

CITY OF MANTECA - FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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FIRE HYDRANTS AND VALVES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

105.6.16

An operational permit is required to use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes which are installed on water systems and accessible to a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public.

Exception: A permit is not required for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire department to use or operate fire hydrants or valves.

- **507.5.2 Inspection, testing and maintenance.** Fire hydrant systems shall be subject to periodic tests as required by the fire code official. Fire hydrant systems shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be repaired where defective. Additions, repairs, alterations and servicing shall comply with approved standards. Records of tests and required maintenance shall be maintained.
- **507.5.4 Obstruction**. Unobstructed access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.
- **507.5.5 Clear space around hydrants**. A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants, except as otherwise required or approved.
- **507.5.6 Physical protection.** Where fire hydrants are subject to impact by a motor vehicle, guard posts or other approved means shall comply with Section 312.
- **901.8 Removal of or tampering with equipment.** It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant, fire detection and alarm system, fire suppression system or other fire appliance required by this code except for the purpose of extinguishing, fire training purposes, recharging or making necessary repairs or where approved by the fire code official.

Additional requirements may apply