

**DRAFTING OFFICE/DEPARTMENT**

**Fact Sheet:** Proposed Changes to Section 2505.07.6

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**Department Requesting Code Change:**

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**Columbus City Code Title Being Amended/Created/Repealed:**

Section 2505.07.6

**What is the overall purpose of this code change?** *Summarize the general themes of the code change(s) and the need for these changes. Please utilize language and descriptors that would be easily understandable by the general public.*

The proposed change establishes and clarifies the responsibility and duty to maintain fire hydrants attached to city water lines but located outside the corporate limits of Columbus. Without this proposed amendment, the Division of Water may be responsible for maintaining fire hydrants that are not within the City of Columbus and not utilized by CFD in its regular operations. This amendment makes clear that jurisdictions outside Columbus are required to maintain fire hydrants even though connected to Columbus water lines.

**Why is this code change needed?** *Examples: Correcting a drafting error; bringing code into alignment with changes to state law. For other policy changes, it may be necessary to provide a much more in-depth rationale in the section.*

The proposed amendment corrects a previous drafting error. The proposed language was previously included within Section 2517.06. In 2022 (Ordinance 1652-2022) Title 25, the Columbus Fire Prevention Code, was updated. The update involved both substantive and numbering changes. During that process the proposed amendment was inadvertently removed.

**What would be the impact of not adopting this code change?**

Without the proposed language, the Division of Water may be responsible for maintaining fire hydrants which are attached to city water lines but located outside the corporate limits of Columbus.

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**Are there any operating or capital budget cost/savings implications for this code change?**

*These may be direct or in-direct, and please also consider long-term impact.*

Without the proposed amendment, the Division of Water may be required to maintain fire hydrants which are attached to city water lines but located outside the corporate limits of the Columbus. Therefore, the cost of labor, material, and equipment required to maintain fire hydrants outside the corporate limits of Columbus will be a savings for both the operating and capital budget.

**Describe the community engagement process regarding this code change. What residents, impacted parties, and constituents may be affected? Have they been engaged, and how so? How was their feedback incorporated (or not incorporated) into this code change?**

No community engagement took place for two reasons. First, this does not directly impact residents or businesses within the City of Columbus. Second, the proposed language was previously included within the code for three decades before it was inadvertently removed during the comprehensive update to Title 25. This amendment corrects a previous drafting error.

**Will this code change take effect with the ordinance, or is there a delayed effective date**

The code change will take effect with the ordinance.



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