FAUQUIER COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION AUTHORITY
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HYDRANT METER PERMIT REQUEST

Application Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Contact or Representative: _____

Billing Address: _____ Work/Daytime Phone: _____

_____ Home/Evening Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Virginia Business License No. (Please Attach Copy): _____

Federal Tax ID No.: _____

Location of Hydrant(s) to Be Used: _____

Specific Purpose of Use: _____

Issued Date: _____ **Expiration Return Date**: _____

Applicant has received, read, and agrees to the Hydrant Meter Policy and all terms and conditions of the permit. Violation of the Policy or any specified or implied condition constitutes grounds for immediate revocation of the permit and equipment. Applicant/successful Permit Holder agrees to relinquish the meter to Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority (FCWSA) at any time.

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Applicant Signature* **Date** **Print Name**

*If signing on behalf of a corporation or partnership, please attach a resolution or other document indicating that the party executing this document has the authority to bind the corporation or partnership.

To be completed by FCWSA – Do not write under this line

Permit Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Deposit Received: _____

Inspection Fee Received: _____

Meter Number Issued: _____

Reading of Meter When Issued: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General

- FCWSA reserves the right to terminate this permit at any time, with or without cause and with or without notice.
- The Permit Holder expressly agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the FCWSA harmless from and against all claims, loss, damage, injury and liability, however caused, including any negligence by Permit Holder's agents or employees resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the rental or use of the hydrant meter.
- Any violation of the terms and conditions of the permit shall result in the forfeiture of the deposit and revocation of the permit without notice. Meters must be immediately surrendered to the FCWSA at 7172 Kennedy Road in Warrenton. FCWSA reserves the right to not reissue a hydrant meter to any Permit Holder who has violated any of the terms or conditions of the permit.
- To protect the water supply in times of emergency, all hydrant meters may be subject to immediate recall/return in the event of the implementation of the Fauquier County Comprehensive Drought Management and Emergency Preparedness Plan. Continued usage is prohibited by law and is a Class 2 Misdemeanor under Section 18.2-162.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Purpose of Use

- Hydrant meters shall be used as a temporary connection to the FCWSA approved fire hydrants for the purpose of withdrawing water for construction activity, temporary landscaping, and filling water trucks or tanks.
- Water obtained from a hydrant is considered non-potable (not suitable for consumption) and must not be used for such purposes.
- Hydrant meters are not to be used to supply an irrigation system or to directly fill swimming pools.

Operating Instructions

- The Permit Holder must only withdraw at designated fire hydrants identified in the FCWSA Hydrant Meter Maps (https://www.fcwsa.org/engineering-forms-developer-services) or specified in the Permit Request.
- The Permit Holder must not leave the hydrant meter unattended and must remove the meter from the hydrant at the end of each working day. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of deposit.
- The Permit Holder will be responsible for establishing an acceptable air gap for all tanks, trucks or vessels into which public water is discharged or provide documentation of an approved A.S.S.E. backflow prevention device necessary to protect the FCWSA public water system. A hose must never be submerged into the water while filling a tank or container. The Permit Holder will be liable if unauthorized use results in a backflow contamination of the distribution system.
- All FCWSA fire hydrant valves must be opened slowly and fully using a properly sized, specialty hydrant wrench with the hydrant meter operating valve in the closed position prior to use. The flow of water through the meter shall be controlled by opening and closing the hydrant meter operating valve. The Permit Holder shall be liable for repair cost to the fire hydrant if it is not operated properly and leads to damage.

- The hydrant meter must not be altered in any way, and the proper size hose or adapters must be used by the Permit Holder. Any alterations to the hydrant meter will result in the forfeiture of the deposit.
- Hydrant meters may be used when temperatures are 35 degrees Fahrenheit or above and rising. When temperatures fall to 35 degrees Fahrenheit, the fire hydrant must be closed; and the hydrant meter must be disconnected from the hydrant, fully drained, and stored in an environment where temperatures are above 35 degrees Fahrenheit.
- It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to notify the Authority when the meter is not registering/recording the water usage. Any broken or leaking hydrant meter assembly must be returned immediately to the Authority for repair.
- All public and private property must be protected while the fire hydrant is in use.
- Upon becoming aware of a fire fighting effort in the vicinity of the meter location, the hydrant meter must be immediately disconnected from the hydrant.

Inspections

- All hydrant meters must be returned to FCWSA one (1) year from the date of rental for the mandatory condition check, testing, and reading verification by the FCWSA.
- The annual inspection fee is $25.00, and this fee will be included in that month's bill of the Permit Holder/Account Holder.
- The Permit Holder agrees to return the hydrant meter at successive one-year periods from the date of the renewal of the permit for the mandatory annual testing and inspection.

Account Status

- A rental deposit in the amount of $2,500.00 will be charged to lease a hydrant meter from FCWSA, which will be refundable after the permit has been terminated by the Permit Holder or FCWSA. Final bill will be deducted from deposit and credit refunded if applicable.
- The Permit Holder is responsible for paying water usage charges for water consumed from a FCWSA approved fire hydrant at the rates set forth in Volume 2 Part B Section 2.30 of the Operating Code, as amended from time to time.
- The Permit Holder shall report monthly readings by the 20th of every month regardless of usage via fax (540-347-7689) or emailed (customerservice@fcwsa.org) picture to include the meter number and register dial showing usage. The Permit Holder may also physically bring the meter in throughout the year for FCWSA staff to read. Failure to report monthly readings will result in a $100.00 penalty and the penalty will automatically be included in that month's bill.
- Failure to report monthly readings in a timely manner may also result in the revocation of issued permit.
- FCWSA will charge the Permit Holder for any damages to the hydrant meter while in possession of the Permit Holder other than that attributable to normal wear and tear.
- It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to secure the hydrant meter to prevent theft. The Permit Holder shall reimburse FCWSA for the hydrant meter if it is lost or stolen.