

6.7 PD 21-02: Private Fire Hydrants

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This policy outlines the recommendation for the painting of fire hydrants in order to identify privately-owned and maintained fire hydrants differently from Spotsylvania County Utilities Department's publicly-owned and maintained fire hydrants.

Whereas, private fire hydrants are defined as fire hydrants that are located on private property without inclusion within a granted public utility easement and are owned and maintained by the property owner. Per Spotsylvania County Design Standards Manual Article 2, private fire hydrants are required to provide adequate flow consistent with the requirement set forth by the Spotsylvania County Fire Marshal's office. During construction inspections, the Fire Marshal's Office will need to ensure that all private fire hydrants are painted yellow.

Whereas public fire hydrants are defined as fire hydrants that are located on either private or public property within appropriate public utility easements granted to Spotsylvania County and owned and maintained by the Spotsylvania County Utilities Department.

This policy amends Section 3.4.2.7 in the *Spotsylvania County Utilities Water and Sewer Design and Construction Manual* that states fire hydrants will be painted with Rustoleum Safety Red # 7564. Spotsylvania County Utilities Department now requires that private fire hydrants be painted chrome yellow, as to designate that the hydrant is private. Public fire hydrants are not applicable to this policy and are unaffected by this policy. Existing private fire hydrants are exempt from this policy.



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