

CITY OF VINELAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2019- 52

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 278, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, ARTICLE XII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR HYDRANT FLOW TESTING

WHEREAS, as part of the due diligence for the construction of certain buildings, it is necessary for contractors to conduct a flow test requiring access to the City of Vineland fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, allowing a flow test may cause a disruption of water service and/or discoloration in the water supply by disturbing the water system; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Municipal Utilities has suggested City Council adopt certain rules and regulations for the conduction of water hydrant flow testing including the best time to perform said test with the least disruption of service to the utility users; and

WHEREAS, the flow testing will require an application and Water Utility staff to be present during the testing process which will carry with it a cost to the Utility which the City would require a fee to cover the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Chapter 687, Article XII of the Code of the City of Vineland be amended to establish a procedure for hydrant flow testing as follows:

Section 687-96 shall be added as follows:

Section 687-96 Procedures of Hydrant Flow Testing:

1. The attached Rules and Regulations be and are hereby adopted and are to be followed for any Hydrant Flow Testing in the City of Vineland.
2. An application in the form and substance authorized by the Director of the Vineland Municipal Utilities be completed as attached hereto.
3. A fee of \$300.00 per Hydrant Flow Test be submitted with all completed applications.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any Ordinance or portion thereof which is inconsistent with the terms hereof shall be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURHTHER ORDIANED that the balance of Chapter 687, Article XII not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

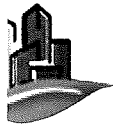
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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk



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### **RE: Hydrant Flow Testing - for Immediate Reading**

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Vineland would like to take this opportunity to communicate the rules for conducting flow tests in the City of Vineland:

- **No Flow tests will be conducted prior to 10 P.M. by any entity.**
- No person shall operate, alter, change, remove, disconnect, connect to or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant owned or maintained by the City of Vineland without first having obtained a hydrant permit from the City of Vineland Water Utility.
- For a scheduled flow test, complete an application with the City of Vineland Water Department. The application form may be obtained from the City of Vineland | website or by contacting the Water Utility at 856-794-4056.
- The Water Utility will contact the applicant and coordinate the time and date with the applicant. The applicant completing the application is the party responsible to pay for the test. Payment must be made prior to the date of the test.
- **A Water Utility Department Representative must be on site during the test.**
- The Test must be performed by qualified applicant personnel or a fire protection service company retained by applicant.

#### **Fees and Penalties:**

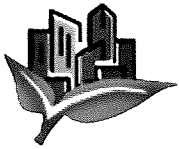
- **The Fee** for a hydrant flow test is **\$300**. The fee needs to be received by the Water Utility prior to the test being conducted. If the party conducting the flow test does not make the scheduled appointed time, the test must be rescheduled and another application must be completed with the standard fee paid again.
- **The Penalty.** A company that conducts an unauthorized Fire Flow Test using City of Vineland

Hydrants without the prior written approval, payment, and coordination with the City of Vineland Water Utility will incur a fine of \$1,000.00.

If additional information is required, please contact the undersigned or the Water Utility.

**Sincerely,**

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**Application to Conduct Fire Flow Test**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant:  
 Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: **\$300 per test** (Make check payable to the City of Vineland Water Utility)

**I understand that this request will only be approved under the following conditions:**

- A. Applicant to supply all necessary gauges and testing equipment and will be responsible for reading same. This includes an appropriate diffuser with gauge on the hydrant nozzle that is to be flowed. Tests without a diffuser are prohibited. The applicant is responsible for any soil restoration that may be required as a result of the test performed.
- B. The Water Utility has the right to decline any application. Cancellation of an appointment will be necessary if water or weather conditions warrant.
- C. All flow tests will be conducted after 10 p.m. All appointments to be scheduled by the Water Utility Service Building. All fees must be paid prior to the test scheduled date.
- D. Unauthorized fire flow tests are subject to penalty.

**Appointment:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date:

Time/Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Setup By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_