pittsboro utility and pipeline easements shall contain only Pittsboro utilities unless otherwise approved by an approved development plan or encroachment agreement.

B. Easement Areas

No permanent structures, equipment, retaining walls, embankments, impoundments, or other elements that would inhibit maintenance operations shall be constructed within a utility and pipeline easement. Fences may be allowed across easements provided that appropriate access gates have been installed to allow utility maintenance. Fill or cut slopes greater than 5:1 are not allowed to extend into easements unless otherwise approved by the Town during plan approval.

C. Sizing

Major transmission lines shall be sized in accordance with the "Water System Master Plan" or as directed by Pittsboro. Six (6) inch mains may be used on a case-by-case basis when Pittsboro has determined that a good grid exists, and the existing network supports using six (6) inch mains. The total maximum length of 6 inch and 8-inch lines, without connecting to a larger main, is 1200 feet and 2000 feet, respectively. Four (4) inch water mains are permitted on residential cul-de-sacs less than 400 feet long. Where the existing network is lacking connectivity, lines shall be upsized to provide adequate fire flow as directed by the Director of Utilities.

D. Restraint

All valves and fittings shall be restrained. Pipe joints shall also be restrained an adequate length away from valves and fittings in accordance with AWWA manual M41 (or the latest edition of *Thrust Restraint Design for Ductile Iron Pipe* as published by the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association). The standard joint restraint method shall be to use manufacturer provided restrained joint pipe and fittings. Pipe up to and including 12-inches in diameter may also utilize either mechanical joint pipe with approved wedge action retainer glands

(for the specified distance) or reaction blocking at fittings as an alternative.

1. **4" to 8" Diameter Pipe:** For pipe 4-inches through 8-inches, the following table may be used to determine the required restrained length of pipe for single occurrences of valves or fittings within the pipe system. The table may not be used for combined bends or offsets where a series of fittings occur. In lieu of using the below table, a pipe restraint plan detailing all assumptions and calculations may be provided by the NC Professional Engineer sealing the plan drawings. In either case, the method of restraint to be used and the length of pipe to be restrained (if applicable) shall be clearly identified on the plans at all necessary locations.

Table 3.1: Restrained Lengths for Single Fittings and Valves for Pipe 4-inch to 8-inch in Diameter (in Feet, Both Directions unless otherwise noted)			
	4-inch	6-inch	8-inch
90° Horizontal	59-ft	84-ft	108-ft
90° Vertical Up	59-ft	84-ft	108-ft
90° Vertical Down	91-ft	130-ft	168-ft
45° Horizontal	24-ft	35-ft	45-ft
45° Vertical Up	24-ft	35-ft	45-ft
45° Vertical Down	38-ft	54-ft	70-ft
22½° Horizontal 22½°	12-ft	17-ft	21-ft
Vertical Up 22½°	12-ft	17-ft	21-ft
Vertical Down	18-ft	26-ft	33-ft
11¼° Horizontal 11¼°	6-ft	8-ft	11-ft
Vertical Up 11¼°	6-ft	8-ft	11-ft
Vertical Down	9-ft	13-ft	17-ft
	4-inch	6-inch	8-inch
Tee <i>(Restraining the Branch)</i>	89-ft	<i>4-in branch – 88-ft</i> <i>6-in branch – 128-ft</i>	<i>4-in branch – 87-ft</i> <i>6-in branch – 127-ft</i> <i>8-in branch – 166-ft</i>
Reducer <i>(Restraining Larger Pipe)</i>	N/A	67-ft	<i>8" x 4" – 121-ft</i> <i>8" x 6" – 70-ft</i>
Dead Ends (Caps and Plugs) & Inline Valves	91-ft	130-ft	168-ft

All pipe and fittings: Projects with pipe diameters greater than 8-inches, poly-wrapped pipe, or combined bends must have a pipe restraint plan with the method of restraint to be used and the length of pipe to be restrained clearly identified on the plans at all necessary locations. The pipe restraint plan must be calculated in accordance with AWWA manual M41 (or the latest edition of *Thrust Restraint Design for Ductile Iron Pipe* as published by the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association). The plan must also account for the actual soil types that exist at the project site.

2. **Valves:** Inline valves, which are those valves greater than 10-feet from a waterline intersection, shall be restrained in a manner consistent with operation as a dead end. This includes restraining the valve to the pipe and restraining a sufficient number of pipe joints on both sides of the valve to accommodate dead end restraint. Valves located at waterline intersections (at tees and crosses) however shall only be restrained to the adjacent fitting. (*Note that the tee itself must still be restrained.*) In these cases, there shall be no joints between the valve and fitting. Restraint at intersections may be achieved by using stainless steel rods (through 16" diameter) or approved wedge action retainer glands (through 48" diameter).
3. **Dead Ends:** All MJ cap and plug fittings, including tapped caps, shall be restrained with approved wedge action retainer glands. The adjacent pipe shall be restrained the distances specified above (or on the sealed pipe restraint plan). Reaction blocking shall not be used to restrain caps and plugs.

Restraining systems not included within this Specification shall require written approval prior to utilization. All joint restraint products that include the means of restraint within the joint gasket shall be prohibited in Pittsboro's water system.

E. Depth of Installation

All water mains shall have a minimum cover of 4 feet measured from the top of the pipe to the finished grade. When water lines are installed along a roadway, they shall be installed at sufficient depth to maintain four (4) feet of cover to the subgrade of any future road improvements including potential vertical alignment changes.

F. Relation to Sanitary, Storm Sewers and Reclaimed Water Lines:

1. Separation between Potable Water Mains and Sanitary Sewer Mains or Storm Sewers:

- **Parallel Installations:** 10-ft lateral separation (pipe edge to pipe edge) or minimum 3-ft lateral separation and water line at least 18-inches above sanitary sewer line measured vertically from top of sewer pipeline to bottom edge of water main. In unique cases where the sanitary and the water main are installed with at least 3-ft of lateral separation but less than 10-ft of horizontal separation, and less than 18-inches of vertical separation, both the water main and sanitary sewer shall be constructed of ductile iron pipe with joints in full compliance with water main standards.

- Crossings (Water Main over Sanitary or Storm Sewer): All water main crossings of sanitary sewer lines shall be constructed over the sewer or storm line in conformance with Pittsboro Specifications. At a minimum, 18- inches of clearance shall be maintained between the bottom edge of the water main and the top edge of the sanitary or storm sewer main. If 18- inches of clearance is not maintained, the water main and sanitary sewer main shall both be constructed of ductile iron pipe with joints in conformance with water main construction standards. The sanitary sewer pipe shall be ductile iron the entire run from manhole to manhole. When the separation between pipelines is 18-inches or less, the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, and non-excavatable flowable fill extending 3-ft on both sides of the crossing. Regardless of pipe material, at least 12-inches of vertical separation is required for both sanitary and/or storm sewer crossings of potable water mains.
- Crossings (Water Main under Sanitary or Storm Sewer Line): Allowed only as approved by Pittsboro when it is not possible to cross the water main above the sanitary or storm sewer line. At a minimum, 18-inches of separation shall be maintained, (measured from pipe edge to pipe edge) and both the water main and sanitary sewer shall be constructed of ductile iron in conformance with water main construction standards. The sanitary sewer pipe shall be ductile iron the entire run from manhole to manhole. If local conditions prevent providing 18-inches of clearance, then at least 12- inches of clearance shall be provided and the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, and non- excavatable flowable fill extending at least 3-ft on both sides of the crossing.

