



NORTH CAROLINA'S INTERNATIONAL CITY™

Fire Hydrant Information

Fees For Fire Hydrant Meter
Application For Fire Hydrant Meter
Fire Hydrant Use Policy

Public Services Department

City of High Point, North Carolina
Public Services Department
FEES FOR FIRE HYDRANT METER ASSEMBLY



Schedule of Fees for a Water and Sewer Account using a Hydrant Meter Assembly

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| Application Fee to Open a New Account | \$50 |
| Deposit for Meter Assembly | |
| Hydrant Meter Assembly with a 5/8" meter and 3/4" backflow preventer | \$200 |
| Hydrant Meter Assembly with a 3" meter and 3" backflow preventer | \$800 |

Note: Deposits represent security for the return of the Hydrant Meter Assembly in good condition at the time the Account is closed. Deposits are held by the City without the accrual of interest as long as the Account is open.

Monthly Fixed and Commodity Charges

As currently defined in the Water Rate Schedule and Sewer Rate Schedule.

City of High Point, North Carolina
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APPLICATION FOR FIRE HYDRANT METER



Name: _____ Type of Business: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Specific purpose for water from fire hydrant: _____

Estimate period of time use of fire hydrant requested: _____

Check box if proposed use is continuous for an unspecified length of time.

Estimated volume of water required per month: _____ gallons. (Total estimated volume if use is less than one month)

Size of hydrant meter assembly requested:

5/8" meter with 3/4" connection: delivers up to 10 gallons per minute.

3" meter with 3" connection: delivers up to 175 gallons per minute.

Water will be used:

At a specific property or site. Provide address below. If no address is assigned, provide county tax ID#, name of subdivision, and names of nearest street intersection. _____

At variable locations transported by vehicle. Provide make, model, year, license tag#, and tank size below for all vehicles been used.

My signature below confirms that I have read the City of High Point Fire Hydrant Use Policy and the requirements on the reverse side of this application form, and agree to comply fully with all specified terms. The information provided on this application fully represents my intended use of this service.

 Initials Acknowledging _____
 Receipt of Hydrant Meter Assembly Signature of Applicant Title Date

--- INFORMATION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CITY OF HIGH POINT ---

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fees Received: \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Account #: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit Received: \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Metered Water use to be billed for Sanitary Sewer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check : # | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrant Meter Assembly Issued: _____ inches | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Credit Check Completed | Meter Serial Number: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privilege License – License number: | <input type="checkbox"/> NOT Approved – reason: |
| Designated hydrant # and location: | |
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| Application Approved by: | Date Approved: |
| Other conditions of approval: | |
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Customer Requirements and Conditions for Withdrawing Water Using a Hydrant Meter Assembly

The Customer agrees to the following conditions:

