

## ARTICLE 2. PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANTS

### 2.10 Use of Fire Hydrants

Only those persons designated and authorized by GW shall open any fire hydrant, attempt to draw water from it or in any manner damage or tamper with it. Any violation of this regulation will be subject to penalties described herein.

### 2.20 Obtaining Temporary Water from a Fire Hydrant

The use of water for temporary construction purposes from a public fire hydrant may be approved by the GW Engineering Office, upon proper application. Reasonable and customary charges for the use of such hydrants and for the water used shall be as published in this Article. The users of such hydrants shall be liable for any damages to hydrants, system facilities, or personal property as a result of the operation of said hydrant.

#### A. New Construction Sites

Applicant is required to lease an appropriately sized fire hydrant meter as determined by the GW engineering department.

1. The meter is to be utilized for all construction related water usage at the site.

2. The meter is to remain attached to the fire hydrant as designated by GW for the duration of the construction project.

3. Applicant shall be responsible reporting the meter reading on the first day of each month to the GW customer service department for the purposes of billing for water used. Said meter is subject to auditing at the discretion of GW and the privilege of usage will be terminated if it has been determined that the reading has been falsified.

#### B. Public Agency or Utility

Applicant is required to lease an appropriately sized fire hydrant meter as determined by the GW engineering department.

1. Applicant will be responsible reporting the meter reading on the first day of each month to the GW customer service department for the purposes of billing for water used. Said meter is subject to auditing at the discretion of GW and the privilege of usage will be terminated if it has been determined that the reading has been falsified.

2. The meter shall be returned to GW annually for bench testing to confirm reading accuracy.

C. Private Users with Tank/Tanker

For users such as asphalt paving operations, hydro-seeders, street washers, etc. equipped with a tanker truck or trailer-mounted tank the following permitting procedures apply.

1. One-time/Short-term User

Upon satisfactory inspection of the tank and confirmation that the tank is top-filled with an air gap, the applicant will be issued a "Temporary Hydrant Usage Permit."

Initial Inspection Fee	\$ 100
One-Month Usage Fee	\$ 100

2. Less than 1000 gallons:

Upon successful inspection of the tank and confirmation that the tank is top-filled with an air gap, the applicant will be issued a "Fire Hydrant" sticker denoting that the tank has been inspected and the applicant is authorized to directly connect to a fire hydrant to fill the tank.

Annual Inspection Fee	\$ 100
Annual Usage Fee	\$ 500

3. 1000 gallons or Greater:

Applicant is required to lease a 3" fire hydrant meter. The meter is to be delivered to GW monthly for reading and inspection. Rules pertaining to the return of the fire hydrant meter are outlined in Section 2.20 E. of this Article.

D. Fire Hydrant Meter Fee Schedule:

1.	<u>1" Hydrant Meter (up to 50 gpm)</u>	
	Deposit	\$ 500.00
	Installation/Inspection	\$ 100.00
	Monthly Lease fee	\$ 15.97
	Rate / 1000 gal	\$ 2.10
2.	<u>3" Hydrant Meter (up to 350 gpm)</u>	
	Deposit	\$1500.00
	Installation/Inspection	\$ 100.00
	Monthly Lease fee	\$ 102.10
	Rate / 1000 gal	\$ 2.10

E. Return of the Fire Hydrant Meter

Upon completion of the need for a fire hydrant meter, said meter shall be returned to GW. If the meter is in satisfactory working condition, GW will refund the cost of the deposit. If the meter is not in satisfactory working condition, the deposit will be forfeited.

2.30 Unauthorized Usage

In the event a company or individual is found to have used or be using a fire hydrant without having gained appropriate permission granted by GW in accordance with this Article, then the following fines shall be levied:

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$ 500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$1000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$1500

2.40 Inspection of Fire Hydrants

Personnel of fire departments are authorized to open GW owned fire hydrants located within their respective districts for the purpose of fire-fighting and for inspection to meet the requirements of the Insurance Services Office, subject to the following requirements:

A. For non-emergency testing, notification shall be made to, and approval obtained from, the GW Engineering Office prior to opening any fire hydrant for such routine inspections.

B. Opening of fire hydrants for inspection purposes shall be restricted to the hours for 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on GW's normal work days.

C. A fire department conducting such inspections shall be liable for any damages caused by improper operation of fire hydrants by its personnel.

D. Training on the proper operation of fire hydrants within the GW service area shall be made available upon request.

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Moving a Fire Hydrants

When a fire hydrant has been installed in the location specified by GW and a property owner requests a change of location, the property owner shall make application to the GW Engineering Office for such relocation. If approved, the hydrant will be relocated by GW at the expense of the requesting property owner.