2. Separation between Potable Water Mains and Reclaimed Water Mains

- Parallel Installations: Preferred 10-ft lateral separation (pipe edge to pipe edge) AND water line at least 18-inches above reclaimed water line measured vertically from top of reclaimed water pipeline to bottom edge of water main. Because all reclaimed water mains in Pittsboro’s municipal system are required to fully comply with water system testing and integrity standards as described by 15A NCAC 18C, when the 10-ft lateral separation standard cannot be met, a minimum of 3-ft lateral separation, shall be provided.
- Crossings (Water Main over Reclaimed Water Pipeline): All water main crossings of reclaimed water mains shall be constructed over the reclaimed water line in conformance with Pittsboro Specifications. At a minimum, 18-inches of clearance shall be maintained between the bottom edge of the water main and the top edge of the reclaimed water main. When the minimum 18-inch clearance cannot be maintained, the reclaimed main shall be constructed of ductile iron pipe in conformance with water main construction standards extending at least 10-ft on both sides of the crossing. The void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, and non-excavatable flowable fill extending at least 3-ft on both sides of the crossing. Reclaimed water mains crossing more than 18-inches under potable water service lines may be constructed of either C900 or C905 PVC as typically required for reclaimed water pipeline construction.
- Crossings (Water Main under Reclaimed Water Pipeline): Allowed only on a case-by-case basis and design shall be approved by Pittsboro prior to construction. At a minimum, 18-inches of separation shall be maintained and both potable water and reclaimed mains shall be constructed of ductile iron pipe in conformance with water main construction standards extending at least 10-ft on both sides of the crossing. If local conditions prevent 18-inches of clearance between the pipelines, the void space between the pipes shall be filled with minimum 500-psi, quick setting, and non-excavatable flowable fill extending at least 3-ft on both sides of the crossing.

2. MATERIALS

All water main distribution pipe shall be ductile iron. Any newly installed ductile iron water mains larger than 12-inch in diameter shall be zinc-coated ductile iron pipe. The zinc-coated ductile iron pipe shall be sprayed with a zinc coating on the outside of the pipe and covered with an asphaltic topcoat. The zinc coated ductile iron pipe shall be manufactured by a manufacturer listed on the Town of Pittsboro's Approved Products List. New manufacturers must submit requests for approval to the Town Engineering Director for approval prior to installation.

A. Ductile Iron Pipe

Ductile iron pipe shall be designed and manufactured in accordance with AWWA C150 and C151 and provided in nominal 18-ft or 20-ft lengths. The minimum required pressure ratings for ductile iron pipe and required laying conditions are tabulated below. For all other installations other than specified, the laying condition, bedding requirements or the minimum pressure class rating and/or thickness class shall be increased in accordance with AWWA C151. A pipe thickness design shall be submitted for external loading in all cases where the pipe depth exceeds the specified range of depths outlined in the following table.

Pipe Diameter	AWWA C-150, Laying Condition	Pressure Class	Maximum Depth of Cover
4-8 -inch	Type 1	350 psi	3-16 feet
4-8 -inch	Type 4	350 psi	16-34 feet
10-12 -inch	Type 1	350 psi	3-10 feet
10-12 -inch	Type 4	350 psi	14-28 feet
10-12 -inch	Type 5	350 psi	28-44 feet
14-20 -inch	Type 4	250 psi	3-22 feet
14-20 -inch	Type 5	250 psi	22-30 feet
14-20 -inch	Type 5	350 psi	30-41 feet
24-30 -inch	Type 4	250 psi	3-19 feet
24-30 -inch	Type 5	300 psi	19-29 feet
24-30 -inch	Type 5	350 psi	29-33 feet
36-42 -inch	Type 4	300 psi	3-20 feet
36-42 -inch	Type 5	350 psi	20-32 feet

Note: For cases not specified, a ductile iron pipe and bedding design certified by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of North Carolina shall be required in compliance with AWWA C150 and the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association.

Pipe joints shall be mechanical joint or push-on type as per AWWA C111. Pipe lining shall be cement mortar in accordance with AWWA C104. All buried ductile iron pipe shall have a bituminous exterior coating in accordance with AWWA C151.

B. Ductile Iron Fittings

All ductile iron fittings shall be provided in conformance with AWWA C110 for standard ductile iron fittings and AWWA C153 for compact ductile iron fittings. All fittings shall be pressure rated for a minimum 350-psi through 24-inches in diameter and 250-psi for fittings greater than 24-inches in diameter. In cases where minimum pressure standards are less than the pipe specification, fittings shall always be pressured rated to meet or exceed the pressure ratings for the specified pipe. All fittings for potable water service shall be provided with cement mortar linings and asphaltic seal coats in accordance with AWWA C104. All ductile iron fittings shall have an asphaltic exterior coating in accordance with AWWA C151. All ductile iron fittings shall be provided with mechanical joint end connections or proprietary restrained joints from an approved manufacturer. Gaskets shall be provided in conformance with AWWA C111 with EPDM rubber gaskets preferred over SBR.

C. Restrained Joint Ductile Iron Pipe

All restrained joint ductile iron pipe unless otherwise specified shall be of the boltless restrained joint type. For installations requiring welded locking rings, the rings shall be factory welded. The restrained joints shall provide a minimum of 4- degrees of deflection for pipe sizes, 4-inches through 12-inches in diameter.

All proprietary pipe restraint systems shall be approved by Pittsboro and provided in compliance with all standards for coatings, linings, pressure classes, etc. as required for ductile iron pipe. All restrained joint pipe shall be installed based on laying conditions, pressure class, etc. as required for typical ductile iron pipe.

3. INSTALLATION

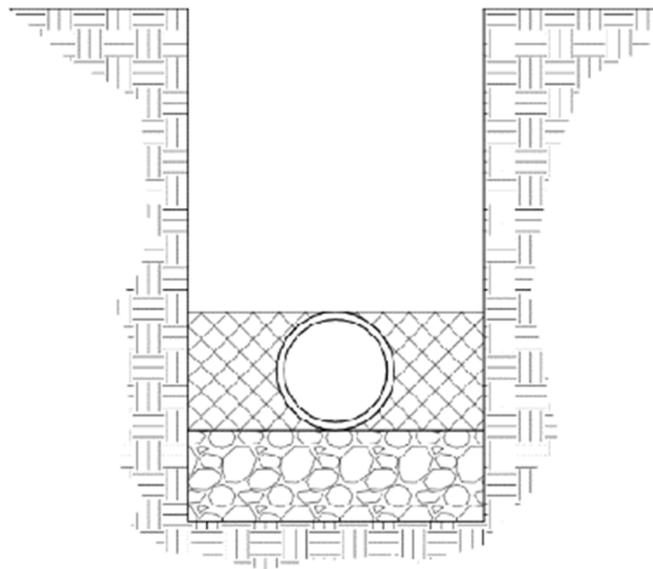
Ductile iron pipe shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of AWWA C600 and the Ductile Iron Pipe Handbook published by the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association. Materials at all times shall be handled with mechanical equipment or in such a manner to protect them from damage. At no time shall pipe and fittings be dropped or pushed into ditches.

Pipe and fitting interiors shall be protected from foreign matter and shall be inspected for damage and defects prior to installation. In the event foreign matter is present in pipe and fittings, it shall be removed before installation. Open ends of pipe shall be plugged or capped when pipe laying is not in progress.

All pipe shall be constructed with at least 48 inches of cover below the finished surface grade. Pipe shall be laid on true lines as directed by the Engineer. Trenches shall be sufficiently wide to adjust the alignment. Bell holes shall be dug at each joint to permit proper joint assembly. The pipe shall be laid and adjusted so that the alignment with the next succeeding joint will be centered in the joint and the entire pipeline will be in continuous alignment both horizontally and vertically. Pipe joints shall be fitted so that a thoroughly watertight joint will result. All joints will be made in conformance with the manufacturer's recommendations for the type of joint selected. All transition joints between different types of pipe shall be made with transition couplings approved on shop drawings showing the complete assembly to scale.

Pipe shall be installed at laying conditions as specified by the plans. Laying conditions for ductile iron pipe shall be as described in AWWA C151 and the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association. Laying conditions shall be defined as follows, with minimum Type 4 bedding for all soil types.

Type 4: Pipe laying condition for all soil conditions shall be utilized with stone screening bedding. Bedding shall consist of minimum 6-inches of stone screening installed under the pipe. The embedment, consisting of the same material, shall extend 6-inches above the crown of the pipe. Bedding and embedment shall be compacted to 95% standard proctor density. Careful attention shall be placed on compacting embedment under the haunches to prevent any potential voids. material a depth of 1/8 pipe diameter or a minimum of 4-inches. For severe unstable soil conditions, undercut excavation and an engineer designed foundation plan shall be provided prior to pipeline installation. Embedment material, consisting of Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 materials, shall be compacted greater than 95% Proctor to the top of the pipe. Careful attention must be allocated to compacting embedment material under the bottom edges of the pipe.



