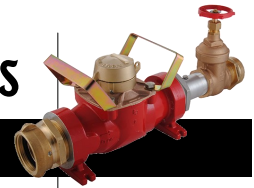


Robeson County Public Utilities



APPLICATION FOR FIRE HYDRANT METER PERMIT

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Robeson County Public Utilities issues Fire Hydrant Meter Permits to provide convenient access to water from fire hydrants to qualified applicants. The customer should submit the Fire Hydrant Meter Application to obtaining a permit to use water from a hydrant meter. The customer's signature on the application certifies agreement to comply with all items listed in the Condition of Service Agreement. Upon receipt of your permit application, we will review the application and contact you within three (3) business days to schedule an appointment and complete the required forms.

At the time of the appointment you are required to bring in the following documents:

1. Deposit Agreement Form
2. Designated Agent Form
3. Valid Driver's License
4. Required payment of \$1,500.00

Once the permit and the meter are issued, you must submit monthly meter readings between the first (1st) and tenth (10th) day of the month for water used during the previous calendar month. Meter readings may be submitted to the Fire Hydrant Meter Program by mail, fax or email by completing the Meter Reading Form.

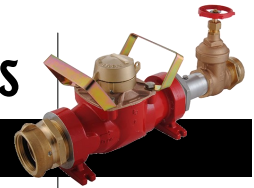
Other applicable fees may include:

1. Monthly Maintenance Base Fee, currently \$46.50
2. Current rate per unit of water
 - A. First 50,000 gallons \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons
 - B. Next 50,000 gallons \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
 - C. Next 900,000 gallons \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons
 - D. All over 1,000,000 gallons \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons
3. No Read or Late Read Fee, currently \$20
4. Late Payment Fee, currently \$50

Note:

The use of fire hydrants for temporary water needs is a privilege and the Robeson County Public Utilities will not tolerate abuse of this privilege. Abuse of fire hydrants include illegal connections, water theft, vandalism, tampering, failing to replace caps, or damage caused by neglect. The consequences of improper connections may result in confiscation of the meter, related connection tools and equipment. In addition, the Robeson County Public Utilities may terminate the Fire Hydrant Meter Permit. The Robeson County Public Utilities reserves the right to not issue a hydrant meter permit to any applicant who has violated this policy. **A non-meter connection to a fire hydrant constitutes water theft and/or tampering. This is a violation of the Robeson County Public Utilities conditions of service and is subject to a connection service charge of \$500 plus tax per occurrence. Violators will be assessed up to a \$1,000.00 charge for unaccounted water usage. For more information, please refer to the Conditions of Service Agreement.**

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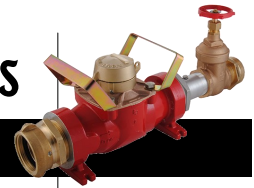
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The applicant agrees to:

