

Corporation of the Village of Cobden

By-Law Number 1987-34

This By-Law will repeal and replace all previous By-Laws governing the use of fire hydrants in the Village of Cobden.

Being a By-law to Regulate the Use of Fire Hydrants and Fire Service Connections in the Village of Cobden.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Village of Cobden deems it necessary to regulate the use of Fire Hydrants and Fire Service Connections in the Village of Cobden,

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Cobden enacts as follows:

1. Unauthorized Use of Hydrants Prohibited:

The use of fire hydrants other than by the fire department for fire fighting and the water works system for testing and maintenance purposes is prohibited except by special permission of the Village Superintendent.

2. Permit for Use of Hydrants:

The Village Superintendent, upon written application, may in his discretion, permit water to be used temporarily from any fire hydrant for other than domestic purposes where no other supply can be conveniently obtained, by placing a reducer on one of the hydrant openings and controlling the supply by a valve.

3. Charges for Use of Hydrants:

Applicants to whom permits are granted shall for each individual job or contract make a cash deposit of \$25.00 for the use of a hydrant for 30 days or fraction thereof plus fifty cents for the use of each additional hydrant for a period. This deposit is for the purpose of guaranteeing payment for water used and to cover any breakage or other damage to the fire hydrant. Upon return of the permit by the applicant, \$15.00 less charges for the water used, at the standard rates, together with the cost of any necessary repairs to hydrant, shall be returned to the applicant. In event of the water used and cost of repairs exceeding the \$15.00 the applicant shall pay the excess to the Village.

4. Use of Hydrants by Public Authorities:

When hydrants are used by the Village departments for furnishing water for street sprinkling or flushing or for street repairs or for flushing sewers or water mains, or by the Village for flooding skating rinks, no permit nor deposit charge will be required. However, a report shall be made to the Village Superintendent within twenty-four hours after use of the hydrant in order that the same can be repacked and checked and a report shall be made to the Clerk-Treasurer at least once a month on the quantity of water drawn and the Clerk-Treasurer shall render accounts for the same.

5. Fire Service Connection:

Fire service connections shall include direct or indirect pipe line connections to the Village mains for the purpose of providing a supply of water to sprinkler systems, either of the wet or dry types, stand-pipe with or without attached hose; and private fire hydrants or any other apparatus or fire protection system, for the purpose of extinguishing fires in buildings or premises. It shall not include connections for public fire protection provided by the Village.

6. Applications for Fire Service Connections:

Owners of premises applying for fire service connections shall in each case file with the superintendent a set of drawings of the premises showing the location and size of the building, the number, size and location of fire hose outlets, if any, the location and size of private fire hydrants, if any, the number, type and location of sprinkler heads, if any, and the location of all valves, pipes, tanks and other appurtenances, wherever the same are made.

7. Size of Connections:

The size of each fire service connection shall be determined by the superintendent and will depend on the size of the street main, the available pressure on the main, and the nature and capacity of the fire protection equipment in the building to be served, provided however, that the diameter of the water main in the street to which it is connected.

8. Owner to Pay Cost of Installation:

The cost of installing a fire service connection including the pavement charges referred to in Section 13 shall be paid in advance by owner of the premises to be served by the connection.

9. Regulations Governing Use of Fire Service:

1. No water shall be drawn from the fire service pipes for any purpose whatsoever except for extinguishment of fire or for the testing of the system by the Village Superintendent or by any incorporated fire underwriter's association.
2. No connection shall be made between the fire protection system and any other water system in the premises.
3. Valves on hose outlets, drain cocks and other appurtenances shall be of such a type that they may be sealed by the Village Superintendent, and whenever any such valve or cock is opened by the owner or occupant of the premises shall immediately notify the superintendent so that the same may be resealed. Any person opening or authorizing the opening of any such valve who fails to notify the superintendent within six hours of the opening shall be guilty of a breach of this by-law.

10. Maintenance of Fire Services:

Owners of property to which there is a fire service connection shall pay to the Village from time to time as the work is done the cost, as certified by the superintendent of:

10. a) repairing, renewing, supporting and making structural alterations in or removing any such service pipe, regardless of the reason for which such work may be deemed necessary;
- b) making good to the satisfaction of the superintendent any subsidence in or damage to any street resulting from the performing of any work specified in paragraph a), excepting subsidence covered by the pavement charges hereinafter referred to;
- c) the pavement charge referred to in Section 13 in respect of each pavement cut made in carrying out work mentioned herein.

11. Village Not Responsible for Failure of Service:

The Village shall not be liable for loss or damage by reason of low pressure or interruption or failure of service in any fire service connection for any cause. The Village shall not be liable for damage caused by the breaking of any service pipe or attachment, or for shutting off water to repair or to tap mains, if reasonable motive of the intention to shut off the water is given.

12. By-Law Applies to Existing and Future Service Connections:

This by-law applies to and shall bind owners of all premises in which fire services connections or fire protection systems have or shall hereafter be installed.

13. Pavement Charges:

Where a water service is installed in a street paved with concrete or asphalt and the service is that payment of a "Pavement Charge" is required by this By-law, a charge shall be made to cover the cost of cutting and replacing the pavement and of subsequent maintenance thereof until all subsidence resulting from the work has ceased.

14. Consumers not to Furnish Water to Others:

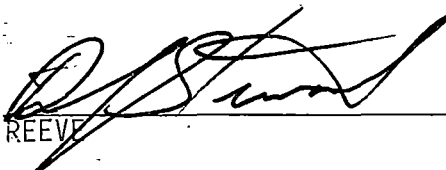
No consumer shall furnish water to other persons or permit other persons to take water from the consumer's premises unless permitted by Village Superintendent.

15. Waste of Water Prohibited:


No person shall permit water to run through any faucet or fixture to prevent freezing or to run for any other purpose longer than necessary for its proper use, and the Village Superintendent is hereby authorized to restrain and prevent any and all wastage of water, and to that end, may, when he deems necessary, turn off the water or take such other lawful action as he deems proper.

16. Every person who commits a breach of any provision of this By-law shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$50.00 for each offence.

Read a first, second and passed upon the third reading this 13th
day of October, 1987.



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