

SECTION 4

FIRE SERVICES

4.1 GENERAL

The Water Department may authorize services to private property for private fire protection purposes. All equipment shall be installed entirely at the expense of the owner and with the approval of the Superintendent. The entire installation and upkeep of such equipment shall be at the owner's expense.

The owner of the property or his authorized agent shall make applications. The owner will be subject to all the provisions and charges described herein, as applicable.

The Water Department does not guarantee the adequacy of available water supply to meet the needs of the fire service.

4.2 APPLICATION

The owner shall demonstrate the need for a fire service.

The owner shall submit for approval two complete sets of drawings and specifications for the fire service. The drawings shall show the property to be served, together with location of all valves, pipes, hydrants, tanks, sprinkler heads and other appurtenances. The plans will remain the property of the Water Department.

Prior to construction, the owner shall conduct a hydrant flow test to determine the available volume and pressure at the location of the fire service. The test shall be conducted by the Water Department or approved representative and scheduled in advance with the Water Department. The owner shall be responsible for all charges related to the flow test and shall submit a flow test report as part of the application.

The completed service shall pass pressure and bacteriological testing and shall be inspected and approved by the Water Department prior to activation.

The owner also agrees to furnish the Water Department two sets of record drawings showing piping and appurtenances as constructed, upon completion of the installation and prior to activation of the service.

4.3 CONNECTION TO DOMESTIC SERVICE PROHIBITED

No connection shall be made at any time between the fire system and the domestic service.

4.4 NUMBER OF SERVICES

Only one service will be allowed for any one building, unless evidence prepared by a qualified engineer is presented to the Water Department that more than one service is necessary for proper protection. Where two or more services are allowed for one building, they shall be kept separate, unless permission is granted by the Water Department to interconnect multiple systems.

4.5 PRIVATE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants on private property shall be the property of the owner but may be inspected and serviced once every two years by the Water Department, for a fee payable by the owner. Any repairs necessary for proper operation of hydrants shall be the responsibility of the owner and shall be completed within thirty days after notice in writing has been given to the owner by the Water Department.

4.6 INSPECTION

The Water Department shall subject all fire services to periodic inspection. The owner shall provide service information and reasonable access for inspection. Inspection shall be made for compliance with Water Regulations only.

4.7 BACKFLOW PREVENTER

Every fire service shall be fitted with a backflow preventer. The Water Department's Cross Connection Control Program Regulations as amended to date can be found in the Appendix to Water Regulations.

4.8 USE OF SERVICE

No water shall be drawn from fire services except for fire fighting, fire system testing or system maintenance. No water shall be taken or used through fire services for the purpose of testing or maintenance unless the Water Department issues written permission. Such testing or maintenance shall be conducted only under the supervision of the Water Department.

4.9 ILLEGAL USE

When the owner or any occupant is found to be using water from a fire service for purposes other than fire fighting, testing or maintenance, the water shall be shut off until the owner has given assurance to the Water Department that the offense will not be repeated and has paid all fees.

4.10 VIOLATION OF RULES

For any violation of the rules governing fire service or illegal use of water, the Water Department has the authority to assess a fee and to discontinue supplying the fire service.