King County Water District #90 Standard Specification for Installation of Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA) Point of Use

- 1. The DCVA must be an approved back flow assembly on the Washington state approved list.
- 2. The installation of a DCVA must be inspected by District personnel. (Call the District at 425-255-9600 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, for an appointment).
- 3. Supply connection at the service line shall be a brass tee.
- 4. The brass tee for the DCVA shall be at least 5 feet from the water meter box.
- 5. No pipes or sprinkler heads are allowed within a 5-foot radius of the DCVA meter box.
- 6. The property owner shall be responsible to maintain an area within a five (5) foot radius around the DCVA and water meter box and keep it clear of all trees or scrubs, etc.
- 7. The water meter must remain accessible for periodic meter readings. The DCVA must remain accessible for periodic inspections.
- 8. It is the responsibility of the property owner and/or general contractor to maintain established finished grade, adjacent to the DCVA and water meter.
- 9. The DCVA must be installed with the check valves in horizontal configuration (see drawing) with the test cocks facing upward or to one side.
- 10. The minimum size boxes for a below ground DCVA installation are:

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3/4 to 1" Assemblies - 10" x 13"
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1 1/4" to 2" Assemblies - 14" x 20"

- 11. When installed in a below ground box the DCVA must be a minimum of six inches and a maximum of fourteen inches below the top of the box.
- 12. Make sure that there is at least six inches of clearance between the box and the test cocks.
- 13. Sufficient drainage must be provided under the assembly to prevent flooding.
- 14. Compressed air fittings used for winterizing the system must be installed downstream of the DCVA.
- 15. Unions should be installed on both sides of the device for removal.
- 16. The DCVA must be tested when installed and annually thereafter.
- 17. All test cocks must be plugged.
- 18. If the DCVA is installed on a water line supplying a hot water tank, ensure that the hot water tank is equipped with a pressure relief valve and/or expansion tank.

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