

Subject: RE: Fire Hydrant Taps
From: Lee O'Dell <leeodell@woodheightsfire.com>
Date: 8/11/2015 3:31 PM
To: Wood Heights <woodheightsmo@yahoo.com>

We don't inspect hydrants that's left up to the city public works or inspection department.

From: Wood Heights [mailto:woodheightsmo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:30 PM
To: Lee O'Dell <leeodell@woodheightsfire.com>
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Hi Lee

Does the Fire district charge an kind of fee for the inspection or permit of installation for the fire hydrants?

Thanks

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From: Lee O'Dell <leeodell@woodheightsfire.com>

Date: 5/15/2018 9:52 AM

To: Sondra Kasserman <sondra.kasserman@woodheights-mo.gov>

I just spoke with the Mo DNR office about the issue of testing the fire hydrants etc. They have advised me off the laws and rules properly.

I need formal notice from the city to state if we are allowed to use the fire hydrants or if we are not allowed to use them. Please advise so we can plan for emergencies accordingly.

Lee O'Dell

Fire Chief

Wood Heights Fire Protection District

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Mr. O'Dell,

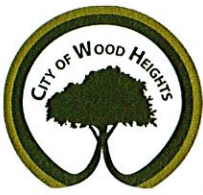
Thank you for contacting the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (see your email) to determine the City's legal authority over our water system. The City cannot allow use of its fire hydrants and water system by the WHFPD for any purpose other than emergency involving the protection of life or property within the city limits. I am concerned that, as an employee of the WHFPD, you have given incorrect information to the citizens of Wood Heights regarding how their home insurance might be affected. However, you are now aware that the City has certified water distribution operators, in compliance with the law. Our operators will be flushing the City's fire hydrants on Saturday, June 9, 2018 (weather permitting) and our citizens will be notified in advance.

Thank you for your invitation to attend your next board meeting. We accept, and I extend an invitation to you and your board members to attend our Board of Aldermen meeting in June. I have also invited representatives from the Missouri Fire Marshall, Missouri DNR, our City insurance provider, so that we are all made aware of the same information concerning our legal obligations to the citizens of Wood Heights.

For further information, please see the attached letter citing our legal liabilities to the citizens in regards to the protection of our water distribution system.

As always, the Board of Aldermen and I are here to serve the interests of the citizens of Wood Heights.

Robert Pettegrew
Mayor, Wood Heights



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May 16, 2018

The City of Wood Heights Missouri has and will continue to conduct maintenance of its City fire hydrants. A scheduled maintenance flushing, flow and pressure test scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018 will be conducted by certified City personnel as long as weather permits. Citizens will be notified in advance.

ISO Ratings are determined by reports that are provided by the following entities:

- Wood Heights Fire Protection District – responsible for reporting fire training and equipment maintenance.
- Wood Heights Water Department – responsible for reporting hydrant flushing and maintenance.
- Ray County 911 – responsible for reporting crime rates and response times.

The City of Wood Heights Missouri owns the water distribution system within the City of Wood Heights Missouri. Here are the reasons that the City of Wood Heights Missouri cannot allow the Wood Heights Fire Protection District to use the Wood Heights fire hydrants for training purposes.

1. Fire Protection District Training is a liability to the City in several ways:

- a. If a City fire hydrant is damaged in any way it is a financial liability for which the City will have to pay.
- b. If a water line is damaged due to improperly shutting off a fire hydrant, it can cause what is called a water hammer, which can break the line. This is a financial liability because the City would have to dig up the line and pay the cost of the repairs, which would include materials, labor and equipment.
- c. If a Fireman is injured, it is a financial liability for which the City could be held responsible.

2. The City of Wood Heights will not allow training for the Wood Heights Fire Protection District within our City Limits due to the following reasons:

- a. If not done correctly it can cause cross contamination to our drinking water distribution system, for which a boil order would be issued.
- b. Additional bacteriological sampling would be required until the water supply was deemed safe within the guidelines of the State Health Department and Department of Natural Resources.
- c. Additional operational man hours and cost to the City of Wood Heights may be incurred.

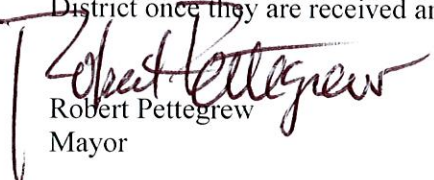
3. The City of Wood Heights would be responsible for paying for the water dumped out onto the ground for training purposes. That incurred cost would then be passed on to the City residents.

4. The Wood Heights Fire Protection District has its own fire hydrant, located on its own property that can be used for their training purposes.

- a. The Wood Heights Fire Protection District would then be billed directly for the amount of water used during their training from the Public Water Supply District #2 of Ray County.
- b. This saves the City of Wood Heights residents that expense.

The Wood Height Fire Protection District is allowed, for the purpose of fire emergencies within the city limits of Wood Heights, Missouri, to use the Wood Heights, Missouri, city owned fire hydrants for their intended use of extinguishing fires pursuant to Missouri State Statute 320.095. The City requires that the Wood Heights Fire Protection District show documentation that they use an approved and certified backflow device on the hydrants before any hose is attached to our hydrant.

The Wood Heights Board of Aldermen will review all requests from the Wood Heights Fire Protection District once they are received and make a determination with the information they are given.


Robert Pettegrew
Mayor