

SUBJECT: - NON-POTABLE WATER USE

POLICY NO. 7.10

RESOLUTION NO. 94-08-01 APPROVED: _____
ISSUED: AUGUST 1994 President of Board
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Reference:

Summit Water & Supply By-Law Article XI, Section 9
RCW 43.20.230 - Water Use Efficiency Act of 1989
1994 Uniform Fire Code - 1001.6.2

Introduction:

Public water systems are required to have Conservation measures which will control the use of water for non-potable uses (RCW 43.20.230). The Company also has the responsibility, by the State of Washington Administrative Code (State), to protect public water consumers from contamination due to cross-connection. This responsibility is recognized in the Company Bylaws, Article XI, Section 9. Summit Water is also required to operate and maintain the water system to provide the level of fire protection as required through all state and local statutes, and as directed by the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau.

The Board of Directors and Manager shall provide leadership and demonstrate sincere commitment toward conservation practices, water availability and water quality.

The Company program is under the direction of the Manager. The goals of the program are to ensure that the water resource is used in a prudent manner.

The Uniform Fire Code states "Fire hydrants and fire appliances required by this code to be install or maintained shall not be removed, tampered with or otherwise disturbed except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training, recharging or making necessary repairs."

To minimize the Company's liability, the following shall be followed, unless there is specific written direction from the Board of Directors.

Non-potable use:

Fire hydrants shall not be used for any purpose for other than what is stated in the referenced section of the Uniform Fire Code. Therefore, no water shall be withdrawn from any fire hydrant for construction purposes, roadway cleaning or parking lot sweeping, or any non-fire protection

purpose, other than flushing of mains by Summit Water personnel.

The use of potable water for the parking lot, street sweeping, construction purposes, etc., shall be allowed, when and where available, only when the Manager has determined there is adequate supply available, that there is no adverse effect on water quality, and the use conforms to the best use of the resource.

The location of withdrawal for non-fire use shall be established by the Company, with proper valves, caps and other appliances as deemed necessary by the Company. All water withdrawals shall be in conformance with the protection of surface water as required by Pierce County Ordinance 96-46S2, Chapter 18C.10.

Before commencing such usage, a request shall be made to the Company and a cash payment shall be made in the amount established by the Board of Directors as a use charge. An account shall be established, and a deposit of funds placed for the estimated volume of water to be used for the project, at a rate to be established by the Board of Directors. All use shall be metered, and if it is determined by the Manager to meter is impractical, a charge shall be fixed by the Manager.

When water service is supplied, for any purpose other than fire fighting, a charge shall be made which reflects the full cost of providing said service and encourages the conservation of the resource for the best use of our members.

Permit, fees and charges:

A permit must be obtained prior to the use of any approved connection to the Company system. The proposed use must be disclosed at the time of the permit application. The Manager shall determine what type of backflow protection must be provided. Any direct connection must be authorized by the Company and be operated by trained personnel in accordance with established water industry practices. Direct use of water main connections, such as a blow-off shall not be used for filling swimming pools.

If the contractor or customer refuses to pay the invoiced amount, the Manager shall cause the water service, to the benefited premises, to be discontinued until full payment is received.

A penalty, of an amount established by the Board of Directors, shall be levied for unauthorized use of the Company water, and the Manager shall cause the water service to the benefited premises or the business location of the unauthorized taker of the water to be discontinued until the payment for all fees, charges and penalties are received in full by the Company.

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