

SECTION 38 SERVICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

38.01 SERVICE FOR COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

The District will provide water service for fire protection systems for commercial or industrial developments within the District. Such service shall be available only in accordance with the rules and regulations provided in this Code.

38.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIRE HYDRANT AND/OR
FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE FOR COMMERCIAL OR
INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

- A. All fire hydrant and/or fire sprinkler service mains installed for commercial or industrial purposes on privately-owned land shall be owned and maintained by the land owner; except for fire hydrants installed for developments where the District has accepted an easement for such service mains.
- B. Where service is provided for fire hydrant or fire sprinkler service on privately-owned land under Paragraph A above, the service shall be provided by the District at the property line of the land to be served. The property owner or developer shall be responsible to construct and maintain the remainder of the facilities to provide fire protection to the property. Each such facilities installation shall include a reduced pressure principle assembly backflow device installed in accordance with District specifications on the fire main on the customer side of the property line.
- C. Water furnished for fire hydrant or fire sprinkler service shall be used only for fire protection purposes. Water service for domestic, business, commercial or irrigation purposes shall be furnished only after a meter or meters have been installed on laterals connected to the District main in the street pursuant to requirements of this Code.
- D. Upon application for installation of one or more fire service connections to an existing District water main, the customer shall pay such charges as shall be determined on the basis of actual costs incurred by the District in performing the

work. At the time of application for the installation, the District will estimate the total costs to be incurred in performing the work. The customer shall deposit the estimated amount with the District prior to commencement of the work. The work shall be performed by the District under a District Water/Sewer Order. If actual costs incurred by the District are less than the amount deposited, the District shall refund the balance of the deposit to the customer. If the costs incurred exceed the amount deposited, the customer shall reimburse the District for the additional costs. Where the fire service connection is to be made to a water main to be constructed in a street by the owner or developer, the costs for such connection shall be covered under the standard developer's agreement with the District for installation of the water facilities for the development project.

- E. Water for fire protection services shall be provided in accordance with District fees and charges set forth in Section 25.03 E.11 of this Code.

- F. The District shall have no responsibility for the proper function of the fire service system nor for the availability of water from its mains for fire protection in the event of emergency. While the District undertakes at all times to have adequate supplies available in its system for ordinary uses, it is not a guarantor of continual service in quantities adequate for all purposes however, and each customer shall specifically agree that as a condition of the fire service connection contracted for that the District shall incur no liability nor be subject to any damages resulting from a failure or malfunctioning of the fire sprinkler lateral or fire sprinkler system or from a lack of water in adequate quantity or pressure to make it fully effective.

38.03 SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALLY METERED RESIDENTIAL
FIRE PROTECTION

When a single-family residential water meter is required to provide standby capacity for a fire sprinkler system, the capacity charge may be determined according to the size of the meter necessary to meet the water use requirements for

the property. Additional capacity fees for upsizing the single-family residential meter to meet fire flow requirements will be waived. Standby capacity to provide water for a fire sprinkler system is required when (1) the fire sprinkler system is required by law, including any requirement imposed as a condition of development, permit, or occupancy, and (2) the fire chief, fire marshal, or building official of the city, county, or special district responsible for fire protection service to the property has a requirement for additional meter size due to fire protection. The determination, under this section, shall be made at the time the meter is first obtained, or at the time a meter is replaced with one of greater size due to the later installation of a fire protection system.

Water for fire protection services shall be provided in accordance with District fees and charges set forth in Section 25.03 E.1 of this Code.