

SECTION 3 PUBLIC FIRE SERVICE

3.1 Hydrant Locations

Hydrants in new projects to be constructed shall be within 400 feet radius of each other and the distance between hydrants, as measured by the curb length shall be no more than 700 feet. Distance requirements shall be consistent with section 5:21-5.4 of the Residential Site Improvements Standards (RSIS).

Subdivision plans, as approved by the Mantua Township M.U.A., shall be submitted to the Fire Marshal for his approval of hydrant locations. The written and dated signature of the Fire Marshal or his duly authorized representative from the municipality, on each set of plans submitted by the Mantua Township M.U.A., shall constitute authorization from the Municipality as to the location of the fire hydrants.

3.2 Maintenance

All fire hydrants will be maintained by the Authority.

3.3 Allowable Uses

Only persons authorized by the Authority shall take water from any public fire hydrant, except for fire purposes, by the Fire Department. No public fire hydrant shall be used for any use other than fire purposes, except with the written approval and consent of the Authority.

3.4 Change of Location

Whenever the municipal governing body desires a change in the location of any fire hydrant, the Authority, upon written request, will grant or deny the change and all expense will be charged to the municipality.

3.5 Inspection

Routine inspections of each hydrant shall be made semi-annually according to the time schedule set by the Authority Superintendent. Upon written request from a duly authorized representative of the municipality, the Authority, when it determines that the request is reasonable, will authorize that such inspection be made by an authorized representative of the Authority, accompanied by an authorized representative of the municipality.

3.6 Notification

The Police Department Dispatcher shall notify the Authority when the Fire Companies will be using a hydrant.

3.7 Hydrant Rental Fee Policy

Fees shall be based on:

- (a) Direct annual hydrant costs; repairs, maintenance, inspection and replacement of old or deficient hydrants.
- (b) Four (4) year projection of the offsite hydrants to be constructed (total number X average cost per hydrant divided by the same number of years equals the annual allotted cost for installations).

Projected costs are divided by the number of hydrants. Policy will then be reviewed after four years.

3.8 Offsite Hydrant Installation

New hydrant installation costs within a tract are borne by the tract developer because it benefits the tract directly. This policy is consistent with the Mantua Township M.U.A. policy regarding onsite improvements. However, occasionally, new hydrants are installed outside a developed tract and do not generally benefit the tract but rather benefit the broad fire protection capabilities of the Township. Costs for installation of these offsite hydrants may be offset by the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority provided they are more than 700 feet from the nearest point of the project. The method of offsetting the cost is to be determined by the Authority at the time application.