

FLATHEAD RESERVATION UNITARY ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (PROPOSED)
DOMESTIC ALLOWANCES FOR GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT (DRAFT)
Water Policy Interim Committee - January 10, 2012
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DRAFT ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GROUNDWATER FOR NEW DOMESTIC USES

- _ INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC ALLOWANCE
- _ SHARED DOMESTIC ALLOWANCE
- _ DEVELOPMENT DOMESTIC ALLOWANCE

Sourced from Groundwater Wells or Developed Springs

Not for Ponds or Reservoirs

No Mitigation required

Well construction standards follow Mt Board of Water Well Contractors Laws & Rules

Individual Domestic Allowance

- ✗ Serves Single Home or Business
- ✗ Maximum Flow Rate is 35 gpm
- ✗ Maximum Diverted Volume is 2.4 AFY (acre-feet/year) (No meter/measurement)
- ✗ Maximum Irrigation is 0.7 acres

Shared Domestic Allowance

- ✗ Serves up to 3 Homes or Businesses
- ✗ Maximum Flow Rate is 35 gpm
- ✗ Maximum Diverted Volume is 2.4 AFY (No meter/measurement)
- ✗ Maximum Irrigation is 0.75 acres
- ✗ Shared Well Agreement Required

Development Domestic Allowance

- ✗ Serves Multiple Homes or Businesses
- ✗ Maximum Flow Rate is 35 gpm
- ✗ Maximum Diverted Volume is 10 AFY
- ✗ Maximum Irrigation is 0.25 acres/Home or Business
- ✗ Shared Well Agreement Required
- ✗ Meter & Measurement Reporting Required

Volume Estimates

In-Home: 0.5 acre feet per year (446 gallons per day) diverted

Irrigation: 1.9 acre feet per year diverted to irrigate 0.7 acres

Domestic Allowance Application/Issuance Process

- 1) Apply for Domestic Allowance (requires an application form and filing fee)
- 2) Water Engineer has 45 days to approve the application or return it as defective
- 3) Upon approval, applicant may develop the well
 - a) Must be developed within one year of issuance of approval
 - b) Must file a notice of Domestic Allowance completion and a well log report with the Board within 120 days of drilling the well for the appropriation to be valid

RWRCC website - <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/rwrcc/default.asp>

Flathead Reservation Unitary Management Ordinance - <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/rwrcc/Compacts/CSKT>

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