

CITY OF SPOKANE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE	DEPT 4100-07-02 LGL 2007-0019
TITLE: <b>DAMAGED / VANDALIZED FIRE HYDRANTS</b> EFFECTIVE DATE: May 4, 2007 REVISION EFFECTIVE DATE: N/A	

## 1.0 GENERAL

1.1 Fire hydrants are located throughout the City to provide water for firefighters to fight fires. The hydrants are owned and maintained by the City Water & Hydroelectric Services Department. On occasion, the hydrants are damaged or vandalized. For example, damage may be deliberate such as, painting a hydrant an incorrect color, or accidental, such as, incorrectly operating the hydrant thereby causing internal parts to break or hitting a fire hydrant with a vehicle.

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## 2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

This policy shall apply to the Water & Hydroelectric Services Department.

## 3.0 REFERENCES

SMC sections 13.04.130, 13.04.1908, and 13.04.1918

## 4.0 DEFINITIONS

4.1 "Fire Hydrant" means a device to which connection can be made to draw water from a supply, primarily used for fire fighting.

## 5.0 POLICY

5.1 It is the policy of the Water & Hydroelectric Services Department that any fire hydrant which is damaged or vandalized will be either replaced or repaired and restored to original condition.

5.2 All costs will be recovered if / when the responsible parties are identified.

5.3 Fees.

5.3.1 All costs associated with restoring the hydrant to full operation and acceptable appearance will be charged to those identified as responsible with damaging it.

5.3.2 There is no set fee to repair a fire hydrant. Fees will be determined by the age of the fire hydrant, the amount of damage done and the length of time to make the repairs. All labor, equipment and material shall be charged at the current rate.

## 6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 For answers to questions or other assistance, the department may be contacted at (509) 625-7800.

6.2 When a fire hydrant has been damaged or vandalized, department personnel will inspect the damage and make appropriate repairs.

6.3 If a person(s) can be identified as causing the damage, the department shall bill the person for its costs. In the event of nonpayment, the bill may be turned over for collection.

## 7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of Spokane Water & Hydroelectric Services Department shall administer this policy.

## 8.0 APPENDICES

None

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