

Official Code of Cobb County Code

Sec. 54-59. - Hydrant obstruction and hydrant maintenance.

(a)

For private fire hydrants located at one-family and two-family dwellings, including townhouses and condominiums, Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services shall have the authority to enforce all codes with regards to fire hydrants including but not limited to: location, inspections, maintenance, flow test (every three years) and obstructions. These private hydrants shall comply with the applicable codes, standards and local ordinances currently adopted by Cobb County and shall be enforceable per the terms of section 54-51 of this chapter.

(b)

All hydrants shall be painted silver as needed. Reflective tape a minimum of one-inch wide shall be placed around the entire circumference of the bonnet with the ends overlapping a minimum of one inch. White reflective tape shall be used on all public fire hydrants. Orange reflective tape shall be used on all fire hydrants that are not owned and/or maintained by Cobb County Water System. Painted tape or worn tape shall be replaced. Contact the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office for information on reflective tape that has been approved for use on fire hydrants.

(c)

Hydrants other than those owned and/or maintained by Cobb County Water System shall have general maintenance performed annually in accordance with the currently adopted edition of NFPA 25. Maintenance records shall be maintained on the premises for inspection by the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office. All maintenance shall be performed by a qualified company on file with the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office.

(d)

Hydrants other than those owned and/or maintained by Cobb County Water System shall be flow tested every three years. Flow testing shall be done in accordance with requirements in the American Water Works Association M17 manual, "Installation, Field Testing, and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants." A site map showing flow and residual hydrants (numbered appropriately) shall be provided with each report. The flow test shall be performed by a qualified company on file with the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office.