

107 PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

107.1 OPERATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS

107.1.1 Public fire hydrants are installed primarily for fire protection. They may also be used by the Water Utility to flush water mains and by other governmental agencies for street sweeping, **with approval of the Water Utility.**

107.1.2 Hydrants may be used by others by agreement with the Water Utility under the conditions and rates established by the Water Board for such services. All non-emergency use of a fire hydrant shall not be permitted without prior approval from the Water Utility.

107.2 PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE

Anyone who shall operate or attempt to operate a fire hydrant without permission of the Water Utility may be prosecuted as provided by law and as stated in Section 102.5. The Code of Iowa provides for punishment for each offense by a fine as outlined in Appendix A – Fee Schedule or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than 30 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

107.3 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANTS

Where an existing public fire hydrant interferes with a property owner's use or proposed use of his/her property, the hydrant may be relocated at the property owner's expense. Approval from the Water Utility shall be obtained prior to any work being done.

107.4 CHANGE OF GRADE

Where the grade of an existing street or property is changed at the request of the property owner, such that an existing public fire hydrant will not be at proper elevation with respect to the ground, the hydrant will be raised or lowered at the expense of the property owner.

107.5 OBSTRUCTION OF HYDRANTS

107.5.1 Nothing shall be erected or planted which shall interfere with the use of a fire hydrant. Sufficient clearance shall be maintained around the hydrant to permit easy connection of hoses and full circle operation of the hydrant using regular hydrant wrenches and hose spinners. **In the event of an obstruction, the Utility may remove the obstruction, and the cost of restoration shall be at the owner's expense.**

107.5.2 Shrubs, trees, flowers or weeds shall not be planted nor permitted to grow so as to prevent full view of a fire hydrant from the street.

107.6 PAINTING OF PUBLIC HYDRANTS

Painting of fire hydrants will be done by the Water Utility exclusively.