

- CUSTOMER NOTICE -

NEW CITY POLICY FOR: WITHDRAWING WATER FROM FIRE HYDRANTS



Effective July 1, 2012, the City of Huron will require the following procedure to obtain City water from fire hydrants. Failure to comply with the procedure will subject the company, business, or person to a fine not less than \$25 and no more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each offense as allowed by the Huron Municipal Code, Section 13.08.110.

Procedure:

1. Any company, business or person (Water User) desiring water from a City of Huron fire hydrant must come to Huron City Hall and request an "Authorization" form to create a Water User file permitting the Water User access for a harvest season or construction project ;
2. It will be the Water User's responsibility to renew Authorization every harvest season or construction project. Failure to do so could subject Water User to fine for use without authorization;
3. The Water User will be required to monitor water use through a fire hydrant meter, and after placing a \$700 deposit on the fire hydrant meter. The initial meter reading will be documented on the Authorization form and the ending reading when meter is returned back to the City.
4. The Water User will identify, on the Authorization form, the location of the City fire hydrant (the final location subject to approval by the City of Huron). Any change in location requires notification of the Huron Utility Billing Office and their approval. If the Water User moves the location without City permission, the Water User will be subject to fine as prescribed in the Huron Municipal Code;

5. The Authorization form will require the Water User identify each water carrying vehicle and its license plate information in his/her fleet to be used to withdraw water from a City of Huron fire hydrant;
6. The Water User will be required to identify on the Authorization form the volume of water, in gallons, for each water carrying vehicle he/she wishes the City of Huron to authorize;
7. The City of Huron will require the Water User to pay upfront for 50% of the estimated water to be used during the harvest season or construction project at the City's current rate structure for this class of water. The water cost estimate will be based on the number of authorized water carrying vehicles, their volume, the number of times each water carrying vehicle will be filled with water, and current rate for water in this class. This fee paid upfront will be deducted from the final payment.
8. Only upon the safe return of a fire hydrant meter to the City of Huron and payment of all outstanding water fees, will the City consider releasing the \$700 deposit;
9. A potential Water User, authorized or not, will not be allowed to renew or seek new Authorization until all outstanding water fees attributed to them personally, their company, business, or successor companies or businesses, is paid in full.

The City of Huron seeks to be fair to all water customers, but not at the expense of its year-around water customer base.

Taking water without permission is against the law!

Is the illegal withdrawal of 2,000 gallons of water, which costs less than \$10, really worth a \$500 fine and your reputation?

**City of Huron Utility Billing Office    P.O. Box 339    36311 Lassen Avenue**  
**Huron, CA 93234                            (559) 945-3020 office                            (559) 945-2609 fax**

# CITY OF HURON

## APPLICATION: USE OF FIRE HYDRANT METER

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

Water User: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location/Point  
of Hook-up: \_\_\_\_\_

### User Fees:

Deposit (\$700.00 conditional refund) Hook-Up (\$68.85 hook-up and first month rent)

Rent (\$27.54 per month) Water (\$4.15 per 1000 gallons metered)

Relocation \_\_\_\_\_ (\$68.85 per relocation)

Total Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ CASH ( ) CHECK ( ) CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

Refund to be  
Paid to Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Agent for: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Office Use Only:**

Water User: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization By: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Date & Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Date & Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

	Name of Contractors:	Lic. Plate #:	Capacity of truck (Amount of Gallons)	Estimated Trips Per Day	Estimated Amount of Gallons Per Day (Total Per Day)
1	_____	_____	_____	X _____ =	0
2	_____	_____	_____	X _____ =	0
3	_____	_____	_____	X _____ =	0
4	_____	_____	_____	X _____ =	0
5	_____	_____	_____	X _____ =	0

	Estimated # of Days Using Meter	Total Estimated Usage for Season	50% Total Deposit
(To be determined by City staff)	_____	0	0

**IMPORTANT: NO UNAUTHORIZED TRUCKS WILL BE USED.**