- Use of water withdrawn from fire hydrants will be used only for the specific purposes stated on this application and only at the locations described on this application.
- If water is transported in a tank mounted to a vehicle, only the vehicles specifically named in this application will be used. On public highways, applicable laws and regulations will be followed at all times.
- The following instructions will be followed at all times when using an authorized fire hydrant:
 - Remove one of the two smaller caps from the hydrant slowly, turning in a counterclockwise direction.
 - Lay hydrant meter assembly on the ground flat, next to hydrant; avoid dirt or other material getting inside assembly piping or equipment.
 - Connect one end of fire hose to hydrant threads where cap was removed, and other end of hose to the front end of the hydrant meter assembly.
 - Attach hose or pipe to the back end of the Assembly and connect the other end to the tanker truck or to the pipe that will convey water to the point of use.
 - Check to make sure the hand valve on the hydrant meter assembly is closed.
 - Use only a City-furnished hydrant wrench on the five-sided operating nut on top of the hydrant. Slowly open fire hydrant by two counterclockwise revolutions of wrench (not faster than one revolution per five seconds). Check all hoses and assembly for leaks.
 - Continue to open hydrant by turning wrench slowly until the hydrant valve is fully open. **DO NOT STAND DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF WHERE HOSE IS CONNECTED TO HYDRANT.**
 - Open the hand valve on the hydrant meter assembly to control the rate of water flow to the tanker truck or end use. Throttle the flow using the hand valve and turn the hand valve off when water is not in use. **DO NOT USE THE HYDRANT VALVE TO THROTTLE OR CONTROL FLOW.** Leave the hydrant valve completely open until ready to disassemble the hydrant meter assembly from the fire hydrant.
 - To begin disassembly of the hydrant meter assembly from the fire hydrant, close the hand valve on the assembly.
 - Close hydrant valve using the City-furnished hydrant wrench. Turn wrench slowly clockwise (not faster than one revolution for every five seconds) until wrench will no longer turn.
 - Open hand valve on back end of assembly to relieve any pressure inside assembly.
 - Disconnect the hose from the fire hydrant and place the cap back on the fire hydrant.
- Only the specific fire hydrants identified on this application will be used. The Hydrant Meter Assembly will not be used for any purpose other than the conveyance of water from these fire hydrants.
- The Hydrant Meter Assembly will not be disassembled, disconnected, repaired, or tampered with in any way at any time. If a leak or failure of operation occurs, or if the water meter stops operating, the entire Assembly will be promptly returned to the City
- All provisions of the City of High Point Fire Hydrant Use Policy will be followed at all times.
- The Hydrant Meter Assembly will be used at all times when withdrawing water from City fire hydrants. The meter reading on the Assembly will be called in to the City of High Point Customer Services Department by the end of the last business day of each month while the account approved by this application is active, whether or not water has been used during the month.
- The Customer is financially responsible to the City for all metered water registered on the Hydrant Meter Assembly as long as the Assembly is issued to the Customer. The Customer is responsible for protection against all unauthorized use of the Assembly.
- The monthly bill issued by the City for this account will be paid on or before the due date, and any penalties or interest due will be paid for any late payment. Monthly billing, to include the minimum fixed water charge, will be due each month this account is active, whether or not water is used. City sanitary sewer commodity charges will apply to all metered water use on the Hydrant Meter Assembly unless noted otherwise on the reverse side of this application by City personnel. If noted otherwise, the exemption from sanitary sewer commodity charges remains effective only as long as water use is consistent with the purpose represented in this application.
- The City will be permitted to inspect the Hydrant Meter Assembly at any time a reasonable request is made.
- During periods of time of drought when water use for specified purposes may be restricted by the City of High Point under water conservation declarations, this account will not be used for purposes restricted by water conservation requirements.
- The Hydrant Meter Assembly will be returned to the City at the time this account is closed. If this account remains open longer than a year, the Assembly will be returned to the City not later than one year from the date of Application Approval shown on the reverse side of this application. A new Assembly will be issued if this account remains open during the succeeding year.
- The withdrawal of water from fire hydrants will cease immediately if notice is received from the City that this account has been terminated or closed, and the Assembly will be returned to the City within five business days of receipt of such notice.
- The Deposit paid as part of this application will be retained by the City until all Assemblies issued under this account have been returned to the City and this account is closed. Any final amounts owed under this account may be retained from the Deposit at the time the account is closed, to include the cost or repair or replacement of the Assembly if the Assembly is damaged or lost.
- The Customer Responsibilities defined in the City of High Point Customer Services Policy will be adhered to at all times.

City of High Point, North Carolina
Public Services Department
FIRE HYDRANT USE POLICY



1.0 Purpose of Fire Hydrants

It is the policy of the City of High Point, North Carolina that the opening or closing, damaging, tampering, connection to, or withdrawal of water from any publicly owned or privately owned fire hydrant connected to the City of High Point water system is expressly prohibited, except in compliance with the terms of this Policy. Authorized withdrawal of water from any fire hydrant defined above is strictly limited to the following persons and purposes:

- 1.1. Fire fighting activities by personnel of the City of High Point Fire Department and by personnel of other fire departments registered with the Director of Public Services (Director). Fire departments that provide fire protection services within a jurisdiction served by City fire hydrants, or fire departments that provide mutual aid within any area served by City fire hydrants, may register with the Director.
- 1.2. Fire fighting training activities by the City Fire Department or by other fire departments registered with the Director.
- 1.3. Test operations to establish the rate of the flow of water available from fire hydrants by personnel of the City Fire Department, a registered Fire Department, or authorized personnel of the City Public Services Department. These test operations may include the testing necessary to furnish data needed for fire insurance evaluations or engineering evaluations of the effectiveness of the water system.
- 1.4. Water flushing and collecting of water samples by authorized City Public Services Department personnel for improving or determining the quality of water in the City water system, or to minimize the possibility of impurities remaining in the water system from breaks, leaks, or repairs to the water system.
- 1.5. Water withdrawal from publicly owned fire hydrants by authorized City personnel for street maintenance, street cleaning, dust control, landscaping of City property, or cleaning of sanitary or storm sewer lines.
- 1.6. Water withdrawal through a City of High Point approved hydrant meter water account (Account) using a Hydrant Meter Assembly (Assembly) issued by the Director or his/her authorized agent, as defined in this Policy.
- 1.7. Other uses as expressly authorized in writing in advance by the Director.

2.0 Definitions

For the purpose of this Policy, the following terms are defined to have the meanings described as follows:

- 2.1. A "person" may include one or more of the following or their agents, employees, representatives, directors, officers, members, partners, managers, superintendents, or legal representatives: individuals, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, associations, or other entities recognized by the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- 2.2. "Fee Schedule" shall refer to the latest version of the Schedule of Fees for a Water Account Using a Hydrant Meter Assembly as adopted by the High Point City Council.
- 2.3. "Business day" shall refer to a single calendar day in which the City of High Point Customer Services Department is open to receive citizens for transactions and other utility customer services. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays established by the High Point City Council are excluded.

