

**CITY OF WAHPETON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
POLICY FOR USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION RELATED
PURPOSES**

Purpose: Prevent contamination of the City's public water supply from cross-connections, prevent damage to fire hydrants, account for all finished water, and collect all revenues due City.

Adopted by Council:

Effective Date:

A. Use of water from fire hydrants may be allowed for the following purposes:

1. Construction, new sod, seeding, landscaping, and filling a swimming pool or tank.
2. Meters are available from the Water Treatment Plant on a first come, first served basis.

B. Metering Requirements:

1. Meter and control valve assembly shall be provided by City.
2. The Contractor may provide the assembly if it is delivered to the Water Treatment Plant by the Contractor for inspection.

C. Operation of Hydrants And Set-up Requirements:

1. Only city personnel shall connect meter and control valve assembly to hydrant/or move meters.
2. Meter will be set within two (2) business days.
3. A \$25.00 set up fee will be charged at the initial set up and again each time the meter is relocated. A charge of \$25.00 for each additional 2 week period.
4. Water use will be billed at current domestic rate.

D. Cold Weather Limitations

1. Daytime temperatures must be above freezing:
2. City personnel shall remove the meter/control valve assembly and drain the hydrant at 3:00 p.m. each day for which night-time temperatures area forecast to be below freezing (by the National Weather Service);
3. The relocation charge shall be charged each time the assembly is reinstalled following removal for freezing temperatures.
4. Any lost meters or damages to meters (including freezing) will be paid by the customer.

E. Fees & Charges

1. All fees and Charges will be billed out when meter is returned.
2. Initial Set-up charge: \$25.00. (In all cases)
3. Relocation charge: \$25.00 (In all cases)
4. Repairs to hydrants or meter assemblies: Full cost plus 10% for City to repair any damages to hydrant or meter assembly.

5. Contractor shall assume all liability for any damages caused by water discharged from hydrant through the meter assembly.

F. Penalties

1. A first violation of the city's Hydrant Policy is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); a second violation within three (3) years is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), imprisonment for up to thirty (30) days or both.

Signature

Date