



Del-Co Water Fire Service Policy

Purpose:

To define ownership and maintenance responsibilities for fire lines connected to Del-Co Water's system.

Scope

This policy applies to all commercial, industrial, and residential projects requiring a dedicated fire service connection to Del-Co Water's distribution system.

Definition:

A fire line is a waterline that supplies water specifically for a building's fire suppression system, such as a sprinkler system.

Policy:

1. Ownership:

- Upon project acceptance, Del-Co Water will assume ownership and maintenance of the fire service connection up to and including the Tee fitting where the domestic water service branches from the fire line, or up to the post indicator valve if the fire line does not include a domestic service connection.

2. Installation & Inspection:

- The property owner is responsible for ownership, operation, and maintenance of the entire fire line beyond the Tee where the domestic water service branches from the fire line, or beyond the post indicator valve if the fire line does not include a domestic service connection.
- The fire line beyond the Tee for the domestic water service is subject to inspection by both the Building Department and the Fire Department.

3. Backflow Prevention:

- Property owners are responsible for complying with Del-Co Water's backflow prevention requirements.

4. Fees & Charges:

- All fire service capacity surcharges and maintenance fees apply.

5. Plan Requirements:

- Ownership boundaries must be clearly defined on the site civil plans.

6. Compliance:

- All portions of the fire lines owned by Del-Co Water after project acceptance must be installed according to Del-Co Water standards, inspected by Del-Co Water, and comply with all applicable building and fire codes prior to service activation.
- Failure to properly maintain the privately owned portion of the fire line or comply with inspection requirements may result in interruption of service.