



POLICY NO

POLICY TITLE: WATER SUPPLY ACCESS CHARGES FOR FIRE SERVICES

OBJECTIVES

To establish the qualifications for a water meter to be eligible for a reduced access charge on the basis of that water meter is for the purposes of a fire service.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council will reduce the access charge for a water meter that records the water usage of a fire service, if it is proven that the water meter meets the following qualifying criterion.
 - The water meter is a 50mm size or greater (a 50mm water meter is the current minimum sized service required for a fire hose reel)
 - There are at minimum either one hydrant or one fire hose reel served by the water meter
 - The water meter's consumption in the previous 12 months has been less than 50kl
 - Evidence is presented that fire fighting appliance(s) (fire hose reel and/or hydrant) are compliant with current fire regulations
2. The reduction offered in any financial year will be stipulated in Council's Fees and Charges document and may vary from year to year.
3. Should a fire service water meter record in excess of 50kl for meter reads taken in any one financial year, that water meter will be charged the full access charge the following financial year.
4. Consumption in excess of 50kl described in point 3 includes consumption caused in the event of fire fighting, internal leaks, hard area wash downs, intended use, accidental use or acts of vandalism.

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