

Dear Council Members:

Bill #2 which would require all condominium buildings to install separate water meters for each individual unit is overly burdensome on condominium owners, investors and renters.

Many condominiums, including Plaza Landmark in Salt Lake have common water systems that run vertically thru entire "stacks" of units. That is, the cold water and hot water supplies run vertically through every unit. In my 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit there is a set of cold and hot water supply lines running vertically thru the unit for one bathroom, a separate set for the other bathroom and a third set for the kitchen. Additionally, each hot water line has a hot water return line (due to the great distance from the hot water tanks, the hot water in the lines is constantly circulated).

For each of the 27 units in my stack, it would require nine (three lines {cold, hot, hot water return} times three separate sets of water runs) water meters. There are 11 stacks of apartments and 291 total apartments in our building.

The cost to separately meter every unit would run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In Waikiki at Tradewinds Plaza I have a studio apartment that also has three sets of supply and return lines to service the unit. Eighty units in ten stacks would lead to a similar high cost for separate metering.

As a board member in both buildings, I assure you that we are acutely aware of the ever rising cost of water and sewer and the affect that conservation can have on our budget.

It is neither called for nor the place of the City Council to impose another expensive mandate on condominium owners and renters.

I urge you to vote against this bill.

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