

Section 3-23

Use of and Damage to Fire Hydrants, Change in Hydrant Location, Responsibility for Maintenance and Operation of Private Hydrants

- (a) Any use of a fire hydrant or tampering therewith or the taking of water therefrom for purposes other than fire protection by persons other than authorized employees of the fire department or of the department is hereby prohibited, except upon prior application to and written permit by the department. The fire department shall have the prior right to use any hydrant at any time and shall have the authority to remove peremptorily, if necessary in case of fire, any connection that may be made to a hydrant under a permit issued by the department. Application for a permit for the use of a fire hydrant for purposes other than fire protection shall be made in writing to the department and when required shall be accompanied by a deposit in cash. It shall be nontransferable and shall be shown upon demand by the permittee, its agents or employees. The department reserves the right to reject any application and/or to refuse to issue any permit and/or to revoke any permit at any time. The department also reserves the right to perform for the permittee at his expense the work of installing and/or removing the connection and/or of operating the hydrant. No permit will be issued unless the permittee agrees to notify the department in writing as soon as the use of the hydrant is finished. In the event that a permit shall be revoked, the use of the hydrant thereunder shall cease immediately and all connections thereto shall be properly removed forthwith. The department will inspect each hydrant which has been used under a permit, and all costs of repairs which the department may adjudge to be due to such use and the cost of inspection shall be paid for by the permittee. All water drawn from a hydrant under permit shall be metered or estimated as to quantity in a manner satisfactory to the department and shall be paid for by the permittee at the current water rates. The permittee shall pay all of the costs of connecting to and disconnecting from the hydrant. Only regulation fire hydrant wrenches which shall have been approved by the department shall be used for the operation of fire hydrants. The use of any other type of wrench or operating device shall not be permitted. The permit will be revoked if other than approved regulation fire hydrant wrenches are used. The permittee shall report promptly any defect in or damage to the hydrant. The cost of any damage to property or of any injury to persons resulting from the use of the hydrant shall be paid for by the permittee. The department will not be held responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons arising from the use of any hydrant under permit as aforesaid. The use of any hydrant under a permit and the connections thereto shall be subject to the direction and approval of the department. Hydrant main line valves shall not be used to control flow.
- (b) The department will, if it approves the request of a consumer for a change in location of a hydrant, change such location, provided the cost of all labor and material is paid by the party requesting such change.

- (c) The consumer shall at his expense test periodically and keep in good and safe working condition including proper maintenance all private hydrants under his control and not under the jurisdiction of the department. The department will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by any hydrant for any cause whatsoever.

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