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Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District

Policy Governing Fire Hydrant Construction Access Permits

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide developers and their contractors, agents and employees (collectively, “developers”) access to Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District (LOID) fire hydrant water when such water is required for construction purposes, and to ensure that developers granted access to LOID fire hydrant water properly use LOID fire hydrants and fire hydrant meters.

Policy

Fire hydrants are provided for the primary purpose of extinguishing fires and shall be opened and used only by the LOID, the Fire Department, or developers who are issued a fire hydrant construction access permit by the LOID Foreman or District Manager. No permit will be issued, and existing permits will be revoked, when any developer is delinquent on payment for fire hydrant water used or has caused damage to a fire hydrant or fire hydrant meter. Every developer authorized to open fire hydrants will be required to replace the caps on all outlets when not in use, and keep hose connections in good repair. Failure to do so will result in permit revocation and the denial of any future permit requests.

Obstructing access to any fire hydrant by placing any stone, brick, lumber, dirt, rubbish or other material within twenty feet of the hydrant, or willfully or carelessly damaging a fire hydrant, is prohibited and will result in permit revocation.

When water for construction is required by a developer, it will be supplied through an existing metered service connection where possible. When an existing metered service connection is not available, or is of insufficient size, the developer may apply for a fire hydrant construction access permit and meter through the LOID’s Foreman or District Manager. Such applications may be approved subject to the applicant’s compliance with all rules and regulations established by the LOID pertaining to access to and the use of construction water from fire hydrants, and the payment of the prevailing deposit, fees and applicable charges.

Permit Application

Fire hydrant access will be allowed, and a construction meter will be installed, only upon issuance of a fire hydrant construction access permit. Permit applications must be accompanied by the required deposit and, must be approved by the LOID Foreman or District Manager. Permit applications are

available in the LOID office or can be downloaded from our website at WWW.LOID.NET.

Errors on permit applications that result in billing inaccuracies are the responsibility of the applicant. Please contact the LOID office if/when permit updates are needed.

Backflow Requirements

All trucks pulling water from a fire hydrant must be properly equipped with an approved backflow device inspected by LOID personnel.

Deposit

When a developer makes application for a fire hydrant construction access permit, a deposit of \$800.00 must be posted to cover the following costs:

- a) Installation and removal of a meter, and truck inspection, by District personnel.
- b) Relocation of the meter by District personnel.
- c) Any unanticipated cost to repair the hydrant or meter if damaged.

The balance of any deposit remaining, after all unpaid charges have been deducted, shall be returned to the permittee after the service is completed/terminated, and the hydrant has been inspected, and the meter has been returned to the District and inspected.

Charges

The charge for installation and removal of a meter, and truck inspection, is \$50. The charge for relocation of a meter is \$50. The charge for fire hydrant water consumption is \$40 for the first 5,000 gallons. Charges for additional consumption will be based on current rates established by the LOID Board of Directors.

All charges are due within 30 days of the billing date.

The developer is responsible for the meter and connections while the permit is in force. In the event the meter is not returned, there will be an additional charge to the developer for the replacement cost of the meter.

Fees for illegal Use of Fire Hydrant Construction Water

If a developer uses water from an unmetered fire hydrant or from the unmetered side of a metered fire hydrant, the developer will be charged an illegal use fee of \$800.00.

If a developer moves a fire hydrant meter without proper authority, the developer will be charged an illegal use fee of \$100.00 in addition to any additional charges for damages and/or repairs to the meter.