

# **SOUTHWEST METROPOLITAN WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT**

## **REGULATION FOR USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

(adopted June 28, 2002)

**Authorized Use:** Except for emergency use for extinguishing fires, permission to withdraw water from a fire hydrant owned by Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District requires issuance of fire hydrant use permits by the District and the Denver Water Department.

**Permit Issuance:** Permits will be issued for specific fire hydrants for an established length of time not to exceed one year.

**Permit Fees:** Fire hydrant permit fees and meter and equipment rental charges shall be established by the Board of Directors and are subject to change at any time without notice.

**Payment for Water:** The District and the Denver Water Department may require the use of a water meter to record consumption of all water withdrawn from fire hydrants. Charges for water used will be made to the Denver Water Department in accordance with their current rules and rate schedules which are subject to change without notice.

**Permit Inspection:** Employees of the District and Denver Water Department shall be permitted to examine the fire hydrant use permit at any time a fire hydrant is in use.

**Cross Connection Control – Backflow Prevention:** All connections to fire hydrants shall be made in accordance with applicable District and Denver Water Department cross connection control and back flow prevention regulations and standards.

**Hydrant Connections:** Connection to District fire hydrants shall be made only with use of a device approved by the District. Only approved wrenches shall be used for opening and closing hydrant nozzle caps and for operating the fire hydrants.

**Damages:** Permitted users shall be responsible for repair of any damages caused to fire hydrants, private property surrounding the hydrant(s), the District's water system and District customer's water facilities as a result of fire hydrant use. Damages shall be repaired by the District or the District's authorized contractor and the charges thereof assessed to the user.

**Revocation:** The District reserves the right to not issue permits for use of fire hydrants for any reason, and further, to revoke or cancel a fire hydrant permit at any time with or without cause. In case of revocation, a prorated portion of the hydrant use fees shall be returned to the permitted user.

**Unauthorized Use:** Except for water used for emergency purposes by authorized emergency service providers, any water withdrawn from District owned fire hydrants without a valid District fire hydrant use permit shall be deemed unauthorized use and subject to fines, penalties, and damage assessments established by the District Board of Directors plus applicable collection costs, legal fees, and court costs.