

# Fire Protection Service – Hydrant Use

## *POLICY*

Use of this Authority's fire hydrants by any one other than authorized fire departments and Authority personnel is prohibited unless the following conditions are met.

1 ... Any person(s) or business desiring to use a fire hydrant as a source of water obtains a permit from Authority management to use a specific fire hydrant, and pays a deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

2 ... The user will be provided with the following equipment for use while obtaining water from the hydrant permitted.

- A sign announcing permission to use the fire hydrant, to be displayed on the hydrant at all times;
- A fire hydrant wrench;
- A fire hydrant meter assembly.

The user will provide support for the meter assembly when attached to the hydrant. The user must **NOT** allow the weight of the unit to be borne by the hydrant nozzle.

3 ... The reading on the meter will be recorded on the permit application when the unit is picked up by the permittee.

4 ... At the end of each day the user will remove the meter, from the main valve to the hydrant and store as not to damage the meter.

5 ... When the user has finished with their use of the hydrant, the user will remove the fire hydrant meter assembly from the hydrant and return it to the Authority office.

6 ... Authority management will record the meter reading on the permit application.

7 ... Authority staff will inspect the fire hydrant meter assembly for damage.

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- 8 ... The user will be billed for the water used using this procedure.
- a. The charge for the water used will be calculated at actual rate of per thousand gallons.
  - b. The user will be charged for replacement of fire hydrant meter assembly parts or entire assembly, if damaged.
  - c. If the amount owed for water used and any damage to equipment is greater than the deposit, the hydrant user will pay the difference.
  - d. If the amount owed for the water used and any damage to equipment is less than the deposit, the user will be issued a refund for the difference between the deposit and the charge for the water used.
- 9 ... Authority staff will inspect the hydrant and determine that it is functional.

**Adoption Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_\_