Type 4

For installations below the water table, a single layer of engineering fabric shall be installed between the pipe and trench floor/trench wall. The fabric shall fully encapsulate the waterline, bedding, and embedment material with a minimum of 12-inch overlap at the top of the embedment material.

Prior to beginning construction, the Contractor shall contact local utility companies and verify the location of existing utilities. The Contractor shall be completely and solely responsible for locating all existing buried utilities inside the construction zone before beginning excavation. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for scheduling and coordinating the utility location work. When an existing utility is in conflict with construction, it shall be exposed prior to beginning construction to prevent damage to the existing utility.

All valves that are under the ownership and acceptance of Pittsboro's municipal water system shall be operated only by trained personnel of Pittsboro. Existing valves in the Town's water system will not be operated without a minimum notice of 24 hours to the Town Engineering Director and the Public Utilities Director. Contractor's personnel shall only be responsible for operating valves within new construction areas that are not directly connected with the existing municipal water supply. At such time when the valves in new construction areas are connected with the municipal water supply, the valves shall only be operated by Pittsboro personnel or in limited circumstances by Contractor's personnel after receiving authorization from the Operator in Responsible Charge of the water distribution system. For all other cases, the Contractor shall operate valves only in accordance with Town requirements.

4. PIPE IDENTIFICATION AND MARKING

A. Tracer Wire

1. **Installation:** Tracer Wire shall be installed on all water mains and services (taped to the pipe crown). Tracer wire shall be installed as outlined in the standard detail. Tracer wire shall be minimum 18-gauge copper wire, plastic coated. During installation, electrical continuity shall be maintained between valves. If a wire is cut or otherwise requires splicing, the ends of the wire shall be bare, twisted together and connected with an electrical "twist cap". Tracer wire shall be Columbia Blue for Potable Water.

B. Marking Tape

1. **Installation:** Marking tape shall be installed continuously and longitudinally along all water mains and water services for new construction and for any repair or retrofit construction using open trench methods. For service connections, the marking tape shall extend from the main line to the water meter. Marking tape shall be installed directly above the center of the pipe and at least 24-inches deep from final grade to a maximum depth of 36- inches below final grade.
2. **Specifications:** The water main marking tape shall be an approved product identified in Pittsboro's Approved Products List. The marking tape shall be made of polyethylene (or approved equivalent) material, 6-inches wide and a minimum of 6 millimeters thick. The marking tape shall have detectable markers embedded in the tape and spaced adequately to provide continuous detection along the tape from above the buried pipe at final grade. The tape shall be blue in color and shall be marked with words "CAUTION WATER LINE BURIED BELOW" (or an approved equivalent wording). The wording shall be repetitive along the full length of the tape.

C. Marker Balls

1. **Installation:** Non-programmable marker balls are required at the ends of all casing pipe and at reducers. They shall also be installed along and directly above all water mains in conditions where marking tape cannot be installed due to restrictions or conflicts. In these conditions, non-programmable marker balls shall be placed, at all vertical and horizontal deflection points, at all tees and crosses and at a spacing along the main no greater than 100 feet apart. Each marker ball shall be installed directly above the center of the pipe and at least 24-inches deep from final grade to a maximum depth of 36-inches below final grade. Any sections where tape cannot be accurately placed at time of backfilling sufficient survey data shall be collected to reestablish location for tape installation.
2. **Specifications:** The Marker Ball is a non-programmable ball and shall be an approved product identified in Pittsboro's Approved Products List. The marker ball shall be blue in color for potable water and conform to APWA standards. It shall have a minimum detectable depth of 5 feet.

3.02 FIRE PROTECTION

1. FIRE HYDRANTS

A. Location

1. All fire hydrants shall be installed on a minimum 6-inch water line. Only one fire hydrant may be installed when the line is served by a 6-inch tap and is not looped to another main. There shall be at least one fire hydrant at each street intersection. The minimum acceptable flow for fire hydrants is 1000-gpm at minimum 20-psi residual in residential areas and 1500-gpm at minimum 20-psi residual in other districts. Hydrants at intersections shall be located in accordance with the Standard Details. Valves provided on the fire hydrant branch supply line shall be located within 5-ft of the main line.
2. In residential districts the maximum distance between hydrants, measured along street centerlines, shall be 500 feet. When residential intersections are less than 700 feet apart, a hydrant is not required between the intersections.
3. In business, office, and institutional, and industrial zoning the maximum distance between hydrants, measured along street centerline, shall be 300 feet. When business, office and institutional, and

industrial intersections are less than 450 feet apart, a hydrant is not required between intersections

4. On thoroughfares and collector streets with access points only at street intersections, hydrants shall be located at each street intersection and at 1000-foot intervals along the street. Where these intersections are less than 1200 feet apart, no hydrant is required between the intersections. Fire hydrants shall be placed in a staggered arrangement on both sides of any roadway classified as a major or minor thoroughfare with the hydrant spacing as referenced above.
5. Where sprinkler systems are used, a fire department connection shall be within 50 feet of an accessible fire hydrant except unless otherwise approved by the Town Engineering Director.

B. Specifications

Hydrants shall conform to AWWA C502 with a minimum valve opening of 5-1/4 inches. Hydrants shall be furnished with a 5-inch Storz steamer and double 2-1/2 inch hose connections with caps and chains, National Standard Threads, mechanical joint, 1-1/2 inch pentagon operating nut, open left, painted fire hydrant red, bronze to bronze seating, a minimum 4-foot bury depth with a break away ground line flange and break away rod coupling. The hydrant bonnet will be designed with a sealed oil or grease reservoir with O-ring seals and a Teflon thrust bearing. Fire hydrant caps shall be attached to the body of the hydrant with a minimum 2/0 twist link, heavy duty, non-kinking, machine chain. All fire hydrants shall be designed and rated for a working pressure of 250-psi or greater.

C. Installation

Hydrants shall be set plumb, properly located with the pumper nozzle facing the closest curb of a fire lane or street, but not a parking space. The back of the hydrant opposite the pipe connection shall be firmly blocked against the vertical face of the trench with 1/3 cubic yard of concrete. Double bridle rods and collars shall be connected from the tee to the hydrant. All joints between the tee and the hydrant shall be mechanical joints restrained with wedge action retainer glands. Stainless steel rods not less than 3/4-inch diameter may also be used to restrain the assembly. A minimum of 8 cubic feet of stone shall be placed around the drains. The backfill around the hydrants shall be thoroughly compacted and closely match the elevation on the approved plans. Hydrant installation shall be in accordance with Town Standard Details. Hydrant tees may be used upon approval of the Town.

D. Depth of Bury

1. Typical 90-Degree Hydrant Shoe Installations:

The maximum depth of bury for all new fire hydrants with 90-degree hydrant shoes shall be 5-ft from the breakaway flange connection. The breakaway flange or safety coupling shall be oriented vertically just above finished grading and bolted directly to the fire hydrant in compliance with manufacturer standards. The breakaway flange or safety coupling shall not be buried.

2. Vertical Shoe Hydrant Installations:

For installations requiring depth of bury greater than 5-ft, the fire hydrant shall be equipped with a vertical shoe arrangement that provides for full extension of the lower valve plate against a stopping mechanism located inside the vertical shoe to maximize hydraulic flow conditions through the hydrant. The vertical shoe shall be equipped with flanged connections. The maximum depth of bury for vertical shoe installations shall not exceed 4-ft measured from the breakaway flange to the bottom of the vertical hydrant shoe. The vertical shoe and all piping included in the hydrant supply line shall be restrained with blocking and rodding or blocking with wedge action retainer glands or standard Aquagrip connections.

