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## **Hydrant Water Use Agreement**

Customer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Fire hydrants are provided at various locations throughout Hart County Water and Sewer Authority's (HCWSA's) water distribution system to be quickly and easily used by firefighting personnel. HCWSA recognizes that there are times when water may be needed for purposes other than firefighting. It is expressly forbidden to withdraw water from hydrants, or from other access points not approved by the Authority, unless done in compliance with this agreement.

Persons wishing to use water from a fire hydrant must use a hydrant meter assembly provided by HCWSA and must request the fire hydrant meter by applying in person at HCWSA's office. If all HCWSA hydrant meter assemblies are already in use at the time of application, water may not be withdrawn from a hydrant.

It is my responsibility to supply any needed hoses and adapters to connect to the hydrant meter assembly. The meter assembly consists of a 3" meter, 2" check valve, and 2" ball valve and is supplied with 2-1/2" Male National Standard (fire hose) Thread connection point. I also agree to provide a means of backflow prevention approved by HCWSA. The hydrant pentagon operating nut must be fully opened (approximately 16 turns) when using the meter and throttling of flow must be done using the supplied ball valve. When I have completed filling my tank / container, I will turn the hydrant fully off, remove the meter assembly and replace the nozzle cap.

Any misuse or other attempt to tamper with the hydrant and/or the hydrant meter assembly may result in fines beginning at \$500.00. Violators of this agreement may be fined and/or imprisoned, and will be prohibited from any future fire hydrant water use on HCWSA's system.

I understand by signing this agreement that I will be responsible for any damage to, or loss of HCWSA's hydrant meter assembly and/or fire hydrants, and to abide by the terms of this agreement. I further understand that the replacement cost of this meter assembly is approximately \$1600.00 and that HCWSA will deposit a check from me in that amount until the meter is returned in good condition and payment of the below fees for the water used is received.

Further, I certify that I am familiar with operation and use of fire hydrants, and I acknowledge that such activity may be dangerous and poses the risk of personal injury and/or property damage. Therefore, I hereby release and agree to fully indemnify HCWSA, its agents, employees, and members, for any and all personal injuries and property damage arising from the use of this meter assembly and/or hydrant(s), whether by myself or any person acting on my behalf.

The price of water used under this agreement is \$10.00 per thousand gallons plus \$3.00 for each day that I have the meter assembly. I agree to bring the meter by HCWSA's office for HCWSA's staff to obtain a reading, or to send a legible photograph of the meter reading, no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month. HCWSA will bill me at the end of that month, and payment will be due no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month. A 10% late fee will be added to the outstanding balance if payment is not received by the due date.

When the meter assembly is returned, HCWSA will calculate the final monthly usage fees which will be taken out of my \$1600.00 deposit. Any refund due will be mailed to me. Any additional amount due to HCWSA will be invoiced to me per the paragraph above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Signature

Date hydrant meter assembly received \_\_\_\_\_

Meter serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning meter reading: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

Final meter reading: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

Date hydrant meter assembly returned \_\_\_\_\_

Usage: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

# of days hydrant meter assembly used \_\_\_\_\_