1. Abide by all laws, ordinance, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and conditions related to use of fire hydrants.
2. Use only fire hydrant meters permitted and issued by the Robeson County Public Utilities on fire hydrants designated by the Robeson County Public Utilities as available for use and approved for use under this permit. I understand that failure to comply with this condition will subject me to additional penalties being assessed to my account and may result in termination of any and all fire hydrant meter permits I may have. A non-metered connection to a fire hydrant constitutes water theft and/or tampering which is a violation of the conditions of Robeson County Public Utilities and shall be subject to a connection service charge of \$1,000.00 per occurrence and shall be assessed up to \$1,000.00 charge for water usage.
3. Pay monthly water usage charges and all other applicable charges on or before the due date. I understand that failure to remit payment in full for all water withdrawn on a monthly basis with ten (10) days of receipt of final notice is issued shall result in a \$50 late payment fee per occurrence, and shall be cause for confiscation of the meter termination of my permit.
4. Submit a true and correct meter reading, in writing by mail, fax, or e-mail, to the Robeson County Public Utilities between the first (1st) day and tenth (10th) day of the month for water usage during the previous calendar month. I understand failure to submit meter readings between the first (1st) and the tenth (10th) day of the month for water usage during the previous calendar month, regardless of whether any water usage occurred during that month, shall result in immediate termination of my permit, and falsification of records or attempt to defraud the Water Utility Authority constitutes water theft and/or tampering which may be subject to criminal charges.
5. Make every reasonable effort to ensure that the meter is functioning correctly. I understand that knowingly using a faulty or non-functioning meter constitutes water theft and/or tampering and may subject me to criminal charges.
6. Pay all service charges, consumption charges, and penalties incurred until the meter and my permit are returned, whether or not my permit is valid.
7. For any meter lost, stolen, or rendered irreparable, will subject me to forfeit the \$1,500.00 deposit to cover actual expenses to repair damages to the meter, including wear and tear.
8. Pay a charge of \$1,000 for unaccounted for water usage from a lost, stolen, or damaged meter.
9. Provide the location of the hydrant where the meter is being used and agree to have the meter available for inspection at any time and immediately upon request by Robeson County Public Utilities personnel.
10. Not use any water taken from a fire hydrant for domestic, potable, or recreational uses including swimming pools and not use any of the water withdrawn for purposes outside of the Robeson County Public Utilities service area.
11. Not resell any water taken from a fire hydrant.
12. Acknowledge that any violation of these conditions may result in termination of this permit, and that the Robeson County Public Utilities reserves the right to refuse to issue any new permits if any of my Robeson County Public Utilities accounts are not in good standing.

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FIRE HYDRANT METER READING FORM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Meter readings shall be submitted to the Robeson County Public Utilities between the 1st and the 10th day of the calendar month for usage during the previous calendar month. Your account will be billed \$20 for each late meter reading and failure to report meter readings by the last day of that month will result in immediate termination of you permit.

Section 1: Please enter account name / business name.

Section 2: Please enter meter number *(if you have more than one meter, please submit a separate form for each meter).*

Section 3: Please enter meter reading, and date of the reading.

Section 1

Company Name: _____

Section 2

Meter Number: _____

Section 3

Meter Reading: _____ 

Reading Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Mail or Fax this information to the Robeson County Public Utilities

Mailing Address: 176 Legend Road, Lumberton, NC 28358

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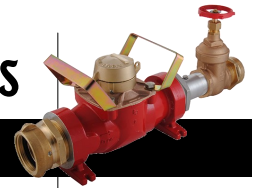
****You may also email this information, but please be sure to include ALL the above information****

stephanie.carter@co.robeson.nc.us

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Received form on: _____

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Current Date: _____
Company Name: _____
Company Physical Address: _____
Company Billing Address: _____
Business Phone: _____
Project Contact Person: _____
Project Contact Person Phone: _____
Project Contact Person Email: _____

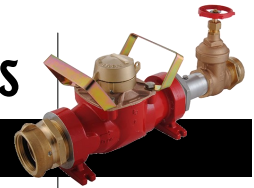
METER SERVICE INFORMATION

Purpose of Water Use: _____
Address of Project: _____
Estimated Consumption: _____ gallons

By signing this application I certify all information is true and factual and I am authorized to bind the applicant to this contract. Also, I understand, acknowledged, and agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this application.

Agent's Printed Name: _____
Agent's Signature: _____
Date: _____

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FIRE HYDRANT DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

Current Date: _____
Company Name: _____
Company Physical Address: _____
Company Billing Address: _____
Business Phone: _____
Project Contact Person: _____

I understand the deposit paid on this account will be held. When the meter is returned to the Robeson County Public Utilities and all bills have been satisfied, the deposit will be forwarded back to the Company Billing Address indicated above. By signing this application I certify all information is true and factual and I am authorized to bind the applicant to this contract. Also, I understand, acknowledged, and agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this application.

Agent's Printed Name: _____
Agent's Signature: _____
Date: _____

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Date Deposit Made: _____
Check Number: _____
Amount: _____
Meter Number: _____
Current Meter Reading when issued: _____

Approval Signature: _____