In all cases where the vertical shoe is utilized, typical washed stone bedding extending at least 12-inches on all sides of the central axis and extending from the top of the vertical shoe downward to at least 12-inches below the vertical shoe shall be provided surrounding the vertical hydrant shoe assembly to assure positive drainage. In cases where Aqua-grip connections are not utilized, piping below the vertical shoe shall be provided in a flanged by plain end configuration and restrained with wedge action retainer glands to the lower mechanical joint fitting or the lower fitting shall be blocked and rodded to the vertical shoe connection. The entire assembly shall be restrained, and support blocking shall be provided under the vertical bend assembly.

E. Hydrant Relocations

For installations where hydrants will be relocated, all hydrants with greater than 20-years of operational service, as indicated by the date of manufacture provided on the hydrant, shall be replaced with new fire hydrants. The existing fire hydrant shall be turned over to the Town's Public Utilities Department.

For installations where the hydrant to be relocated has less than 20-years of operational service, the existing hydrant may be relocated. The existing hydrant shall still be disinfected, flushed and pressure tested.

2. AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

A. General

Working plans and calculations for all automatic fire sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be submitted to Chatham County's permitting department for review and approval before installation. If 20 sprinkler heads or more are modified or added to an existing sprinkler system, if any modifications occur in the hydraulically calculated remote area, or the hazard classification changes, a plan submittal including complete calculations and a permit will be required. All fire sprinkler systems shall be installed with an alarm check valve installed in each riser with all required appurtenances (example: retard chamber, water motor gong, pressure gauges, etc.). Exception: NFPA 13 D and 13 R residential sprinklers when approved by a fire official. All installations, minor repairs, or minor replacements shall be performed by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor.

B. Design

Approved working plans shall be in complete compliance with NFPA No. 13, 13D, 13R, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24 and Pittsboro Specifications. An NFPA above ground material and test certificate and NFPA underground material and test certificate are required after completion of designated, approved work.

C. Hydraulic Design

If a system is hydraulically designed, the following design criteria must be followed:

1. **Safety Margin**: In all cases, a fixed minimum safety margin of at least 10-psi shall be applied to the design calculations. (Example: Demand = 70 psi, Supply = 80 psi)
2. **Hose Allowances**: Both exterior and interior hose allowances shall comply with NFPA 13 requirements.
3. **Water Supply Pressure**: The sprinkler system designer shall be responsible for verifying system pressure.

D. Backflow Prevention

When a fire protection system is proposed, with a Fire Dept. connection or as otherwise required by the Cross Connection Ordinance a reduced pressure principal detector assembly (RPDA) shall be installed on the supply side of the sprinkler fire protection line inside the riser room. These backflow prevention devices must be UL listed and/or listed by Factory Mutual Research Corporation. Reduced pressure principal detector assemblies shall not be arranged vertically. For all RPDA's, a relief valve fill cup piped outside the building shall be provided. The relief valve drain may be piped to the main building drain.

E. Post Indicator Valve (PIV)

A post indicator valve is required for all fire lines that require sprinkler systems. It shall be provided at the right of way or edge of easement no more than 40 feet from the building if space permits. Each connection into the building shall have a post indicator valve. The top of the PIV shall be 30-42 inches above finished grade and 36-inches of unobstructed access perimeter shall be maintained around the PIV.

In urban settings, a wall mounted indicator valve may be used where there is no suitable location for a post mounted indicator valve. Wall mounted indicator valves shall be centered 30–42 inches above the finished grade. It shall be greater than 10-ft from any door, window, or other protected opening along the wall.

All indicator valves regardless of type shall have an electronically controlled tamper switch. All PIVs shall be made of ductile iron construction and shall be UL listed and FM approved. The standpipe of all PIV's shall be painted red. Pittsboro shall maintain up to the post indicator valve. Where wall mounted indicator valves are used, Pittsboro shall maintain up to a location 10 feet outside of the building or as designated on the approved plans.

F. Fire Department Connection

The Town requires a 2.5-inch Siamese fire department connection with National Standard threads shall be provided within 50-ft of an approved fire hydrant, except for townhomes and within urban settings where greater lengths may be allowed with approval from the Fire Code Official and Town Engineering Department.

When a sprinkler system serves only part of a large structure, the fire department connection shall be labeled, with minimum 2-inch letters on a permanent sign, as to which section of the structure that sprinkler riser serves.

Automatic sprinkler systems and/or standpipe systems that require 150 psi and above, shall have a sign indicating the pressure required at the inlets to deliver the system demand at all Fire Department Connections.

G. Dedicated Riser Room

A dedicated sprinkler riser room is required providing an entry door to the room from the exterior of the building. All dedicated riser rooms shall be equipped with a floor drain sized appropriately to prevent flooding. The floor drain shall be piped to storm system or main building drain. The floor drain shall be provided with a circular raised ring/hub around the floor drain to prevent debris and/or chemicals from entering the drain during an emergency spill. The hub shall be fabricated of cast iron or other corrosion resistant material and extend at least 3-inches above floor elevation.

H. Alarm Communication

All sprinkler systems are to have alarm communication equipment to fully comply with NFPA 72. Equipment must be fully functional and reporting to a UL listed central receiving station before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the facility.

I. Access

All buildings which have an elevator, a fire alarm system monitored by a central receiving station, or a fire sprinkler protection system shall provide a “Knox Box” key entry system (Knox Co.) This “Knox Box” shall be mounted on the exterior entrance to the dedicated riser room or at the normal fire department entrance when no fire sprinkler system is provided and there is no dedicated riser room. Mount “Knox Box” on wall at 5 feet A.F.F. on door handle side of dedicated riser room door or entrance door. This “Knox Box” shall be ordered through the Chatham County Fire Department and shall be in place before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Keys to access the facility shall be provided to the Fire Department by the owner/manager.

J. Identification

The exterior door leading to the dedicated sprinkler riser room shall be labeled with minimum 2-inch lettering designating “SPRINKLER RISER ROOM” in a contrasting color. Durable vinyl lettering is suggested.

K. Fire Alarm Panel Location

When a building is protected by an automatic sprinkler system and has a fire alarm system, the fire alarm control panel or a remote annunciation of the fire alarm control panel shall be placed in the sprinkler riser room. This control panel shall have the capacity of silencing and resetting. Adjacent to the fire alarm control panel shall be a framed zone map. Nomenclature shall correspond with the zone map. All plans and specifications must be submitted to Chatham County’s permitting department for approval prior to installation of equipment or wiring. When there is no sprinkler system in a building, the fire alarm control panel or remote annunciator shall be located at the normal fire department entrance.

3. FIRE PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION

The fire protection water supply system, including fire hydrants, shall be installed and be in at least the functional status prior to placing combustible materials on the project site. In addition, functional status includes adequately installed and maintained access to the construction project, with the first layer of asphalt installed. If phased construction is planned, coordinated installation of the fire protection water system is permitted. Coordination of the water system will be done through the Town.

3.03 VALVES AND APPURTENANCES

1. VALVES

A. General

Valves shall be installed on all branches from feeder mains and hydrants according to the following schedule: 4 valves at crosses; 3 valves at tees; one valve on each hydrant branch and elsewhere as directed by the Town. When a loop section of water line is connected back into the feeder main within a distance of 200 feet or less, only one valve will be required in the feeder main. In all cases where new water mains are connected to an existing water distribution line, valves shall be located at all end points and at intermediate points throughout the new system extension to assure testing requirements can be met without interfering with the operation of the existing system.

Where no water line intersections are existing, a main line valve shall be installed at every 100 feet per 1 inch diameter main up to a maximum distance of 2000 feet between valves.

Valves shall be properly located, operable and at the correct elevation. The maximum depth of the valve nut shall be 5 feet without an extension kit. When valve extension kits are used, they must be manufactured by the same company which manufactured the valve.

