
2505.07 Fire Protection Water Supplies

2505.07.1 Fire flow requirements. This chapter of the Columbus Fire Prevention Code shall include in its entirety, the Ohio Fire Code Appendix B, Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings.

2505.07.2 Fire hydrant locations. This chapter of the Columbus Fire Prevention Code shall include in its entirety, and as changed from time to time, the Ohio Fire Code Appendix C, Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution

Exception: Fire hydrants on public streets shall be spaced at 400' for residential areas and 300' for commercial areas.

2505.07.3 Fire protection water supply. The number, location, design and specifications of fire hydrants on water main extensions with the city shall be in accordance with plans approved by the Columbus Division of Fire and shall be installed under the supervision of the Columbus Division of Fire.

2505.07.4 Obstructing, using or defacing fire hydrants; permits, fees and charges.

2505.07.4.1 Obstructing. No person shall in any manner, obstruct or cause to be obstructed, any fire hydrant in the city, nor place or cause to be placed, in or upon any public place or thoroughfare of the city, within ten feet of any fire hydrant any articles, things, materials, dirt, snow or other substances so as to obstruct such hydrant.

2505.07.4.2 Hydrant use. No person other than employees of the City of Columbus, Division of Fire or Division of Water, shall connect any hose with or draw any water from, nor in any way molest or interfere with any of the fire hydrants of the city, without a permit approved by the fire code official and the administrator of the division of water, or their designees.

2505.07.4.3 Rule promulgation. The fire code official and the director of the department of public utilities shall have authority as may be necessary in the interest of public safety, health and general welfare to promulgate rules and regulations, to interpret and implement the provisions of this chapter, to secure the intent thereof, to establish permit fees and to designate requirements applicable because of climatic or other conditions.

2505.07.4.4 Permit conditions. No person authorized to use a fire hydrant under a permit issued pursuant to 2505.07.4.2 shall violate any of the conditions of the permit or any of the rules or regulations pertaining to said permit.

2505.07.4.5 Damage. Except when authorized by a permit issued pursuant to 2505.07.2, no person shall paint, decorate, deface, or in any manner destroy any fire hydrant in the city.

2505.07.4.6 Unauthorized use. Whoever violates Section 2505.07.4.2 or 2505.07.4.5 of this code, including any prescribed rule or regulation authorized by this chapter, shall be charged for unauthorized use of water through a fire hydrant in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per occurrence plus the cost of repair for any damage to the fire hydrant.

2505.07.4.7 Fail to pay. No person shall fail to pay a charge levied pursuant to Section 2517.04(B). Further, no person shall violate Section 2505.07.4.2 more than two times in a one year period.

2505.07.4.8 Revocation. Any person who violates Section 2505.07.4 shall have all fire hydrant use permits revoked. In addition, no future fire hydrant use permits will be issued to said person.

2505.07.4.9 Violation. Any person who violates Section 2505.07.4.1, 2505.07.4.2, 2505.07.4.4, 2505.07.4.5, or 2505.07.4.6 of this code shall be subject to prosecution pursuant to Section 2501.32 of the Columbus City Code.

2505.07.5 Fire hydrants on water main extension, to be approved by division of fire. The number, location, design and specifications of fire hydrants on water main extensions with the city shall be in accordance with plans approved by the Columbus Division of Fire and shall be installed under the supervision of the Columbus Division of Fire which shall be notified of such installation at least 24 hours prior thereto.

2505.07.6 Maintenance of fire hydrants. The maintenance of fire hydrants lying within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus shall be the responsibility of the division of water, except those privately-owned hydrants installed as part of a private fire protection service pursuant to Section 1105.10. The Director of Public Utilities may also approve the maintenance of fire hydrants lying outside the City of Columbus corporate limits. All other hydrants outside the corporate limits, although attached to Columbus city water lines, are not part of the water main system and not within the maintenance responsibility of the City of Columbus, unless otherwise specifically provided for by contract or agreement.

2505.07.7 Hydrant approvals. The approval required by the fire code official by Sections 2505.01 through 2505.14 of this chapter concerning fire hydrants shall be in addition to any permits or approvals required by the city division of water, division of regulations, or any other city division.

2505.07.8 Private hydrant maintenance. The owner or other responsible person shall test, maintain, and mark privately-owned fire hydrants in accordance with this code. The maintenance of private hydrants shall include, but not be limited to winter inspections. These winter inspections are to be made in order to determine the condition of the hydrant and to be certain that all hydrants at each such location are pumped free of water above the valve prior to October 15 of each year. Maintenance, testing and inspection of private hydrants may only be performed by a contractor registered with the State of Ohio.

2505.07.8.1 Flow test. A flow test to determine gallons per minute of flow, static, and residual pressure shall be conducted every five years on all private hydrants. Results shall be provided to the fire code official.

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