

Chapter 145. Private Fire Hydrants and Underground and Exposed Piping

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Wayland as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Article I. Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance

[Adopted 4-6-2015 ATM by Art. 10^[1]]

[1] *Editor's Note: This article was originally adopted as Ch. 123 but was renumbered to maintain the organization of the Code.*

§ 145-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to set requirements for the testing, inspection, and maintenance of privately owned fire hydrants and underground and exposed piping. It is the responsibility of the property owner to have all the hydrants and piping located on his/her property maintained, inspected, and tested in accordance with this regulation. This procedure is necessary in order to assure proper function of the fire hydrants located on the property.

§ 145-2. Referenced documents.

- A. NFPA Publication. National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA"), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.
- B. NFPA 25, the Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems (2014 edition).
- C. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulation, 310 CMR 22.
[Added 4-7-2016 ATM by Art. 14]

§ 145-3. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FIRE HYDRANT

A water supply with a valve connection(s) having an outlet(s) to supply hose and fire department pumps with water including standpipe connections.

PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS

Those hydrants not owned, rented, or maintained by the Town of Wayland or any other governmental entity.

UNDERGROUND AND EXPOSED PIPING

The supply piping connected to private fire hydrants.

§ 145-4. Responsibility.

The property owner or designated representative is responsible for compliance with this bylaw.

§ 145-5. Inspection, testing, and maintenance procedures.

- A. Fire hydrants shall be inspected, maintained, and tested in accordance with NFPA 25 (2014 edition).
- B. The Wayland Fire Department reserves the right to inspect private fire hydrants for compliance with this bylaw.
- C. Underground and exposed piping shall be inspected, maintained, and tested in accordance with NFPA 25 (2014 edition) and 310 CMR 22.
[Amended 4-7-2016 ATM by Art. 14]
- D. Copies of all records related to the hydrants and piping shall be forwarded to the Wayland Fire Department within 30 days of the inspection, maintenance, and/or tests.
- E. The first round of inspection and maintenance procedures, which shall include flow tests of the hydrants (as specified by the Fire Department) and piping, shall be completed within the time period April 1, 2016 — November 1, 2016. All testing will be done in cooperation with, and conducted following procedures outlined by, the Department of Public Works Water Division. The records of the inspection, maintenance, and testing shall be filed with the Fire Chief at the Wayland Fire Department by December 1, 2016.
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- F. All subsequent yearly procedures shall take place in the time period between April 1 and November 1 of each year and will be done in cooperation with the Department of Public Works Water Division. Reports of the procedures shall be filed with the Fire Chief at the Wayland Fire Department by December 1 each year.
[Amended 4-7-2016 ATM by Art. 14]

§ 145-6. Violations.

- A. For any violation of this bylaw, the property owner will be assessed the following fines. Property owners will be notified of all fines assessed and such fines must be paid within 30 days of notification.
 - (1) \$50: first offense, for each violation. This applies to each private fire hydrant. For instance, a subdivision with three hydrants in noncompliance with this bylaw would be assessed a fine of \$150.
 - (2) \$200: An additional \$200 fine will be assessed if the same violation(s) has (have) not been remedied after notification by the Fire Department and after a thirty-day period.
 - (3) \$300: if the same violation(s) is (are) not remedied after notification by the Fire Department during the next April 15 - June 15 time period. Failure to pay the fine within the prescribed time period will result in court action for violation of a Town bylaw or a

municipal charges lien being placed on the subject real property pursuant to MGL c. 40, § 58, in the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds, South District, until the fine is paid.

- B. As an alternative to the assessment of fines through criminal process, violations of this bylaw may be enforced through civil disposition in the manner provided in MGL c. 40, § 21D. The Fire Chief or his designee shall be the enforcing person.