



City of Columbus
Mayor Michael B. Coleman

Department of Public Utilities

John R. Doutt, P.E., Director

RULE AND REGULATION NO. 01-2
Division of Water
Department of Public Utilities

DATE: May 9, 2001

SUBJECT: METERING OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

Pursuant to the authority granted under Columbus City Codes Chapter 1101, the Director of the Department of Public Utilities hereby adopts, establishes, and publishes this rule and regulation to be effective at the earliest date allowed by law. This rule and regulation supersedes Division of Water Rule and Regulation 99-2, published February 13, 1999 in the *City Bulletin* of Columbus, Ohio. This rule and regulation is in addition to any established requirements that have not been superseded or rescinded by this or any previous act.

APPLICATION: For all fire protection service installations or modifications made after the effective date of this Rule and Regulation where the service line is strictly a fire protection service line.

All fire protection service lines as specified hereinbefore will have installed either a Reduced Pressure Detector Assembly (RPDA) or a Double Check Detector Assembly (DCDA) as prescribed in the Rule and Regulation on Cross-Connection Control unless otherwise approved by the Administrator of the Division of Water. The setting will be constructed as per Standard Detail Drawings L-6317 A, B, C, D, & E and L-9002 A & B and installed at a location approved by the Division of Water. The setting will include a bypass meter that measures in cubic feet, meets American Water Works Association (AWWA) standard C700, and has an odometer style register with the first four reading dials being white and the remaining being another color.


Any unauthorized use of water from a fire system service line is prohibited. Water use is permitted for testing and maintenance of the fire system. All other uses shall require the expressed written approval of the Administrator of the Division of Water. Any violation of this prohibition will require the immediate installation of an approved Fireline Meter (type that registers total consumption) and an approved backflow preventer at the property owner's expense. Furthermore, the owner will immediately pay any outstanding fees and charges applicable for a full service water supply line.

DCDA and RPDA meters shall be read by the Division of Water. Any consecutive readings that indicate consumption in excess of 100 cu. ft. of recorded flow will initiate an investigation of the fire system. The Division of Water will conduct the investigation with the full cooperation of the property owner.


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Failure to comply with this Rule and Regulation may result in the termination of water service to the property and/or other legal actions as required.


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APPROVED:


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