Gas Installation for Commercial Sites and Multifamily Homes

Guard Post Installation

Charlottesville Gas is responsible for determining if guard posts are required to protect meter set assemblies from potential vehicular damage. To avoid the need for guard posts installation, choose a meter location that is away from driveways or other areas where vehicles travel. The contractor is responsible for guard post installation and any related costs.

Guard posts located in commercial or industrial locations, street rights-of-way, and alleyways should be painted “caution” yellow.

Multiple Meter Identification

If multiple gas meters exist in one location, contractors must label each individual meter with a metal tag that clearly identifies the apartment # or unit #. The contractor is responsible for providing the metal tag because they are the most knowledgeable about which meter connects to which portion of the building. In order for the gas technician to unlock the meter, you must have each meter identified by a metal tag.

Gas Main Installation

Gas mains will be installed when the following conditions are met in the construction area:

- Grade is within 6 inches of final or base grade in roadways.
- Curb and gutter must be installed if the gas main is going to be installed in or near the roadway.
- All sanitary sewers, drains, and storm sewers must be installed.
- A minimum below ground parallel separation is required of 5 feet from power, telephone, and cable TV. Sanitary sewer has a parallel separation of 5 feet in the City and 10 feet in the County.

Gas stubs will be installed for all road crossings if the developer has committed to all gas homes. Otherwise, the developer may install a conduit, at the developer’s expense, for future road crossings in order to eliminate disturbing asphalt when services are installed. The developer shall furnish as-built drawings of the conduit placement or permanently mark conduit locations. The conduit will be furnished by the contractor.