



**SECTION 7**  
**SERVICE THROUGH PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANTS**

No person other than authorized employees or agents of EBMUD or a fire agency (city, county or special fire district) shall open or operate any public fire hydrant or attach any device, hose, tubing, or pipe to a public fire hydrant for any purpose, without first obtaining an approved hydrant meter permit or written agreement with the District. Temporary service may be provided through a public fire hydrant if the District determines that the requested use satisfies the criteria set forth in this section and that the location of the service desired and the duration of use makes the installation of a standard or temporary construction service impractical.

No person shall operate or draw water from a public fire hydrant for temporary use without a duly authorized revocable permit issued by the District. No permit shall be issued, and no services provided through a public fire hydrant shall be used, in any of the following circumstances:

- To supply water outside of the District service area.
- To supply water for domestic consumption or to supplement a domestic water supply, except as specifically provided for below.
- For any use other than the use(s) specified in the permit.
- For any period that extends beyond completion of the project for which the permit was issued or that extends beyond one year from the date of issuance of the permit, whichever occurs earlier.
- For any use that is not temporary.
- Where the location of the jobsite and the duration of use is suitable for installation of a standard or temporary construction service as determined by the District (e.g., industrial process uses at a fixed site).
- Any use where the hydrant meter will flow continuously, any use determined to be wasteful or unreasonable as determined by the State of California, or where access to the hydrant for fire suppression is impeded.

Notwithstanding the forgoing and as solely determined by the District, permits may be issued to allow for the provision of water through a public fire hydrant for domestic use by individuals who are unhoused, unsheltered or experiencing homelessness. Hydrant meter permits shall not be issued to provide for any other domestic water use.

Hydrant permits will automatically expire eleven months from the date of issuance and permittees are required to promptly return hydrant meters to the District upon expiration, provided however, that extended permits may be issued to public agencies for public purposes. Application for permit renewal may be made to the District if there is a continuing temporary need for the hydrant meter. All hydrant meter permits issued by the District are subject to the conditions in effect at the time of issuance or thereafter adopted as an amendment to the District's Regulations Governing Water Service. A hydrant meter permit issued by the District is also subject to any conditions set for the in the permit itself. Hydrant meter permits are revocable and permits may be revoked immediately, without notice, due to nonpayment, tampering with the meter or backflow protection, or where the use violates any provision of the permit or of this Section, or where access to the hydrant for routine or emergency fire protection purposes is impeded. Hydrant meter uses may also be suspended by the District during periods of water shortage. No hydrant meter permit, irrespective of its duration, shall



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be construed to constitute an irrevocable license to use or draw water through the hydrant meter or to connect to the EBMUD water system.

The charge for water service through a public fire hydrant will be as set forth in the Schedule of Rates and Charges except that when service is in effect for less than one month, the customer will be charged the applicable service charge for one full month in addition to the charge for water consumed.

Hydrant meters must be connected directly to the fire hydrant with no intermediate hoses, tubing, or piping. Hydrant meters shall be disconnected from the hydrant when not in use. Only District approved spanners (wrenches) and hydrant meters shall be used on public fire hydrants. The applicant will be responsible for any damage to District equipment or to other District customer facilities resulting from the improper operation of a public fire hydrant.

All of the conditions set forth herein shall apply to all hydrant meter permits including, but not limited to, permits issued prior to July 1, 2002; provided, however, that LAFCO approval of extra-territorial service is not required for permits issued prior to January 1, 1994.

The District may take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to recover a hydrant meter which is used in a manner that does not comport with the permit issued by the District, this Section or any of the District's Regulations Governing Water Service.