



Title: Hydrant Use Policy	Internal/External: Internal/External
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BACKGROUND

The Town of Paradise values and protects its water system infrastructure. As major components of this infrastructure, fire hydrants provide important connection points to the Town's water delivery system. The Town of Paradise manages who can operate and use fire hydrants to keep the water supply safe, conserve water, and maintain systems by ensuring they are kept in good working order.

OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE

This policy identifies who is responsible for the municipal water system, who has the authority to operate fire hydrants, and for what purposes fire hydrants may be operated within the Town of Paradise.

DEFINITIONS

“Council” refers to the Town Council of Paradise.

“Fire hydrant” or “hydrant” refers to a discharge pipe with a valve that provides a connection point to draw water from a water main, primarily used for fire fighting.

“Town” refers to the Town of Paradise.

“Water main” means a water distribution pipe from which individual services are connected.

POLICY STATEMENT

Only authorized personnel are permitted to operate fire hydrants to draw water from the municipal water system. Any member of the public who requires access to a fire hydrant must first receive approval from the Town of Paradise. Following approval, authorized Town personnel may make connections and operate fire hydrants for the approved use. The Town reserves the right to revoke approval at any time.

GUIDELINES

1. Application of Policy

This policy exclusively applies to municipally owned fire hydrants that access water from the public water supply. It does not apply to private hydrants that access private or public water supplies.

2. Approved Hydrant Access and Use

- 2.1 An individual seeking the use of a hydrant must apply for approval and pay all applicable fees.
- 2.2 Private access and use of fire hydrants for non-municipal or personal purposes is generally not approved unless normal water delivery service is temporarily unavailable.

- 2.3 The connection and operation of fire hydrants for private use must be performed by authorized personnel.
- 2.4 Individuals are to be made aware that the water delivered by way of a fire hydrant is not suitable for consumption (is non-potable).
- 2.5 Access to hydrants may not be approved when the Town perceives a potential risk of freezing or damage.
- 2.6 The Town supplies and installs any necessary equipment on hydrants. This ensures that the water supply and system is protected during a connection.

3. Bulk Water Carrier Service

- 3.1 Bulk water carriers may connect and draw water from designated hydrants upon receiving approval and direction from the Town. Designated and appropriately equipped hydrants may be operated by authorized bulk water carriers once approved.
- 3.2 Bulk water carriers must receive approval from and pay a fee for service, unless collecting water for approved municipal purposes.

REVIEW OF POLICY

This policy may be subject to review baring new experience or knowledge.

APPROVAL

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