B. Combination Air Valves

1. Combination air valves shall be provided to purge air from the system at startup, vent small pockets of air while the system is being pressurized and running and prevent critical vacuum conditions during draining. Combination air valves rated for potable water use shall be installed at all high points of water lines 8 inches in diameter or larger and at other locations such as major changes in grade as directed by Pittsboro. A high point shall be determined as any high location where the difference between the high elevation and adjacent low elevation exceeds 10-ft, unless otherwise determined by the Director of Utilities based on special circumstances.
2. All combination air valves shall be provided in conformance with AWWA C-512. The water main shall be installed at a grade which will allow the air to migrate to a high point where the air can be released through an air valve. A minimum pipe slope of 1 foot in 500 feet should be maintained.
3. The combination air valve shall be sized by the Engineer and approved by Pittsboro. Combination air valves shall be of the single housing style with Type 304 or 316 stainless steel body that combines the operation of both an air/vacuum and air release valve. The valve shall be rated for minimum 230 PSI working pressure. The combination air valve shall be provided with cylindrical shaped floats and anti-shock orifice made of high-density polyethylene. Combination air valves with spherical floats shall not be accepted. All combination air valves shall be installed in accordance with Pittsboro Standard Details.
4. The two (2) -inch combination air valves shall be installed in a standard 4-foot diameter eccentric manhole. The 2-inch valve shall have a 2-inch male NPT inlet. Connection to the main shall be with a saddle tap in the same sizing as the combination air valve assembly and isolated with a gate valve also of the same size. The isolation gate valve shall be provided with NPT threads and connected with "no lead" brass (meeting UNS C89833 as per ASTM B584) or bronze piping. Brass or bronze ball valves may be used in lieu of gate valves for 2-inch installations. The isolation valve shall be rated for 200-psi service or greater.
5. Combination air valves 3-inches and greater shall be installed in a flat top manhole sized according to the water main diameter. Mains less than or equal to 20" shall utilize a 5-foot diameter manhole and larger mains shall utilize a minimum 6-foot diameter manhole. All connections shall be by flange joints. Connection to the main shall be by an MJ x FLG tee with the branch diameter equal to at least half of the main diameter. If needed due to larger diameters, a flanged reducer shall be provided prior to the flanged gate valve sized equally to the flanged combination air valve.
6. Precast concrete manholes shall meet Town requirements per these specifications and standard details. Manholes shall be provided without steps. Manholes shall contain 57 stone in the bottom of the manhole.

C. Gate Valves, Less than 4-inches for Blowoff Assemblies

Gate valves for blowoff installations sized smaller than 4-inches, shall be resilient seated wedge type with a non-rising stem and a 2-inch operating nut in compliance with AWWA C509. The smaller diameter gate valves shall be provided with triple O-ring seals and threaded end connections in compliance with ANSI

B2.1. Gate valves smaller than 2-inches shall be identified “no lead” and consist of brass components designated under UNS C89833 as per ASTM B584. The small diameter gate valves shall be rated for a minimum pressure rating of 200-psi.

D. Gate Valves, 4-inches to 12-inches

All valves for potable water applications, 12-inches in diameter and smaller shall be resilient seated wedge gate valves in conformance with the requirements of AWWA C509, (grey or ductile iron body) or AWWA C515, (reduced wall ductile iron body). All coating materials used in the construction of gate valves for potable water applications must comply with NSF 61 to assure lead free construction. All gate valves shall be designed for a working pressure of 250-psi with a minimum UL listing and FM approval rating of 200-psi. Gate valves shall be fusion bonded epoxy (FBE) coated both interior and exterior at a nominal thickness of 6-8-mils and the FBE coating shall be provided in conformance with AWWA C550. All gate valves shall be assembled with stainless steel bolts.

All gate valves 12-inches in diameter and smaller shall be installed in the vertical position and shall be provided with mechanical joint fittings. Gate valves shall be restrained by wedge action retainer glands or other approved manufacturer provided restraining systems. All gate valves shall open left with a non-rising stem (NRS) and be provided with a 2-inch square operating nut. All gate valves shall be constructed with triple O-ring seals in which 2 O-rings are located above the thrust collar and 1 O-ring is located below the thrust collar. The two upper O- rings shall be replaceable with the valve fully open and subjected to full rated working pressure.

The gate valve wedge shall be fully encapsulated in rubber. All valves shall be rated for bi-directional flow. All sealing gaskets shall be made of EPDM rubber materials.

E. Gate Valves, 14-inches through 48-inches

Gate valves 14-inches through 48-inches shall be resilient seated wedge gate valves in conformance with the requirements of AWWA C515, (reduced wall ductile iron body) and shall comply with all Specifications outlined for gate valves 4 through 12 inches. Gate valves installed vertically shall be provided with a minimum of 2-ft of overhead clearance between the top of the operator nut and the finished grade. All gate valves 18-inches and greater shall be provided with a geared actuator. Vertical gate valve installations shall have spur gear actuators and horizontal installations shall have bevel gears.

Gate valves 18 inches in diameter shall be provided with a gear operator at a minimum 2:1 ratio and larger valves through 24-inches shall be provided with a gear operator at a minimum 3:1 ratio.

Gate valves installed in a horizontal position shall only be provided as permitted by the Director of Utilities for special circumstances where vertical alignment is not possible. All horizontal gate valves shall meet or exceed the Specifications outlined herein for vertical gate valves including the 250-psi pressure rating. All horizontal gate valves shall be equipped with bevel gears resulting in a minimum 4:1 turn ratio for valves 30 through 48-inches in diameter.

F. Insertion Valves

Insertion valves shall only be used as permitted by the Town. Insertion valves shall meet the requirements of AWWA C515, seat on the valve body and be rated for a working pressure of 250-psi or greater. All insertion valves shall be made of ductile iron in conformance with ASTM A-536 Grade 65-45-12 and epoxy coated at a minimum of 10-mils. Insertion valves are available for pipe sizes through 12-inches in diameter. In cases where insertion valves are being installed to shut down water to a work zone area, the

insertion valve shall be located a minimum of 100-ft from the work zone or greater as determined by the Engineer of Record to assure the insertion valve can safely operate as a dead end without dislodging from the pipeline or otherwise causing the existing pipeline to shift.

G. Valve boxes

1. Valve Boxes shall be cast iron, screw type, with a 5-inch opening and "water" stamped on the cover. The cover shall be 6-inches in depth. All valve box assemblies and covers shall be cast from Class 35 gray iron and domestically made and manufactured in the USA.
2. Adjusting Valve Boxes:
Valve boxes shall be adjusted to the new elevations indicated on the plans, or as established by the Engineer of Record.

Adjustable valve boxes shall, if possible, be brought to grade by adjustment of the upper movable section. Debris shields shall be used to prevent debris from entering valve boxes. All loose material, debris and water shall be removed from the excavation and the interiors of valve box prior to resetting box. If dirt or debris enters the valve boxes, the contractor shall be responsible for cleaning the valve box out to allow the operating nut to be accessible. The valve boxes shall be centered over the operating nut. Any excavated area shall be filled with Class AA concrete to the level of the existing pavement, or as directed by the Town Engineering Department.

Concrete pipe valve boxes in areas not subject to vehicular traffic shall be adjusted to grades by installing a suitable length of metal or concrete pipe, of the same inside diameter as the present valve box and reinforcing the outside with a concrete collar extending from at least 2 inches below the joint up to and flush with the top of the valve box extension. This collar shall be of Class AA concrete. The dimension from the outside of the box to the outside of the collar shall not be less than 2 inches.

Contractor shall adjust valve boxes per approved plans, clean debris out of valve box and center over operating nut. The operating nut shall be within five (5) feet of final grade. The use of valve operating nut extension is acceptable as long as the follow conditions are met:

- The operating nut extension SHALL NOT be pounded on. The extension shall be installed per manufacture requirements, set screw tighten to ensure that extension does NOT come off.

Manufactured "donuts" must be benched into finish grade (buried to where they are stable). Otherwise, valve adjustment shall be formed & poured in non-paved areas.

H. Actuators

All valves shall be provided with standard 2-inch operating nuts. Unless otherwise specified, the direction of rotation to open the valves shall be to the left, (counterclockwise), when viewed from the top. Each valve body or actuator shall have cast thereon the word "OPEN" and an arrow indicating the direction to open.

