

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This section is intended to inform customers, developers, and contractors of the procedures of the Holyoke Water Works with respect to fire hydrant usage.

1.2 FIRE HYDRANT USAGE

No person, except firefighters at fires, or authorized employees or representatives of the Holyoke Water Works, shall open or operate any public or private fire hydrant without written consent of the Board of Water Commissioners. No person whatsoever, without written consent, shall open, operate, or close any water gate or air valve on mains or any sidewalk valve or any corporation valve attached to the water main or service pipes.

Penalties under this rule will be in accordance with the Revised Ordinances of the City of Holyoke, Chapter 1, Section II.

1.3 TESTING FIRE EQUIPMENT

Private hydrants, fire pumps, and sprinkler systems, using city water, may be tested only in the presence of a representative of the Holyoke Water Works, after permission to test has been granted by the Board of Water Commissioners or its authorized representative. The Holyoke Water Works shall specify the time and date in which the test(s) shall take place and shall be reimbursed for all labor costs.

1.4 ILLEGAL USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS

No person shall, open, operate, obstruct, remove, draw water from, or in any way tamper with a fire hydrant without first procuring a written permit to do so from the Holyoke Board of Fire Commissioners. It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, damage, or vandalize a fire hydrant. Fines and penalties for violators are described in Appendix B.