

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996 to require the Water and Sewer Authority, in collaboration with the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, to develop a plan for inspecting, repairing, and maintaining public fire hydrants, and the provision of adequate water pressure levels to all locations in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fire Hydrant Inspection, Repair, Maintenance, and Fire Preparedness Temporary Amendment Act of 2007”.

Sec. 2. The Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996, effective April 18, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-111; D.C. Official Code § 34-2201.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 203 (D.C. Official Code § 34-2202.03) is amended by adding a new paragraph (33) to read as follows:

Note,
§ 34-2202.03

“(33) To inspect, repair, and maintain all District fire hydrants in collaboration with the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department pursuant to section 205(i).”.

(b) Section 205 (D.C. Official Code § 34-2202.05) is amended by adding a new subsection (i) to read as follows:

Note,
§ 34-2202.05

“(i)(1) Within 30 days of the effective date of the Fire Hydrant Inspection, Repair, Maintenance, and Fire Preparedness Emergency Amendment Act of 2007, passed on emergency basis on October 23, 2007 (Enrolled version of Bill 17-465):

“(A) The Board, in collaboration and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (“FEMS”), shall develop a plan:

“(i) To regularly inspect, repair, and maintain all public fire hydrants, which shall include recommendations on the frequency of individual hydrant inspections, and the provision of adequate water pressure levels to all locations in the District of Columbia; and

“(ii) To use National Fire Protection Association Standards to color code fire hydrants with dual-reflective bands based on water volume, as follows:

flow per minute;
flow per minute;
minute; and
per minute; and

“(I) Blue bands for greater than 1,499 gallons of water
“(II) Yellow bands for 1,000 - 1,499 gallons of water
“(III) Orange bands for 500-999 gallons of water flow per
“(IV) Red bands for less than 500 gallons of water flow

“(B) The Board and FEMS each shall designate a current staff person to act as a liaison with the other agency.
“(2) The Board shall submit the plan to the Council for its approval by resolution.
“(3) The Board shall implement the plan within 90 days of its approval by the Council.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.
(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia