



## **Policy 6 – Water Hydrant Service**

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**RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING POLICY:** District Manager, Governing Board

**POLICY STATEMENT –** Webb Creek Utility District is not in the fire protection business. Any and all existing water hydrants are not approved for firefighting.

1 ... The utility reserves the right to install and approve the installation of all water hydrants at any place within its system as it deems necessary and appropriate and to refuse to allow water hydrants on all or any part of the system if it is determined that the system cannot adequately support such hydrants.

2 ... The utility reserves the right to approve the location and specifications of Utility hydrants and appurtenances on all lines furnished by others in subdivisions, commercial or industrial areas or other such locations.

3 ... All water hydrants and appurtenances shall be installed either by the utility or by an approved contractor, with installation meeting the utility's specifications.

4 ... Water hydrants will be installed at the customer's expense. The cost of an approved hydrant tap will be based on a case by case basis. The total estimated amount must be paid prior to start of work.

5... No water hydrant shall be operated by anyone other than authorized fire department or utility personnel, without the written consent of the utility.

6 ... Water hydrants shall be operated only with a wrench that is approved by the utility.

7... Water hydrants shall be color coded by painting the hydrant bonnet (cap of hydrant), according to the following standard, at 20 psi residual pressure:

a) Orange minimum of 500 gpm at 20 psi

b) Red cannot supply 500 gpm at 20 psi

8 ... The utility does not in any way guarantee any pressure or flow minimums with regard to water hydrants or sprinkler systems.

9... All water hydrants and their appurtenances shall be installed within utility easements on private property whenever possible and not within any public right-of-way.

10... Customers must pay for all labor and materials necessary to properly install water hydrants that are not normally supplied by the utility.

11 ... Customers or builders who wish to use water hydrants to fill swimming pools or to obtain water to construct buildings must obtain permission from the utility.

12 ... When water hydrants are used for such purposes as building construction or filling of pools, a reducing appliance shall be attached to the nozzle of the hydrant with an independent valve capable of regulating the supply. The main valve of the hydrant must be fully opened at the beginning of each work day and remain fully opened until the close of work at night, at which time it must be fully closed.

13 ... Any unauthorized person operating a water hydrant without the consent of the utility shall be liable for water usage as estimated by the utility and any damage to equipment.

14 ... Water hydrant damage caused by vehicle accidents or any other circumstance shall be reimbursed by the responsible party.

15 ... All sprinkler systems shall be subject to the approval of the utility.

16 ... Customers are not permitted to use the water from sprinkler systems for any purpose other than fire protection.

17 ... No cross-connection is allowed between the sprinkler system and potable water lines.

18 ... The utility shall have right of access during business hours to customers' premises for the purpose of inspecting fire protection systems.

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19 ... Facilities installed for providing water to automatic sprinkler systems for fire protection shall be owned and maintained by the customer.

20 ... 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.

21... By furnishing water service to a customer, the utility assumes no responsibility for seeing that the customer's installation complies with any codes, regulations or standards other than those of the utility.

22... After installation the hydrant becomes a part of the utility system, and is the sole property of the utility district.

23... All water used for fire suppression for a customer's property shall be billed to the customer based upon the fire official's estimate of gallons used. Water will be billed at the current per/1000 gallon rate.

24... All water used for non-essential use shall be billed to the responsible individual based upon the fire officials or district manager's estimate of gallons used. (The responsible individual will be the determination of the district manager). Water will be billed at the current per/1000 gallon rate.