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Temporary Water Meter and Water Usage Policy

The following policy has been developed regarding temporary use of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department (PSLUSD) water from fire hydrants or jumpers connected to the PSLUSD water distribution system.

Purpose

To control unauthorized usage from PSLUSD owned fire hydrants or jumpers, protect water distribution system integrity, protect water quality, and preserve fire protection, yet provide temporary water needs to PSLUSD customers at the lowest cost and in the most efficient manner.

Persons desiring to establish a temporary water source as the result of construction of new subdivisions or developments, residential and/or commercial construction, or other site-specific construction will be required to apply for a Construction Water Use Permit.

Permit Period

Each permit will allow for temporary metered water usage from a specific PSLUSD location for up to 180 consecutive days. Permits may be extended in 180-day increments at the discretion of the City.

Application

Any person or entity requesting temporary water will be required to complete an application for a Construction Water Use Permit (copy attached). Completed applications will reflect information needed to establish a temporary account for the customer. Permits will only be issued for hydrants or water mains that the City of Port St. Lucie has certified for use.

The City reserves the right to approve or deny any application for service.

Call (772) 873-6400 to make an appointment to speak with our staff.

Applications are to be mailed to:

Utility Systems Department
Utility Engineering
900 SE Ogden Lane
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Phone: (772) 873-6400

Agreement Required

At application, a potential Permittee will be required to sign an agreement indicating that they are:

responsible for leaving the meter and backflow assembly at the assigned location and for displaying the Construction Water Use Permit tag at all times;

responsible for any and all damage to private property that may result from utilizing the PSLUSD meter and backflow assembly;

responsible for any property damage, including, but not limited to the PSLUSD meter and backflow assembly and/or PSLUSD water distribution system, due to negligent use of the meter and backflow assembly, theft, or vandalism.

responsible to pay for all related metered water consumption

Permit Fees

Any person or entity needing supplied water for up to 180 days, will be required to pay Construction Water Use Permit fees based on the size of the meter that the Permittee requests to be affixed to a specific hydrant or to a temporary jumper (rates may be adjusted in accordance with future revisions to Section 61.07 of the City's Code). The fees are for only one meter, either a Hydrant connection or a Jumper connection.

Permit Tags

A permit tag shall be good for up to a 180 consecutive day usage period, and shall be displayed at all times at the approved site.

Permit Time Extensions

The Permittee is responsible for monitoring their permit's expiration date. A Permittee may request permit time extensions in 180-day increments. All requests for permit extensions must be requested directly through:

Utility Systems Department
Utility Engineering
900 SE Ogden Lane
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Phone: (772) 873-6400

The City reserves the right to approve or deny time extension requests.

Installation of Temporary Water Use Meters

Upon the permittee's payment of all required fees, the PSLUSD will install the required backflow prevention and meter assembly and meter permit tag. Jumper assembly supply is to be ready and above ground by the Contractor. Upon completion of installation by PSLUSD, the Contractor is to complete the connection. The PSLUSD will make every attempt to provide installation within 3 business days of completed application and payment of fees.

Termination of Service

Construction water use permittees no longer needing the temporary service are responsible for contacting the Customer Service Department to request that the assembly be removed.

If no such request is made and/or no permit time extension is requested, the PSLUSD will automatically remove the assembly on or about the 181st day after the date the original permit was issued, or on the 181st day in the case of permit extensions.

Upon termination of the assembly's use, an evaluation will be made by the PSLUSD as to the condition of the assembly. Damage resulting from a permittee's negligent use or misuse of any assembly will result in the PSLUSD retaining the permittee's full original deposit.

Re-establishment of Service

If, after the assembly is removed by the PSLUSD, the Permittee determines that additional water usage time is needed, the Permittee will be required to reapply for new service and pay all required new service fees.

Monthly Billings Required

The PSLUSD is responsible for performing monthly meter readings. Billings will be issued in accordance with City Code for all metered usage.

Moving Hydrant Assemblies

The movement or relocation of any permitted meter or backflow prevention assembly by any person other than an authorized PSLUSD representative is a violation of City Code.

Vandalism and Stolen Assemblies

In the event a Permittee determines that their assigned assembly has been vandalized, moved, or stolen, permittee's are responsible for immediately notifying the Customer Service Department. Failure to report vandalized, lost, or stolen assemblies will result in the forfeiture of all refundable deposit fees.

In the event that vandalism to or theft of an assembly is discovered first by the PSLUSD, permittees are required to cooperate fully with the PSLUSD and law enforcement agencies during the investigation and prosecution processes.

Penalties

A permittee's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Policy and the Construction Water Meter Permit Agreement will result in penalties for unauthorized hydrant usage or illegal connections as provided for in the City's Code of Ordinances. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law which may include removal of meter, monetary penalties, and/or jail time.

PSLUSD's Responsibilities

The PSLUSD will be responsible for administering the Temporary Water Meter Permit program.

The PSLUSD will provide all permittees in this category a copy of the applicable Temporary Water Meter Policy.

The PSLUSD will be responsible for maintaining meter and backflow assemblies on all affected hydrants.