3.0 Enforcement of Policy

Any person who opens, closes, damages, tampers with, connects to, or withdraws water from a City fire hydrant in a manner that does not fully comply with the provisions of this Policy shall be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions, depending on the severity of the adverse consequences and the previous history of similar occurrences:

- 3.1 An assessment for the value of the water withdrawn from a fire hydrant based on the City's retail rates in effect at the time;
- 3.2 An assessment for the value of the City's cost of repair of damages to the water system, including damages to the Assembly;
- 3.3 An assessment for the value of court costs, attorney fees, or other administrative costs for claims consequential to acts prohibited by this Policy;
- 3.4 A civil penalty issued by the Director of up to one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars per violation;
- 3.5 An immediate suspension of privileges and closure of any Account issued to the person in violation and demand to return the Assembly to the City within five business days of receipt of notice;
- 3.6 Denial of a future application for an Account to use an Assembly to withdraw water from City hydrants;
- 3.7 Discontinuation of service from any other active water account in the name of the person in continuing violation of this Policy;
- 3.8 Removal of a City standard water service connection pipe from service to property owned by the person or persons committing acts in continuing violation of this Policy; and
- 3.9 Criminal penalties pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes §14-151.1 or §14-159.1.

4.0 Water Service Account Using a Hydrant Meter Assembly

A person may obtain an Account to use an Assembly from the Director, or his/her authorized agents, subject to the following conditions:

- 4.1 The person (Applicant) shall make application to the City of High Point for an Account on a form designated by the Director at least five business days in advance of the date service is desired. The application may request information sufficient to determine if the Applicant has the ability to comply with the provisions of this Policy and other applicable federal, state, or local laws or regulations, to include the following:
 - 4.1.1 Purpose or purposes of water use;
 - 4.1.2 Period of time in which water is needed;
 - 4.1.3 Estimated volume of water required per month, or estimated total volume required if period of time is less than one month;
 - 4.1.4 Size of Assembly requested (must be a size provided by the City, as defined in the Fee Schedule);
 - 4.1.5 Make, model, color, and license plate identification for each mobile tanker truck that may be used to receive and transport water received under the requested Account;
 - 4.1.6 Street address or name of subdivision if water use is for a single property or subdivision;
 - 4.1.7 Name of person requesting service and accepting payment responsibility, and billing address; and
 - 4.1.8 Other information applicable to the service application as determined by the Director.
- 4.2 The Applicant shall submit payment for the Application Fee and Deposit, as defined in the Fee Schedule, before the application is considered complete.

4.3 The circumstances under which an application for an Account may be considered for approval shall be limited as described below:

- 4.3.1 Withdrawal of water for construction work, to include masonry work, mortar mixing, landscaping, dust control, pressure washing, soil compaction, hydro mulching, demolition, or other appropriate construction purposes at locations where it is not practical to use an existing or proposed permanent service connection. In cases where the construction work will result in a structure requiring a permanent water service connection, the Applicant may be denied an Account and requested to apply for the permanent water service connection for water use during construction.
- 4.3.2 Street maintenance or street cleaning by authorized personnel of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).
- 4.3.3 Contractors retained by the City of High Point or NCDOT for the purposes of dust control, or the maintaining or cleaning of public streets, sanitary sewer lines, or storm sewer lines.
- 4.3.4 Businesses for the purpose of cleaning private streets or parking areas, where it is not practical to use a permanent service connection.
- 4.3.5 Special events, such as street fairs or carnivals, markets, or other temporary events.
- 4.3.6 Filling of commercial swimming pools or filling of residential swimming pools by a business engaged in the service of filling pools as a contracted service to residents. Residents proposing to fill a swimming pool for a single owner-occupied or lease occupied dwelling must use the permanent residential service connection provided to that property.
- 4.3.7 Filling of tankers for delivery of drinking water shall be prohibited except by emergency relief agencies or their contractors, to supply water for basic public health and safety needs during an emergency. Under such circumstances, the agency assumes full responsibility for the appropriate cleanliness and disinfection of the tanker and all appurtenances.

4.4 An application for an Account may be disapproved by the Director, or his/her authorized agents, under any of the following circumstances:

- 4.4.1 Applicant is found to owe a delinquent debt to the City of High Point, unless the applicant pays the debt in full, including all legitimate interest and delinquent charges, prior to approval of the application;
- 4.4.2 Applicant is found to have not obtained a current privilege license with the City of High Point for the business or commercial purpose for which the application is made;
- 4.4.3 Applicant has provided false information on the application or the application is not complete;
or
- 4.4.4 Other circumstances, as determined by the Director or as defined by the Customer Services Policy, where the approval of the application is not determined to be in the best interest of public health and safety.