2. APPURTENANCES

A. Blowoffs

Blowoffs shall be a minimum of 2 inches and installed at the end of all dead- end water lines. Where there is not sufficient pressure or fire hydrants to thoroughly flush the system, a larger blowoff shall be required. Blowoff Assemblies shall be constructed as shown in Pittsboro Standard Details. The valves shall be gate type with a non-rising stem and a 2-inch operating nut, O-ring seals and screwed ends. A full-size gate valve is required on water mains that are planned to be extended and the 2-inch valve is then not required.

B. Reaction Blocking

Material for reaction blocking shall be 3000 psi concrete, poured in place. The reaction areas are shown in Pittsboro Standard Details. A minimum 4 mil plastic shall cover the fitting to ensure that no concrete will interfere with removal of the fitting.

C. Rodding

All rodding shall be constructed with type 304 stainless steel rods at the number and sizing specified in the following table. Rod coupling shall not be allowed. All hardware shall also be stainless steel type 304.

4-inch branch	2, ¾-inch stainless steel rods
6-inch branch	2, ¾-inch stainless steel rods
8-inch branch	4, ¾-inch stainless steel rods
12-inch branch	6, ¾-inch stainless steel rods
16-inch branch	8, ¾-inch stainless steel rods

D. Wedge Action Retainer Glands

All wedge action retainer glands shall be manufactured as a one-piece retainer gland for use with mechanical joints and shall be rated to provide restraint up to 350-psi pressure rating for sizes through 16-inches. For sizing above 16-inches, the wedge action retainer gland shall be rated to provide restraint up to 250-psi. Approved wedge action retainer glands shall be made of ductile iron, coated with a manufacturer applied epoxy coating or polyester powder coating.

In cases where wedge action retainer glands are approved for pipe restraint of fire hydrant supply lines or other applications, the entire hydrant supply line shall be restrained.

Wedge action retainer gland connections to push on pipe are not approved.

3.04 WATERMAIN TAPS AND SERVICES

1. DESIGN

Individual water services shall be provided from the main to each water meter for single family residences in accordance with the Details. All connections shall be made by wet taps. Service connections shall be made perpendicular to the main and shall run straight to the meter.

All water service lines shall be installed with a minimum depth of cover of 24- inches or greater.

All water meter boxes and vaults shall be located at the edge of the serviced lot's right of way or easement. Water meter boxes shall not be placed in streets, sidewalks, parking areas or obstructed by fencing or buildings. A 10-foot clear zone shall be maintained behind meter boxes and vaults. In addition, within townhouse developments, water services shall be located within 4-feet of driveways in order to minimize conflicts between service lines and trees. All meter boxes shall be protected during construction by installation of tree protection fencing or some other acceptable material. Material will be adequately maintained throughout the construction period to prevent damage and contamination of the sewer system. Provisions for backflow prevention shall be in accordance with existing Pittsboro policies and the NC Plumbing Code.

The water meter shall be sized based on water demand. All water service lines shall be minimum 3/4-inch diameter. Multiple branches up to a maximum of 2 potable water services per multiple branch assembly for a single residential use shall be sized by the Engineer of Record in accordance with AWWA M22 but shall not be less than 1.5-inches in diameter. Gang Service Boxes are prohibited.

Service taps 2 inches or less to existing water lines shall be made by Pittsboro except if approved on development plans. Service taps greater than 2 inches to existing water lines shall be made by a Contractor of the Developer after obtaining applicable permits and paying applicable fees.

Service taps to new water lines shall be made by the Contractor in accordance with the Specifications after obtaining applicable permits and paying applicable fees. No taps shall be made within 3-feet of the bell or spigot end of the pipe.

2. MATERIALS

A. Full Body Tapping Sleeves

Mechanical Joint tapping sleeves shall be fabricated of ductile iron construction in a two-piece assembly with mechanical joint connections to the main line and flanged connection to the tapping valve. All MJ tapping sleeves shall be rated for a working pressure of 200-psi or greater and provided with a 3/4-inch test plug for testing. All tapping sleeves shall be hydrostatically tested up to 200-psi before a tap is made. Tapping sleeves shall not be air tested.

All mechanical joint tapping sleeves shall be manufacturer fabricated and approved for installation on the specific main line pipe material, whether ductile iron, plastic, cast iron or asbestos cement.

Full body tapping sleeves must be used when the main line is greater than 24- inches. Tapping sleeves fabricated of carbon steel in a two-piece assembly with mechanical joint connections to the main line and flanged connection to the tapping valve will be considered for approval on a case-by-case basis for mains that are greater than 24-inches. Carbon steel sleeves should be rated for a working pressure of 250-psi or greater and be provided with a 3/4-inch test plug. A fusion bonded epoxy coating shall be applied to all carbon steel sleeves.

B. Stainless Steel Tapping Sleeves, 6-inch through 12-inch main lines

Stainless steel tapping sleeves may be used in lieu of mechanical joint tapping sleeves for ductile iron or asbestos cement water mains through 12-inches in diameter with branch sizing as shown in the following table. All stainless-steel tapping sleeves shall be manufactured in conformance with AWWA C223. All stainless-steel tapping sleeves shall have a stainless-steel flange and be provided in a two-piece assembly

with a full circumferential gasket with tabbed gasket holding assembly and 3/4-inch test plug. The back band shall be a minimum 14-gauge stainless steel and the front band (where the outlet is located) shall be a minimum 12-gauge stainless steel. The bolt bars shall be a minimum 7-gauge stainless steel. All stainless-steel tapping sleeves shall be manufacturer rated for a working pressure of 200-psi or greater and hydrostatically tested to 200-psi before a tap is made. Stainless steel tapping sleeves shall not be air tested.

Nominal Main Size (inches)	Nominal Branch Size (inches)
6	4
8	4
10	4
10	6
12	4
12	6
12	8

C. Stainless Steel Tapping Sleeves, 14-inch through 24-inch main lines

For larger diameter water mains, stainless steel tapping sleeves approved by the Town of Pittsboro may be used in lieu of a mechanical joint tapping sleeve for cases where the branch line is 50% or less in diameter than the main line diameter. All the previous Specifications described for tapping sleeves from 6 to 12 inches shall be met for stainless steel tapping sleeves for larger diameter water mains. Additionally, the outlet band for stainless steel tapping sleeves 14-inches through 24-inches shall be a minimum 7-gauge stainless steel. The back half of the sleeve shall be a minimum 12-gauge stainless steel.

D. Tapping Saddles, 14-inch through 24-inch main lines

Tapping Saddles may be used in lieu of mechanical joint tapping sleeves to tap mains 14 inches through 24-inches when the branch line is 50% or less in diameter than the main line diameter. Saddles shall be made of ductile iron providing a factor of safety of 2.5 with a working pressure of 250-psi. Saddles shall be equipped with an AWWA C110 flange connection on the branch. Sealing gaskets shall be O-ring type, high quality molded rubber having an approximate 70 durometer hardness, placed into a groove on the curved surface of the saddles. Straps shall be alloy steel. The minimum strap count for branch sizing from 4-12 inches is shown below.

Nominal Saddle Outlet (inches)	Number of Straps
4	3
6	3
8	4
12	7

E. Service Line Taps

The maximum size of direct taps for ductile iron water mains 6-inches to 12-inches without a fitting, tapping sleeve or saddle shall be 1-inch. Any taps larger than 1-inch or any size tap on mains larger than 12-inches shall be provided with a saddle tap.

F. Corporation Stops

Corporation Stops shall be ball type, made of “no lead” brass (meeting UNS C89833 as per ASTM B584). Corp stops shall be complete with a compression coupling and AWWA Standard threads as per AWWA C800. Taps shall be located at 10:00 or 2:00 o'clock on the circumference of the pipe. Service taps shall be staggered alternating from one side of the water main to the other and at least 12 inches apart. The taps must be a minimum of 24 inches apart if they are on the same side of the pipe. All corporation stops shall be rated for a working pressure of 300-psi.

No burned taps will be allowed, and each corporation stop will be wrapped with Teflon tape for ductile iron pipe water mains. No taps are allowed on a fire hydrant line. No tapping shall be made where rodding is placed.

