

CHAPTER 4.28: HYDRANT METERS

§ 4.28.010 APPLICABILITY

A fire hydrant meter/reduced pressure principal assembly (RP) may only be used inside the City's water service area. Water cannot be resold.

§ 4.28.020 APPLICATION

- A. The applicant shall have a current City business license prior to applying for a hydrant meter/RP.
- B. To request a hydrant meter/RP, the applicant shall submit the following:
 1. A completed application for each hydrant meter/RP needed.
 2. A hydrant meter/RP deposit in accordance with the current Master Fee Schedule.
 3. The hydrant meter/RP connection fee. Fee amount is determined by the size and type of hydrant meter needed in accordance with the current Master Fee Schedule.
 4. A map indicating the requested hydrant for the hydrant meter to be connected.
 5. Alternate methods for dust abatement shall be submitted at the time of application, as use of potable water may not allow for dust control during periods of peak water demand. The City will notify the applicant if water use becomes restricted.

~~The City will install hydrant meters within five (5) business days of receipt of required documents and fee.~~

- C. The City Water Division will ~~make every effort to attach the hydrant meter to the~~ review the hydrant location requested by the applicant, but the location of the hydrant meter will be at the discretion of the Water Division based on system capabilities. Capabilities include system pressure, adverse effects on existing water customers or the water system within the requested zone. If for any reason the requested hydrant to be used is not available for a hydrant meter, the Water Division will notify the applicant and provide an alternate location for the meter.

§ 4.28.030 LIMITATIONS AND USE

- A. Hydrant meters may only be used for what the application on file states. ~~If the hydrant meter has no reported usage for six (6) consecutive months, the Water Division will remove/reclaim the hydrant meter. Applicants must return each hydrant meter every six months for a final meter read and the applicant will be issued another hydrant meter at the time of turn in if needed.~~
- B. The hydrant meter and its original fittings shall not be modified in any way except for adapters to the end of the RP assembly for two (2) inches or larger hose connections. An adapter to reduce the flow to garden hose type use is not permitted. Support must be provided to the hydrant meter when necessitating the addition of connections/weight. ~~Additional connections made to the meter by the customer/applicant must be taken off prior to relocation or removal by the City. Failure to do so will result in these parts being confiscated by the City.~~
- C. Any action that results in the inaccurate reading of water usage through a hydrant meter shall result in an automatic charge of 50,000 gallons of water to the account, per occurrence.
- D. Using flow reducing devices, hose bibs, or changing the water flow of the hydrant is not allowed. If construction projects require a low flow application contact the Water Division for options.

E. The hydrant meter/~~RP assembly~~ is the responsibility of the applicant to protect. If the hydrant meter/~~RP assembly~~ is damaged and the Water Division determines the applicant is at fault the applicant will be required to pay for the damages. The replacement of damaged meters will be contingent upon availability.

F. The City makes no warranties, either expressed or implied, arising by law or otherwise, for the quality of water once delivered from the hydrant. In no event shall City have any obligation or liability arising from water quality after leaving the hydrant.

§ 4.28.040 REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY

A Reduced Pressure (RP) Backflow Assembly may be provided with the meter. The RP Backflow Assembly must always remain connected to the hydrant meter. The City will test backflow devices at the time of installation.

§ 4.28.050 USAGE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A. ~~City personnel will inspect and read the hydrant meters once a month.~~ The applicant is solely and financially responsible for all water passing through the hydrant meter. The applicant must provide the meter reading(s) to the Water Division by the 10th of every month. If the meter is not used within the month, the applicant is still required to report the meter reading. Failure to report the meter reading will result in a fine of \$500 per occurrence. City personnel may inspect the hydrant meters to confirm meter readings at any time. The applicant must also report the location(s) where the meter was used during the month.

B. The ~~customer-applicant~~ must make every reasonable attempt to ensure that the meter is functioning correctly. Using an unauthorized meter, knowingly using a faulty meter, or tampering with the register constitutes water theft which may be subject to criminal charges.

C. Applicant is prohibited from putting a device on the meter that causes harm to the system, including but not limited to ball valves.

D. It is the applicant's responsibility to bring the meter to the Water Division every six months to be exchanged. Failure to bring the meter in for exchange will result in a fine of \$500.

E. It is the ~~customer's-applicant's~~ responsibility to ~~notify-return the hydrant meter to~~ the City when the meter is no longer needed. should be removed. As long as the meter is ~~set with the applicant~~ the account will continue to be billed minimum charges and the ~~customer-applicant~~ remains responsible for water usage.

F. Hydrant meter billing will be subject to the water billing regulations outlined in Section 4.16 of this Title.

G. The applicant shall be solely and financially responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen appurtenances to the hydrant meter. Damage to the assigned fire hydrant or connecting equipment is also the responsibility of the applicant until a request for termination of service is received by the Water Division.

~~Hydrant meter relocation requests should be made through the applications process. The Water Division will relocate hydrant meters in 5 business days once documents and fees are received.~~

- H. Under no circumstances should any unauthorized person relocate or disconnect a hydrant meter.
- I. Any unauthorized connection to the City's distribution system will result in additional fees and or prosecution per City Code [or State Statutes](#).