

**SECTION 9.00
FIRE HYDRANTS**

- 9.01 City Approved Fire Hydrants:** Inside the Pueblo City limits or at the Pueblo Memorial Airport Industrial Complex, the Board shall install, except as noted below, and maintain those fire hydrants which it and the Fire Chief jointly deem necessary for public fire protection. These fire hydrants shall be installed in public rights-of-way, City-owned property, or City-approved easement and connected to Board water mains.
- 9.02 Public Fire Hydrants Outside Pueblo City Limits:** Public fire hydrants shall be located in public rights-of-way or dedicated easements. Locations of public fire hydrants shall be approved by the Board prior to installation. The applicant shall pay the appropriate monthly charge. See Appendix B. All right, title, and interest to public fire hydrants will vest in the City of Pueblo through the Board, which shall maintain hydrants without charge to the customers, except the monthly charge.
- A. Within Permit Area "A":** For "Privately Constructed Board Mains" (see Section 10.02J, or on "Board Installed Distribution Mains", where the distribution main installation was initiated prior to June 1, 1989, the applicant shall pay for the material and installation of the fire hydrant. For "Board Installed Distribution Mains" (see Section 10.02K.) where the distribution main installation was initiated on or after June 1, 1989, the cost of the fire hydrant material and installation is included in *unit cost*, and no additional payment will be required.
- B. Outside Permit Area "A":** For "Privately Constructed Board Mains" (see Section 10.02J.), the applicant shall pay for the material and installation of the fire hydrant.
- 9.03 Board Fire Hydrants:** The Board shall install and maintain, for its exclusive use, those fire hydrants which it deems necessary.
- 9.04 Use of Fire Hydrants:** Any use of fire hydrants other than fire protection shall be subject to prior approval of the Board. This use shall conform with the Board's Policy for Fire Hydrant Water Use. See Sections 2.06A, 4.03, and Appendixes A and B.
- 9.05 Private Fire Protection:** Connections for private fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, and/or standpipes shall be used exclusively for the extinguishing of fires. Applicable monthly rates shall be paid for all unmetered private fire protection. See Appendixes A and B. The customer shall adhere to the following:
- A.** The Board shall have the right to enter the property of the customer, at any reasonable time, for the purpose of making inspections. The Board shall have the right to attach any testing device or use any means to ascertain the condition of the pipe and appurtenances and use of the water.
- B.** Private fire protection installed by or for the customer shall remain the property and liability of the customer and shall be maintained by the customer at his expense.

- C. All fixtures and openings (other than control valves) shall be kept closed and/or sealed, except during times of fire. Upon extinguishing each fire, the customer shall immediately notify the Board in order that fixtures and openings may again be closed and/or sealed.
- D. The extent of the rights of the customer under this section is to receive, but only at time of fire on said property, such supply of water as shall then be available and no other or greater. The customer agrees the Board shall not be considered in any manner an insurer of property or persons, or to have undertaken to extinguish fire or to protect against loss or damage by fire, or otherwise, and that the Board shall be free and exempt from any and all claims for damages on account of any water pressure, or for any other cause whatsoever.
- E. Any waste of water or use of water for purposes other than the extinguishing of fire through this connection shall be deemed a violation of the terms and conditions of these rules and regulations. If a supply of water for use other than extinguishing of fire is desired by the customer, then water shall be taken only through a metered water service line or Board furnished fire hydrant meter.
- F. The customer agrees to obtain in advance the approval of the Board for any change or alteration contemplated in the fixtures, openings, and use herein specified.
- G. The Board has the right to discontinue or disconnect water service lines and terminate private fire protection upon ten (10) days written notice. This can result from customers' failure to pay any bill when due or for any violation of Board rules and regulations. In emergencies the Board has the right to shut off, without notice, all or any part of its facilities and discontinue the water service.
- H. When it is determined that a private fire protection system has been utilized for providing unmetered water without authorization from the Board, the customer shall pay a penalty equal to the minimum charge on the meter size which corresponds to the size of the customer's private fire system service line where it connects to the Board main. This penalty charge will not be assessed if prior authorization is obtained by the customer from the Board for pressure or flow testing of the private fire protection system. In addition, the Board may require the property owner to install a detector check valve at or near the property line which will detect usage on any part of the private fire system. All costs for the detector check valve, complete with vault, shall be borne by the customer. The Board will furnish the meter for the detector check valve and charge the customer the current inventory cost of that size meter plus fifteen percent (15%). Repeated unauthorized use of a fire protection system to provide unmetered water may result in discontinuance of service for fire protection purposes.
- I. The Board will only allow private fire protection connections to the property that also receives metered water service from the Board