G. Service Saddles

Service Saddles shall be used for service taps larger than ¾-inch on all ductile iron water mains 14-inches and greater, or when direct taps cannot be made. Service saddles shall also be used for all taps on existing water mains other than ductile iron, such as asbestos cement, PVC, etc. Service Saddles shall be provided with brass body and fasteners (85-5-5-5 waterworks brass or “no lead” brass meeting UNS C89833 as per ASTM B584) conforming to AWWA C800 and double straps made of silicon bronze (single strap for PVC mains) conforming to ASTM A98 and factory installed grade 60 rubber gaskets. Service saddles shall be provided with AWWA standard threads per AWWA C800.

H. Copper Service Tubing

Copper service tubing shall be Type K soft copper tubing per ASTM B88. No union shall be used in the installation of the service connection of 100-feet or less. Service lines more than 100 feet shall use a three (3) piece compression coupling. Only one (1) compression coupling shall be used for each 100 feet or fraction thereof.

I. Meter boxes for ¾ and 1-inch services

Meter boxes shall include a domestic produced solid cast iron lid (without flip-to-read hatch) manufactured for Radio-Read applications (2-inch hole in lid for radio antennae). Cast iron meter boxes shall be supplied of sufficient size to allow for 6 inches' clear space both above and below the meter. Generally, this requires an 18-inch-deep box.

One 2-inch or 6-inch grade adjuster may be used when needed to meet final grade, however, no grade adjusters are permitted on new construction projects. Grade adjusters shall be cast iron. Grade adjuster and box shall be by the same manufacturer.

In isolated cases and when approved by the Director of Utilities, meter boxes may be located in driveways, alleys and/or parking areas. In these cases, a street rated box capable of withstanding a 40,000-lbs proof load shall be specified.

J. 1 ½ and 2-inch Water Services

1 ½-inch and 2-inch meter boxes shall be light weight polymer concrete as indicated in the Standard Details. Meter boxes for 1 ½ and 2-inch water services shall provide a cover opening of 24 X 36 inches and boxes shall measure at least 30-inches in depth and provided in straight wall arrangement. Standard meter box covers shall bolt down to the box, and all polymer cement covers shall be provided in solid configuration with a 2-inch diameter transmitter hole, and with the words, "Water Meter" cast into the lid. The meter box covers shall be provided with 2 stainless steel bolts in penta head configuration for security. To ensure positive discharge, the box should be tied into the existing storm drain system or shall have an open bottom to allow drainage through a 12-inch stone base. All meter box covers for potable water service shall be provided in standard concrete gray or black color.

Custom setter piping and fittings for 1 ½ and 2-inch water meters shall be constructed from "no lead" brass (meeting UNS C89833 as per ASTM B584) and copper tubing and shall be equipped with a lockable by-pass flanged ball valve and flanged angle meter ball valves All applications shall have a separate above ground backflow preventer.

K. Water services greater than 2-inches

Water services greater than 2-inches shall have the meter and bypass line located within a precast concrete vault. All piping and valves shall have flanged connections. There shall be isolation gate valves on both sides of the meter as well as one on the bypass line. Gate valves within the vault shall meet the above requirements of AWWA C509 for non-rising stem gate valves but shall be provided with hand wheel operators. A standard buried gate valve with 2-inch nut shall be provided between the main and the vault. Link seals shall be used where the pipe enters and exits the vault.

Service meters 2-inch and larger shall be Neptune radio read conforming to AWWA C702. Meters shall be compound type with operating ranges adequate for metering the expected high and low flows at the service. Meters shall include turbine type and disc type magnetically driven registers.

Refer to Town Standard Detail for Vault Installation and Drainage Requirement.

Manufacturer's recommendations for screens, backflow prevention, etc. shall be included. The full assembly shall be supported from the vault floor at least 12 inches by concrete pedestals or pillars beneath the spool pieces. The vault shall include an aluminum access hatch, such as by Halliday Products, sized adequately for removal of the meter. The access hatch shall possess an integral extruded aluminum channel frame incorporating a continuous concrete anchor and a 1 ½-inch drainage coupling.

L. Meters

Meters shall be Neptune radio read type, possessing radio read output consistent with that used by the Town of Pittsboro at the time of installation. The Town of Pittsboro supplies and installs Neptune, radio read meters up to 2-inches. Meters larger than 2 inches shall be provided by the Owner.

Meters ¾-inch through 1½-inch shall be displacement type and shall conform to AWWA C700. The main case shall be of bronze or lead-free copper alloy construction with frost protection features. The measuring chamber shall be of bronze, copper alloy or synthetic polymer construction. Registers shall be magnetic drive, direct reading in U.S. gallons. Meters shall be of the rotating disc, positive displacement type. Meters provided and installed shall possess a minimum one-year manufacturer warranty. Supplier/manufacturer shall repair or replace any meter parts that become defective under normal wearing conditions within one year of the date of installation of the meter without charge to the Town of Pittsboro.

M. Meter Vaults

Meter vaults and access doors shall meet HS-20 loading requirements and shall be located outside of travel areas. Pedestrian rated covers shall not be used regardless of where they are located. The access double doors shall be aluminum with a flush drop lift handle, stainless steel hinges and bolts, a stainless-steel slam lock, an automatic hold open arm, and compression springs to allow for easy opening. Vaults for 3- and 4-inch meters shall be approximately 8-feet by 10-feet in size. Six-inch meter vaults shall be approximately 9-feet by 12-feet. To ensure positive drainage, the vault shall be tied into the existing storm drainage system. If positive drainage is unobtainable, a sump pump shall be located and operated in the vault

3.05 IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

1. All irrigation systems shall be provided with privately maintained reduced pressure principle backflow prevention installed in accordance with the NC Plumbing Code and the Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research. Reduced pressure zone backflow preventers shall be installed above ground in an insulated box as shown by the details.
2. All irrigation systems within public street right of way require an encroachment agreement from Pittsboro or NCDOT prior to installation. Plans designating the location, size, material, and depth shall be submitted with the agreement application to the Town Engineering Director. If there is an approved development plan, it shall be referenced with the encroachment submittal to Pittsboro.
3. Pipe material for the mainline proposed to be used within the public right of way shall be Schedule 40 PVC or greater. A distance of at least 3-feet shall be provided from the back of curb or edge of asphalt in a ditch section. A minimum depth of 2-feet of cover shall be provided and all heads shall spray away from the street.
4. All street crossings of irrigation systems shall be encased in ductile iron or steel conduit. Irrigation systems installed in the medians of Pittsboro maintained roadways must also have French drains installed behind the curb and gutter which are piped to a storm system.

3.06 TESTING AND INSPECTIONS

1. GENERAL

A. All materials must be approved by the Inspector prior to installation. Materials rejected by the Inspector shall be immediately removed from the job site.

B. The Contractor shall furnish all materials, labor, and equipment to perform all testing and inspections to the satisfaction of the Inspector or Water Quality representative. Pittsboro shall provide water for testing purposes on water mains in accordance with Pittsboro requirements.

2. TESTING

A. Hydrostatic Testing

No valve in the Town of Pittsboro water system shall be operated without authorization by Town staff. A section of line that is to be hydrostatically tested, shall be slowly filled with water at a rate which will allow complete evacuation of air from the line. Hand pumps shall not be used for the pressure testing of water mains. Taps used for testing purposes shall be removed after

testing and repaired using a “no lead” brass plug. The maximum length of pipe for pressure testing is 2,600 linear feet.

When filling the pipeline, it is very important to fill the line slowly to avoid undue impacts associated with surge and to allow air to evacuate the pipeline. After all air has been expelled from the water main, the line shall be tested to a pressure of 200 psi as measured at the lowest elevation of the line for a duration of 2 hours. The testing period shall not commence until all air has been evacuated and the pressure has stabilized. The pressure gauge used in the hydrostatic test shall be calibrated in increments of 10-psi or less. The pressure gauge shall be liquid-filled and indexed for an operating range of 300-psi or less with a minimum dial size of 4 inches. At the end of the test period, the leakage shall be measured with an accurate water meter.

Any measured leakage not within the allowable limits as specified in the following table shall require repair of the water main and additional testing until the standards are met. For pipe sizes other than those shown, the Contractor shall test within the allowable leakage amounts as specified by AWWA C600-99. All visible leaks shall be repaired regardless of the amount of leakage.

