

RM 2120 - CONCERNING THE USE OF HYDRANTS

Article 1- It is prohibited for anyone but a City employee to operate or manipulate a City hydrant.

Article 2- Anyone wishing to use water from a hydrant must first apply to the City treasurer for a written permit which shall be issued for this purpose under the following conditions:

2.1 For the use of each hydrant, the applicant must pay three dollars (\$3.00) per day, plus the water tax determined by section 2 of by-law 1934 according to the volume of water used, with a minimum charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00);

2.2 The applicant must deposit with the City treasurer, in cash or by certified cheque, the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each hydrant; this amount will only be refunded to the applicant after the City treasurer has ascertained that due payment for the use of the hydrant has been made and that the hydrant has been left in a condition satisfactory to the director of public works; otherwise, said amount shall be applied towards the sum owing for the use of water or the cost of repairing the damages caused to the hydrant;

2.3 No water may be used from any hydrant by the applicant until a City employee has installed on the said hydrant a temporary water meter;

2.4 The applicant must notify the director of public works when he has ceased to use water from a hydrant.

Article 3- When the applicant has finished using water from a hydrant, the director of public works:

3.1 Shall cause said hydrant and the water meter to be examined, and

3.2 Shall prepare a written report to the City treasurer wherein he will state:

3.2.1 The number of days during which water was used from the hydrant and the volume of water used, and

3.2.2 That the hydrant has not been damaged or that the hydrant has been damaged and the cost of the repairs to be made thereto, and

3.3 Shall submit his report to the City treasurer who shall return the deposit to the applicant or apply same towards the cost of repairing the hydrant and the payment of the sums mentioned in section 2, as the case may be.

Article 4- When water from a hydrant is required to fill a pool, or for soil-testing purposes, or for any other purpose between November 1st and April 15th, the applicant shall pay:

4.1 The actual cost of the operation, including administration expenses, according to prevailing rates, and

4.2 The cost of the water used in accordance with the tariff set by section 2 of by-law 1934.

If required by the City, the applicant shall deposit, in advance, with the City treasurer, in cash or by certified cheque, the amount determined by the director of public works, to guarantee the payment of the sums mentioned in this article.

Article 5- Anybody who contravenes any of the provisions contained in this by-law shall be in violation hereof and liable for a fine, with costs:

a) Of a minimum of 600\$ and of a maximum of 1 000\$, if the offender is a natural person;

b) Of a minimum of 1 200\$ and of a maximum of 2 000\$ if the offender is a legal person.

For a second or any subsequent conviction, the amounts of the prescribed fines shall be:

a) A minimum of 1 200\$ and a maximum of 2 000\$ if the offender is a natural person;

b) A minimum of 2 400\$ and a maximum of 4 000\$ if the offender is a legal person.

If the violation shall continue for many days, such continuation, for the purposes of the present article, shall constitute a separate violation for each day and the penalty levied for such violation may be applied for each day that the violation continues.

Article 6- By-law 819 is repealed.

Article 7- The present by-law shall come into force according to law.