



## LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL FIRE SERVICE CONNECTION POLICY

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1	23 April 2008	11648	New Policy
2	27 June 2018	2928	Review and conversion to new template

### POLICY OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to remove the illegal use of water through fire hose reels connected to Council's water supplies.

### EFFECTIVE DATE AND POLICY REVIEW

The policy shall be reviewed every four years or earlier if required by legislation, Council resolution or recommendation of the General Manager. If the policy is not reviewed within this timeframe, it remains active until such time as it is reviewed or revoked by Council.

This policy comes into effect on 11 July 2018

Signed by General Manager

R S (Ron) van Katwyk

Date Approved      27 June 2018

## POLICY

## 1 NEW FIRE SERVICES

- 1.1 Where a new building development requires the installation of a fire service connection to Council's water supply the following conditions apply:
- 1.1.1 Internal Hydrants and/or Sprinkler Systems only.** Fire services that require the installation of internal hydrants and/or sprinkler systems only shall be run as a separate unmetered service with an appropriate backflow device. This type of fire service shall not be tapped at any location for any other purpose. A separate domestic/commercial water service shall be run independent of the fire service for the purpose of supplying the properties requirements other than for firefighting.
- 1.1.2 Internal Hydrants and/or Sprinkler Systems plus Fire Hose Reels.** Fire services that require the installation of internal hydrants and/or sprinkler systems in conjunction with fire hose reel systems shall be run as a single service equipped with an appropriate backflow prevention device and a metered bypass located at the property boundary. A separate domestic/commercial water service shall be run independent of the fire service for the purpose of supplying the properties requirements other than for firefighting.
- 1.1.3 Fire Hose Reel System only.** Fire services that require the installation of fire hose reels only shall be run as a single service branching prior to the property boundary into two separate services. The two separate services shall consist as follows:
- 1.1.3.1 Fire Hose Reel service.* This service shall be metered in a size appropriate for the flows required to supply the hose reels under the appropriate standard.
- 1.1.3.2 Domestic/Commercial use service.* This service shall be metered in a size appropriate to the requirements of the property served.
- 1.2 Diameters of fire services (including the diameter of bypass meters) shall be determined and certified for each service by an approved certifier. An indication of required fire service performance at the boundary shall be provided to Council on application for connection to supply.
- 1.3 For the purpose of annual access charges applying to fire services the following service sizes will be applied:
- 1.3.1 Internal Hydrants and/or Sprinkler Systems only.** Access charge applies to the size of the separate domestic/commercial service only. No access charge applies to the fire service.
- 1.3.2 Internal Hydrants and/or Sprinkler Systems plus Fire Hose Reels.** Access charge applies to both meter sizes separately (ie 2 access charges apply to the individual property)
- 1.3.3 Fire Hose Reel System only.** Access charge applies to both meter sizes separately (ie 2 access charges apply to the property)

## 2 EXISTING FIRE SERVICES

- 2.1 Where an existing un-metered fire service is connected to Council's water supply the following procedures apply:
- 1.1 If a single fire service exists which serves hydrant points and/or a sprinkler system in conjunction with a fire hose reel system the service shall remain un-metered.
  - 1.2 If a fire service exists which provides water to a fire hose reel system only, both the fire service and domestic/commercial service shall be metered. In this case the owner shall provide Council with the required water service performance information for assessment of any required upgrades to the fire service.
- 2.2 Upgrades of existing fire services may be required as part of a Development Application for the property. If an upgrade of fire service is required the fire service shall be treated as a new fire service and will be subject to the conditions of clause 1 of this policy.

## 3 WATER CONSUMPTION DURING A FIRE EVENT

- 3.1 In the case of water that has been used for the sole purpose of fighting a fire at the premises the following procedure shall apply:
- 3.1.1 The consumer shall contact Council in writing within 7 days of the fire to notify that fire hose reels have been operated for the purpose of firefighting.
  - 3.1.2 Council will inspect and verify that a fire has occurred at the premises and will read the meter to determine the amount of water used by the fire hose reel system during the fire.
  - 3.1.3 Council will arrange for no charge to occur for the amount of water used during the fire event only.
  - 3.1.4 Clause 1.3 will only apply if notification of a fire event has been received within 7 days from the fire occurring.

## 4 METER READING

Any meter or bypass meter attached to a fire service shall be read as part of Council's regular meter reading run. Consumption recorded against any fire service metering shall be charged as per Council's standard fees and charges applicable to the period of the consumption.