

**CHAPTER 13  
PUBLIC SAFETY**

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5-13-1: **ABANDONED REFRIGERATORS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon or permit to remain in an abandoned state on any premises owned or over which he or she has control, any ice box, refrigerator, deep freeze or any appliance or air tight container which fastens automatically and which cannot be opened from the inside, without having first removed the lock or hinges from the door thereof.

5-13-2: **FALSE FIRE ALARMS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly and willfully give or make a false fire alarm in any manner (whether by telephone, use of a mechanical or electronic fire alarm, or otherwise).

5-13-3: **TAMPERING WITH FIRE ALARM:** It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully damage, tamper with or otherwise alter any fire alarm for the purpose of preventing the normal operation thereof.

5-13-4: **FIRE HYDRANTS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct the approach to a fire hydrant, or to place or allow to be placed, any obstruction(s) within a distance of three feet (3') from a fire hydrant.

5-13-5: **DAMAGING FIRE HYDRANTS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or carelessly drive or run any vehicle against any fire hydrant or to park any vehicle within fifteen feet (15') of any fire hydrant. Any person who shall injure or damage any fire hydrant by accident, or by carelessness or otherwise, shall immediately report such injury or damage to the Water Division and such person so injuring or damaging said hydrant shall be liable for any damage caused thereby. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15)

5-13-6: **UNLAWFUL USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to draw or attempt to draw water from any fire hydrant unless he or she is an employee of the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department or has received written permission to do so from a Director of such Departments. In the event such permission is given, the City may assess an equitable charge for the use of such fire hydrant and consumption of water therefrom. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15)

5-13-7: ABUSE OF LASER POINTING DEVICES: It shall be unlawful for any person to focus, point or shine a laser beam directly or indirectly on another person or animal in such a manner as to harass, annoy or injure such person or animal. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of an infraction.