

## Regulation 105

### PRIVATELY-OWNED FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

(a) **Policy**

In the interests of the general welfare and safety of the community, it shall be the policy of District and System to encourage and facilitate installation and maintenance of privately-owned services intended solely for fire protection.

(b) **Permit**

Fire protection services may be installed only upon application from the property owner and only with the consent of the Inverness Public Utility District under such rules, regulations and conditions as are specified individually and generally by the District and the District's Fire Chief. No privately-owned fire protection service may be installed which would wholly or substantially duplicate an existing publicly-owned fire protection service, or which would not contribute to an increased level of fire protection in the area served, or which in the System's judgment could not be adequately maintained or safeguarded from unauthorized use of an unintended use.

(c) **Installation**

Installation of a privately-owned fire protection service shall be wholly at the expense of and provided by the property owner, except that the System may, at its option, contract with the applicant to provide equipment, labor and services at the System's cost plus the current overhead factor for labor and materials. Any installation provided by and approval by the System, and must conform in all respects with all applicable Standard Drawings adopted by and for the System. Any detector and/or meter shall be provided by the property owner, shall be to System's specifications, and shall be assigned by the property owner to the System, but shall upon disconnection of the fire protection system revert to the property owner. All equipment installed as part of or in support of a privately-owned fire protection system must be approved by the System and the District's Fire Chief, and in terms of specification, installation and operation must conform to the applicable Standard Drawings adopted for and by the System. An agreement must be reached between the System and the property owner as to whether or not the privately-owned fire protection system will be equipped with a meter and/or a detector assembly.

(d) **Detector- and/or Meter-Equipped Fire Protection Systems**

A privately-owned fire protection system equipped with a detector and/or a meter may be used, at the System's sole discretion, to provide water for purposes other than emergency fire protection as specified by the System. Fixed Charges and Quantity Rates for such a privately-owned fire protection system shall be in accordance with the System's current Schedule of Rates and Charges.

(e) **Privately-Owned Fire Protection Systems Without a Meter or Detector**

Privately-owned fire protection systems not equipped with a meter or a detector may be used for emergency fire protection purposes only, or as required, specified and restricted by the System, including use by the System for System and service maintenance and testing purposes. Such systems may be equipped by the System with a seal such that any drawing of water from the service will cause the seal on any such service to be inspected. At any time it is determined that the seal has been broken or that water has been drawn through the service for a purpose not herein authorized, the owner shall, in the absence of mitigating circumstances, be assessed the rates and charges provided for in the System's current Schedule of Rates and Charges. Such a system shall be regularly assessed the applicable rates and charges provided for in the System's current Schedule of Rates and Charges.

(f) **Termination and Disconnecting**

The System may order termination and disconnection of any privately-owned fire protection system at any time, with or without cause or statement of reason, at its sole discretion. The costs of disconnection shall be borne by the property owner.

(g) **Existing Privately-Owned Fire Protection Systems**

The provisions of this Regulation shall apply in their entirety to any privately-owned fire protection system in existence at the time of adoption of this Regulation.

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