
**AUGUSTA COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY
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Participation in Fire Hydrant Installation on Existing Water Lines

The Augusta County Service Authority is committed to improving the Augusta County fire protection system as it relates to the water supply system maintained by the Authority. As new water lines are extended into the County by the Authority or by the private sector, water line sizes and hydrant locations will be designed to meet fire protection requirements.

In situations where existing water lines have no fire hydrants, several options may exist:

- In areas where substandard water lines provide inadequate fire flow and the lines are being upgraded as part of the Service Authority Master Plan improvements, fire hydrants will be installed at Authority expense.
- When a recommendation has been made by the Augusta County Fire Chief to install a fire hydrant to correct a potential public safety hazard, the request will be reviewed by the Authority. Approval will be based on availability of adequate fire flow (minimum 500 gallons per minute), adequate line sizes (minimum 6 inch), and location of nearest existing hydrants. If approved by the Authority, the project will be placed on a priority list for recommendations, beyond the current year funding availability, will be deferred to a future year or may be funded by the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations which are not approved by the Authority will be referred back to the County for consideration of funding by the Board of Supervisors.
- When a request is made for the installation of a fire hydrant on an existing water line and there is no documentation of a potential public safety hazard, the individual(s) requesting the hydrant will bear the total cost of installation. Installation will be subject to the approval of the Service Authority and will be based on the availability of adequate fire flow.