4.5 If the application is accepted the Director or his/her authorized agents, the City will open an Account and the approved application will state the conditions by which the Applicant receiving approval (Customer) may withdraw water through a fire hydrant connected to the City's water system. These conditions may include the following:

- 4.5.1 An Assembly will be issued to the Customer. The Assembly will include a threaded connection to a City fire hydrant, a water meter, a reduced pressure zone backflow preventer, and a hand valve. Ownership of the Assembly, including the water meter, will be retained at all times by the City of High Point. The City maintains a limited number of Assemblies based on anticipated

customer requests on a first-come, first-serve basis and makes no obligation to furnish an Assembly anytime on demand.

- 4.5.2 The Customer will be provided instructions on the methods of attaching the Assembly to a fire hydrant, bracing and supporting the Assembly, and opening and closing the fire hydrant. The Customer is required to follow these instructions, and is responsible for any damages resulting from failure to adhere to these instructions.
- 4.5.3 The approved application will specify the specific fire hydrants the Customer is authorized to use.
- 4.5.4 The Customer may not disassemble or disconnect any parts of the Assembly. If a leak or failure of operation occurs, the entire Assembly should be returned to the City.
- 4.5.5 The Customer shall abide by all provisions of this Policy and all conditions of the approved application.
- 4.5.6 The Customer shall call the City of High Point Customer Services Department by the end of the last business day of each month and report the meter reading on the Assembly.
- 4.5.7 The Customer shall pay the monthly bill issued by the City for the water metered through the Assembly, at rates established in the City of High Point Water Rate Schedule and Sewer Rate Schedule, on or before the due date, and shall be responsible for any penalties and interest, as set forth in the Customer Services Policy, if payment is late. Water Fixed Charges defined in the Water Rate Schedule are applicable to an Account but Sewer Fixed Charges do not apply. Water Commodity Charges are applicable, and Sewer Commodity Charges are applicable unless the Director, or his/her authorized agent, has determined as part of the approved application that all purposes defined by the Applicant for the use of water from the Account will not require present or future sewer use.
- 4.5.8 The Customer shall protect the Assembly against damage and immediately report to the City any damages that occur and the cause of the damages, if known.
- 4.5.9 The Customer shall permit the City to inspect the Assembly at any time a reasonable request is made by the City.
- 4.5.10 During periods of time of drought when water use for specified purposes may be restricted by the City of High Point under water conservation declarations, the Customer shall not use the Assembly to withdraw water from the water system for those restricted purposes.
- 4.5.11 The Customer shall not use the Assembly at any time to convey any material other than treated water, and shall not use the Assembly to convey water from any location connected to the City water system except the specific fire hydrants defined in the approved application.
- 4.5.12 The Customer shall return the Assembly to the City at the location designated on the approved application at the time the Customer desires to close the Account, or by the date one year following the date of issuance of the Assembly currently used by the Customer. If the Customer returns an Assembly to the City at the end of one year, in good condition, the Customer is in compliance with this Policy and the conditions of the approved application, and the Customer desires to continue to maintain the Account, the Customer will be issued another Assembly to use for the next one year period. This annual exchange of Assemblies permits the City to ensure that the water meter and the backflow preventer on each Assembly in authorized use has been tested within a one-year period. Failure to exchange the Assembly each year, or the continued use of an Assembly after one year, are a violation of this Policy.
- 4.5.13 Within thirty days following the closing of an Account and the Customer's return of the issued Assembly to the City, the City shall inspect the Assembly for its physical and operating condition and make any repairs if the Assembly has been damaged. The City shall return the Customer's Deposit, without the accrual of any interest, within this thirty day period, less any outstanding charges for metered water use, less the cost of any repair of damage to the Assembly, less any further charges to the Customer as authorized by this Policy. If the Deposit is not sufficient to

cover all charges, the Deposit will be credited toward these charges and a final bill for the remaining balance will be issued to the Customer.

4.6 An Account may be terminated by written notice to the Customer upon a finding that the Customer has violated any condition of this Policy or the approved application. Upon receipt of notice, the Customer shall immediately cease all water use under the Account, surrender the Assembly to the City, and comply with other provisions of this Policy for closing an Account.

5.0 Appeals

An Applicant may appeal a decision by the Director, or his/her authorized agent, to deny an Account, or a Customer may appeal a decision by the Director, or his/her authorized agent, to terminate an Account against the Customer's wishes or take enforcement actions against the customer. The process for making an appeal, conducting a hearing, and the ruling on the appeal, will be as defined by the City of High Point Customer Services Policy.