

Subsection 3.04 Requirements for Water Usage

I. General

- A.** The Contractor shall provide water tank trucks for his use. The City does not provide water free of charge. Water used for testing and disinfection will not be charged on initial test, subsequent tests will be charged for water usage. The Contractor shall be charged at the prevailing rates for all water used.
- B.** Prior to any water usage from the City supply, a deposit shall be placed with the Utility Billing Department at the Municipal Building (City Hall), telephone number (806) 378-6249 or (806) 378-3075. The deposit will not cover the cost of replacing the meter. The permit shall have been obtained and the deposit placed before the Water Department Meter Shop personnel, located in the City of Amarillo Central Service Center (SE 23rd Avenue and Hayes Street), will issue the meter, valve, fittings, and fire hydrant wrench. Only meters issued by the City of Amarillo will be acceptable for use. No water is to be obtained from a fire hydrant without a standard City of Amarillo fire hydrant connection. This connection will be furnished by the Water Distribution Department if necessary. The Contractor securing the permit will be responsible for the above equipment. If repairs and/or replacement of any of the equipment are required due to misuse, freezing, vandalism, loss, theft, or other damage not the fault of the equipment, the Contractor securing the permit will be billed for the repair. Should the meter, valve, or fittings be lost or stolen, the deposit will be forfeited and any additional amounts due will be billed to the Contractor.
- C.** All water trucks shall have a permanent air gap between the discharge from the distribution system and the tank truck storage compartment. An air gap means that when the discharge from the distribution system is turned off, there exists a physical air gap between the discharge point and the highest possible level of water in the storage compartment of the tank truck. As an alternative to this method, the tank truck owner shall provide a backflow prevention device approved by the City of Amarillo Utilities Division.

II. Fire Hydrant Operation

- A.** The Contractor shall exercise proper care and precaution in the use of a fire hydrant. No wrench other than a standard fire hydrant wrench shall be used on a fire hydrant. When the Contractor is using the fire hydrant, he shall always have it completely open and shall use a valve, furnished by the City of Amarillo, to adjust the flow of water for his requirements. The Contractor shall not leave the valve, any hose, pipe, or any other connections on the fire hydrant except when one of his employees is in the vicinity ready to remove such equipment in the case of an emergency. Proper tools for the removal of such valve, hose, pipe, or other connections must be at the hydrant available for immediate use. The Contractor shall lock fire hydrant, use a chain to connect the water meter to the hydrant if they are not near the hydrant to

avoid theft of the water meter.

B. If a connection is made on a faulty hydrant, a report of the faulty hydrant shall be made immediately to the Water Distribution Department at telephone number (806) 378-6824.

III. Billing: Meters will be read monthly by the Contractor at the direction of the Utility Billing Department and reported to the City at telephone number (806) 378-4272. The Contractor will be billed for the amount of water reported. 10% will be added to the rates if bills are not paid by the date shown on the bill.

IV. Misuse and Damage

A. Should a violation concerning the use of the fire hydrant be observed, the person named in the permit will be notified and is expected to resolve the violation immediately. Should the violation continue, the City of Amarillo will terminate the permit; remove the meter, valve, and fittings, and the deposit will be forfeited without further notice. Any amount due will also be billed to the Contractor.

B. During the use of a fire hydrant, should the fire hydrant be damaged due to the Contractor's employee, representative, or equipment, the Contractor shall repair or pay the City for repairs required to restore equipment to a condition equal to that prior to its use by the Contractor and also to the satisfaction of the Water Distribution Department Head.

C. Should pavement in the vicinity of a fire hydrant be damaged during the use of the fire hydrant or if it fails due to excessive leakage during use, the Contractor shall replace the damaged pavement to the satisfaction of the Street Superintendent. The Street Superintendent shall determine the cause of the failure and his decision shall be final.

D. Any Contractor observed taking water from a fire hydrant or other connection without the use of a City issued meter will be given a written warning on the first offense. If the Contractor is observed taking water from a fire hydrant or other connection a second time, without the use of a City issued meter, will forfeit their deposit and the City issued equipment will be confiscated by the City. Any amount due will also be billed to the Contractor. Theft of water will result in a \$500.00

V. Permit Termination: At the termination of a permit, the meter, valve, fittings, and fire hydrant wrench shall be returned by the Contractor to the Water Distribution Department. The meter will be read and checked by the Meter Shop personnel for possible damage. After the final billing for water consumption and necessary repair charges, the City will refund the balance of the deposit on the meter, valve, and fittings or bill the Contractor for any amount due.

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