HYDRANT RULES

The use of fire hydrants for water service is a revocable privilege and is at all times subject to strict compliance with the following requirements:

1. The use of any device to operate the hydrant other than the regular Pentagon San Francisco Fire Department Standard Hydrant Spanner is strictly prohibited. Hydrants must be opened and closed slowly to prevent surges.

2. When fire hydrants are in use, the hydrant valves must be opened full at all times and the flow of water must be regulated with a shut-off nozzle attached to the hose line, partial opening of the hydrant valve may cause chattering and water-hammer.

3. All meters attached to hydrants must rest on the ground or be supported in such manner that no part of the weight is carried by the outlet of the hydrant.

4. The Contractor shall connect to only the lower outlet of any one hydrant; the top outlet shall be left free for firefighting purposes.

5. An approved spanner must be attached to all connections to hydrants so as to permit the speedy disconnection of the meter whenever the necessity arises. Contractors are required to disconnect all such connections each night when work stops and during all days that no actual work is in progress.

6. At all times, the hydrant shall be kept clear of construction equipment, material, and debris of any kind that might hinder or obstruct the emergency use of the fire outlet.

7. Caps shall be replaced on outlets, when not in use, to protect the threads.

8. Under no conditions will permits be issued for the use of hydrants on the Fire Department High Pressure System. Such hydrants may be recognized by the fact that the operating spindles protrude through the top of the hydrants; operating spindles of low pressure hydrants protrude through the sides.

9. All persons will have a copy of the approved application from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission available upon request at job site. If the approved application is not available, all equipment which is attached to hydrant will be confiscated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission or the San Francisco Fire Department and a citation issued.

As the above requirements are mandatory, it will be necessary for you to instruct your employees to comply with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Fire Department's requirements - a violation of which will mean prompt cancellation of the approved application.

Use of hydrants without approval is a misdemeanor; penalty upon conviction is a fine, imprisonment, or both.

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FIG 10 LOW PRESSURE HYDRANTS
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