

City of Virginia Beach  
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## PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



### Consultants, Builders and Developers Notice #2022-04-01

April 01, 2022

**Topic:** Updated Policy Regarding Private Fire Service Mains & Their Appurtenances from the Virginia Beach Fire Prevention Bureau

**Effective Date:** Immediately

The Fire Prevention Bureau has updated policy #510.1 (based on the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code §507.2.1) related to private fire service mains. Private fire service main and their appurtenances are installed on private property by private property owners for their protection needs and purposes and are intended to serve only their facilities.

Effective immediately due to issues arising with usage and maintenance, it will no longer be allowed for an owner of a new development to consider or use a private fire hydrant system owned by another property owner. This applies to new construction.

The following note will be required to be added to plans as applicable: "Property owner is responsible for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of the private fire service main and their appurtenances as required in NFPA 25. The inspection, testing and maintenance form is available upon request and must be submitted to the Fire Marshal's Office after completion."

As with anything related to fire protection water supplies (needed fire flow, hydrant & fire department connection location, hydraulic calculation on private fire mains, etc.), always consult with a fire plan examiner.

**For More Information, Please Contact:**

Fire Marshal's Office at 757-385-1085 or 757-385-1091