

## **FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE POLICY**

1. The Authority reserves the right to install and approve the installation of all fire hydrants at any place within its system as it deems necessary and appropriate and to refuse to allow hydrants on all or any part of the system if it is determined that the system can not adequately support such hydrants.
2. The Authority reserves the right to approve the location and specifications of fire hydrants and appurtenances on all lines furnished by others in subdivisions, commercial or industrial areas or other such locations.
3. All fire hydrants and appurtenances shall be installed either by the Authority or by an approved contractor, with installation meeting the Authority's specifications.
4. No fire hydrant shall be operated by anyone other than authorized fire department or Authority personnel, without the written consent of the Authority.
5. Fire hydrants shall be operated only with a wrench that is approved by the Authority.
6. Fire hydrants shall be color coded by painting the top of the hydrant black to indicate out of service.
7. The Authority does not in any way guarantee any pressure or flow minimums with regard to fire hydrants or sprinkler systems.
8. All fire hydrants and their appurtenances shall be installed within Authority easements on private property whenever possible or within public right-of-way.
9. Customers must pay for all labor and materials necessary to properly install fire hydrants that are not normally supplied by the Authority.
10. Developers or customers who wish to have fire hydrants installed on lines that are of inadequate size to handle fire flows must have the approved contractor either pin, seal or lock the pumper nozzle of the hydrant so that it cannot be opened and color code the hydrant with green paint. These hydrants shall only be used by fire fighters to refill equipment tanks. No pumper truck shall be allowed to pump directly from the Authority's lines through such a hydrant.
11. Any unauthorized person operating a hydrant without the consent of the Authority shall be liable for water usage as estimated by the Authority and any damage to equipment.
12. Hydrant damage caused by vehicle accidents or any other circumstance shall be reimbursed by the responsible party.
13. All fire sprinkler systems shall be subject to the approval of the Authority.
14. Customers are not permitted to use the water from sprinkler systems for any purpose other than fire protection.
15. No cross-connection is allowed between the sprinkler system and potable water lines.

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16. The utility shall have right of access during business hours to customers' premises for the purpose of inspecting fire protection systems.
17. Facilities installed for providing water to automatic sprinkler systems for fire protection shall be owned and maintained by the customer.
18. Multiple connections for sprinkler service to one structure that is in service at the effective date of this policy shall, for billing purposes only, be considered a single connection.
19. By furnishing water service to a customer, the Authority assumes no responsibility for seeing that the customer's installation complies with any codes, regulations or standards other than those of the Authority.

**ADOPTION DATE:** August 16, 2005

Recommended Review: Biannually