

Chapter 2: USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS

6.02.010 Use of Hydrants Prohibited without a Permit.

- A. The removal of water from the District's distribution system through the use of fire hydrants, for any reason, is prohibited without a permit.
- B. Anyone removing water from the system through the use of fire hydrants shall use a District-issued hydrant meter rental unit to maintain accurate records of water use and protect the District's distribution system from possible back-flow contamination.

6.02.020 Permit Process – Deposit.

- A. All users of fire hydrants shall complete a Fire Hydrant Meter Rental Permit form provided by the District. Users shall pay an advance deposit in the amount established by **Appendix 3A**.
- B. A permit may be issued for no more than six months.
- C. After the return and District inspection of the hydrant meter rental unit hose, wrench and testing of the backflow assembly, the District will refund the deposit minus the daily rental charge and the cost to repair or replace the hydrant meter rental unit, gate, valve, backflow assembly or any other equipment if damaged or missing while under the permit holder's care. Should the cost of repair or replacement and/or daily rental charges exceed the aforementioned deposit, the Permit Holder shall be responsible for all related charges plus the costs to repair or replace the hydrant meter rental unit, hose, wrench or any other equipment rented to the Permit Holder. Payment for costs and charges that are in excess of the deposit will be due upon the return of the hydrant meter. If the hydrant meter is not returned to the District within fourteen (14) calendar days, the Permit Holder will be billed for the daily charges on a monthly basis. Payment will be due within fifteen (15) days of said billing.

6.02.030 Permit – Daily Rental Charge.

The daily rental charge for the hydrant meter unit shall be established by District resolution, and is set forth in **Appendix 3A**, but may be waived by the District Manager when the District receives a reciprocal benefit.

6.02.040 Unauthorized Use or Failure to Obtain Permit or Pay Daily Rental Charge – Penalty – Financial.

- A. Unauthorized use of a hydrant shall subject the users to a penalty for each violation as set forth in **Appendix 3A**.
- B. Failure to pay the daily rental charge shall subject the user to a penalty as set forth in **Appendix 3A**.

6.02.050 Unauthorized Use or Failure to Pay Daily Rental Charge – Penalty – Legal.

Unauthorized use of a hydrant or failure to pay the daily rental charge shall subject the user to civil suit or other legal remedies available to the District at the user's expense.

6.02.060 Application Permit – Exhibit Upon Request.

All persons using water from the District's fire system shall have a copy of the current application permit and must present the permit when requested by District personnel.

6.02.070 Use of Hydrants — Restrictions.

There shall be no direct connection between a hydrant and a user's receiving tank, hose, or other apparatus. A hydrant meter rental unit must include a gate valve installed on the hydrant port and user's connection made to the hydrant meter unit. The hydrant shall be in the full open position before the hydrant meter valve is opened. All throttling of water flow shall be done with the hydrant meter valve or gate valve and not the hydrant.

6.02.080 Use of Hydrants – Indemnification of District.

The user agrees to indemnify, save and hold the District harmless from all losses, damages, claims, liabilities, costs, penalties and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising from or incurred because of or incident to the use of the fire hydrant, hydrant meter rental unit or water.