Pipe Size (Inches)	Allowable Leakage at 200-psi (Gal./Hr. per 1000 feet of pipe)
4	0.38
6	0.57
8	0.76
10	0.96
12	1.15
16	1.53
20	1.91
24	2.29
30	2.87
36	3.44
42	4.01

B. Disinfection

All additions or replacements to the water system shall be disinfected with chlorine in conformance with AWWA C651 before being placed in service under the supervision of the Town Inspector in the following manner:

1. Taps shall be made at the control valve at the upstream end of the line and at all extremities of the line including valves.
2. A solution of water containing 70% High Test Hypochlorite (HTH) available chlorine shall be introduced into the line by regulated pumping at the control-valve tap. The solution shall be of such a concentration that the line shall have a uniform concentration of not less than 50-ppm and not more than 100-ppm total chlorine immediately after chlorination. The chart below shows the required quantity of 70% HTH compound to be contained in solution in each 1000 feet section of line to produce the desired concentration from 50-ppm to 100 ppm.

Table 3.7: Required Hypochlorite Concentration		
Pipe Size (inches)	Pounds of High Test Hypochlorite (70%) to reach 50-ppm <i>per 1,000 feet of line</i>	Pounds High Test Hypochlorite (70%) to reach 100-ppm <i>per 1000 feet of line</i>
6	0.88	1.76
8	1.56	3.12
10	2.42	4.84
12	3.50	7.00
14	4.76	9.52
16	6.22	12.44
20	9.76	19.52
24	14.00	28.00
30	21.86	43.72
36	31.47	62.94
42	42.85	85.70

3. The HTH Solution shall be circulated in the main by opening the control valve and systematically manipulating hydrants and taps at the line extremities. The HTH solution must be pumped in at a constant rate for each discharge rate so a uniform concentration will be produced in mains.
4. HTH solution shall remain in lines for no less than 24 hours or as directed by Pittsboro’s Inspector.
5. Extreme care shall be exercised at all times to prevent the HTH solution from entering existing mains.
6. Free residual chlorine after 24 hours shall be at least 10 ppm, or the Inspector will require that the lines be re-chlorinated.

C. Flushing

1. Flushing of lines may only proceed after 24 hours of disinfection contact time and as directed by Pittsboro staff, provided the free residual chlorine analysis is satisfactory.
2. At the completion of disinfection, chlorinated water flushed from the water main shall be disposed of in conformance with all Federal, State and local regulations.
3. In accordance with all applicable regulations, a neutralizing chemical shall be applied to minimize chlorine residual in the flushing water before discharging from the water main, unless an alternate plan is submitted in writing and approved by Pittsboro.
4. Water used for disinfection shall be flushed from the water main until the chlorine residual concentration is below 5-ppm before initiating sampling.

D. Bacteriological and Turbidity Sampling

1. Bacteriological sampling shall be utilized to verify disinfection prior to placing a newly constructed water main in operational service. Bacteriological sampling shall consist of 2 consecutive sets of acceptable samples taken at least 24-hours apart and collected from each 1,200-ft section of water main and all dead ends and branches as outlined by ANSI/AWWA C651.
2. Turbidity sampling may be required in addition to bacteriological sampling at the discretion of the Town Engineering Inspector.
3. Samples for laboratory analysis shall be witnessed by Pittsboro's Inspector after flushing is completed. The Contractor shall furnish the sample bottles, the testing agency and shall secure these samples. The Contractor shall make arrangements with the laboratory that all test results be submitted directly to the Town Inspector. All costs for laboratory testing shall be borne by the Contractor.
4. The laboratory secured for testing shall be certified by the State Laboratory of Public Health. All sample bottles for bacteriological sampling provided by the laboratory shall be sterilized and treated with a dechlorinating agent, such as sodium thiosulfate. Samples for turbidity shall be taken in plain sterilized bottles from the lab, which are separate from the bottles provided for bacteriological testing. The sample bottles shall be provided with tamper proof seals that will be adhered to the bottles by the Town of Pittsboro's Engineering Inspector. The Inspector shall provide a sample identification number, job title and an identification of Phase 1 or Phase 2 sampling that will be provided on the tamper proof custody seal. The bottles and tamper proof custody seals shall be accompanied by a chain of custody form provided by the certified laboratory conducting the testing. All sample identification numbers, job titles, and Phase 1 or Phase 2 testing identification from the custody seal shall be recorded on the chain of custody forms by the Inspector.
5. All samples shall be collected in compliance with the sampling protocols provided by the certified laboratory. The samples shall be kept in a cooler provided by the Contractor at approximately 40-degrees Fahrenheit or 4- degrees Celsius and delivered to the certified lab for testing as soon as possible. The time at which the sample is taken shall be recorded on the chain of custody form by the Town of Pittsboro's Engineering Inspector. Any samples processed at the laboratory more than 30-hours following collection shall be declared invalid, i.e. samples shall be submitted to the lab within 24-hours of collecting them.
6. All first-round samples shall be tested for bacteriological quality and turbidity in accordance with standards established by NCDENR and AWWA. If turbidity exceeds 1.0 NTU, the sample shall fail, and the system shall be re- flushed before initiating a new round of testing.
7. If the phase 1 sample results for bacteriological quality and turbidity are acceptable, then a second set of samples can be collected at least 24-hours following the first sample collection. No additional flushing other than required to obtain a representative sample will be allowed prior to collecting the second set of samples.
8. The second set of samples shall be tested for bacteriological quality only. All custody seals and chain of custody forms shall identify the second-round samples as "Phase 2" testing to notify the lab that the first set of samples have already been evaluated and received a satisfactory laboratory analysis.

9. At the completion of sampling, the total chlorine concentration shall be at least 2-mg/L and no higher than 4-mg/L before the system can be made operational.
10. If test results are unsatisfactory, the Contractor shall immediately re-chlorinate lines and proceed with such measures as are necessary to properly disinfect the lines.
11. The new water system shall be valved off from the existing system until a satisfactory bacteriological laboratory analysis has been obtained and the Inspector has authorized the use of the new water system.

E. Marker Ball and Marker Tape Testing

Testing of the marker balls, tape and tracer wire shall be performed by the Contractor at the completion of the project to assure they are all working properly. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide the necessary equipment to test the marker balls, tap and trace wire. Any defective, missing, or otherwise non-locatable units shall be replaced.

3.07 REPAIR AND REHABILITATION

1. **Joint leaks** of Ductile Iron Pipe shall be repaired by using a bell joint leak repair clamp approved by Pittsboro or otherwise replacing the damaged pipe and reconnecting with a mechanical joint sleeve connection.
2. **Line Breaks or Punctures** shall be repaired by a full circle repair clamp as approved by Pittsboro or otherwise replacing the damaged pipe and reconnecting with a mechanical joint sleeve connection.
3. **Line Splits or Blow Outs** shall be repaired by replacing the damaged section with ductile iron pipe with a restrained sleeve connection at each end.
4. **Asbestos Cement Pipe** to PVC or Ductile Iron Pipe transitions shall use coupling listed on Pittsboro's Approved Products List with different end diameters sized specifically for the pipe materials and pipe outside diameter at each end.
5. **All water main point repairs** shall be replaced with DIP in accordance with these Specifications and backfilled with crush and run stone compacted to 95% maximum dry density as specified elsewhere in the Standard Specifications.
6. **Water Service Line Repairs:**
 - A. A water service line severed between the water main, and the water meter shall be repaired using new type K copper tubing and bronze or "no lead" brass 3-piece compression unions.
 - B. A corporation stop pulled out of a PVC pipe water main shall have a new service saddle and a new "no lead" brass corporation stop installed on the water main.
 - C. A corporation stop pulled out of a ductile iron pipe shall have a full circle repair clamp placed over the old tap hole. A new tap shall be made and a new "no lead" brass corporation stop installed on the water main.

7. Abandonment:

Water service laterals shall be abandoned at the main by locating, turning off, and capping the corporation stop.

END OF SECTION 3.

