

RULE VI**OCCASIONAL OR TEMPORARY WATER USE**1. **GENERAL:**

The District officially recognizes that a public fire hydrant and water from a hydrant shall primarily be used for fire protection services. Only District personnel shall have authority to operate and open a public hydrant without special permission. All other persons require special permission to open a public fire hydrant. The only exception shall be fire department personnel in the event of providing fire protection services or maintenance of a public fire hydrant as authorized by the District. All water used from a public fire hydrant, except that used by District personnel and Fire Department personnel, must be through a metering device issued by the District.

2. **APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY WATER USE AND BACKFLOW PROTECTION:**

If temporary water service is desired for any non-residential use, such service may be supplied through a public fire hydrant. Any entity or person requesting a temporary water service shall be required to complete an application on line or in person and submit such application a minimum of 24 hours in advance. A security deposit will be required as set forth by the Board. Approval of the application will be contingent upon District approval of adequate backflow prevention. Approved backflow prevention shall be required as set forth in Rule XII. Applications for temporary water service will not be approved if, in the opinion of the District, the purpose of the application can be accomplished through a permanent connection to the water system.

3. METERS, METER READINGS, RATES AND PENALTIES:

No entity or person shall obtain water from a public fire hydrant within the District's service area without first installing and using a District owned metering device. The District may refuse to issue a water metering device in the event that the proposed use of the device could constitute an unreasonable risk of danger to the District's water supply or to the health and safety of the District's customers.

A Commercial-Temporary or Occasional Use Account-(C3) will be established by the District when the applicant's application has been approved and a permit has been issued. Such service shall be billed on a calendar month basis at the rates established by the District Board (see Rule VII). Each temporary water use account shall receive a monthly water bill consisting of a monthly service charge, a charge for the volume or estimated volume of water used and any fines or penalties that have been assessed against the account. The permit holder is responsible for any damage to the public fire hydrant and the metering device.

Permit holders shall be required to report their metering device reading to the District monthly on the date set forth in the permit. If the permit holder fails to report a reading as required by this rule, a fine as set forth by the Board, will be applied to the customer's account for each occurrence which will be non-refundable. Upon termination of a permit, the District will refund the deposit to the permit holder less any unpaid amounts due the District, including but not limited to loss or physical damage to the meter, any unpaid water consumption charges and minimum monthly bill amounts .

Connection of a metering device to a public fire hydrant and operation of the public fire hydrant must be according to the directions on the Fire Hydrant Meter Application and/or as demonstrated by District staff. Improper connections to a fire hydrant or improper operation of a fire hydrant may result in a fine, as set forth by the Board, to be applied to the customer's account which will be non-refundable.

4. REFUSAL OF APPLICATION DUE TO OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS:

The District may refuse to accept an application if the applicant has any unpaid delinquent obligations due to the District or has a substantial relationship to any entity which has any unpaid delinquent obligations. A "delinquent" obligation and "substantial relationship" shall be defined as set out in Rule V, Section 5, Subsection G.

5. TIME LIMITS ON TEMPORARY WATER USE AND LOCATION OF USE:

Permits for the use of metering devices and inspection of backflow prevention may be issued for a minimum of one month to a maximum of one year. All permits for temporary water service from a public fire hydrant and inspections for backflow prevention shall expire annually as set forth by the District. All metering devices shall be returned to the District annually as set forth by the District. District owned metering devices shall only be used on public fire hydrants within the service area. District owned metering devices may not be used on any fire hydrant located outside the District service area or on any private fire hydrant located within or outside the District's service area.

6. FORFEITURE OF USE:

Violation of any stipulations of this policy may result in the forfeiture of any deposit and confiscation of all equipment owned by the District and shall be subject to any and all penalties established by the jurisdiction having authority. The District reserves the right to not issue or reissue a metering device to any customer or permit holder that has violated this Rule. To the extent any policies set forth in this Rule VI conflict with any other part of these Rules and Regulations, the terms of this Rule shall Control.