

ORDINANCE NO. 002-2024

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATED TO SET FORTH REGULATIONS REGARDING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DEPTH FOR A DRY HYDRANT DRAFTING SUPPLY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE NORTH TOOEELE FIRE DISTRICT TO ENSURE RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, dry hydrants serve as critical infrastructure for firefighting operations, particularly in areas not served by municipal water systems; and

WHEREAS, the depth of the water source available for drafting from dry hydrants impacts the effectiveness and efficiency of firefighting efforts; and

WHEREAS, establishing a maximum allowable depth for drafting supplies ensures that dry hydrants are functional and effective for emergency response;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the North Tooele Fire District as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to set forth regulations regarding the maximum allowable depth for a dry hydrant drafting supply within the jurisdiction of the North Tooele Fire District to ensure reliable and efficient firefighting operations.

Section 2. Definitions

(a) **Dry Hydrant**: A static water supply system designed to provide a means for firefighters to draft water for emergency use, consisting of a pipe system installed in a water source, such as a tank, pond, lake, or reservoir, with a fitting for connecting firefighting equipment.

(b) **Drafting Supply Depth**: The vertical distance from the surface grade to the bottom of the dry hydrant's intake.

Section 3. Maximum Allowable Drafting Supply Depth

(a) The maximum allowable depth for a dry hydrant drafting supply shall be twelve (12) feet.

(b) No dry hydrant installed within the jurisdiction of the North Tooele Fire District shall have a drafting supply depth exceeding twelve (12) feet.

Section 4. Compliance and Enforcement

(a) All dry hydrants installed or maintained within the North Tooele Fire District shall be subject to inspection by the District or its designated representatives to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

(b) Property owners and responsible parties shall be required to make necessary modifications to dry hydrants that exceed the maximum allowable drafting supply depth to comply with this ordinance.

(c) Failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance may result in penalties or enforcement actions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees of the North Tooele Fire District.

Section 5. Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses, or provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the North Tooele Fire Protection Service District, Tooele County, Utah.

Rick Pollock
Board Chair
North Tooele Fire District

Attest:

Cassandra Ray
Administrative Chief
North Tooele Fire District