



UTILITIES POLICY: 001-2025

Exterior Fire Suppression Policy

Date: 11/06/2025

Exterior fire suppression systems are **not permitted** for any building or property served by the City of Aspen municipal water system. This includes both direct connection via tap and indirect connections such as feeding the system through pools, storage tanks, or other means.

Rationale:

The City of Aspen Water Department, in coordination with the Aspen Fire Protection District (AFPD), has determined that exterior fire suppression systems pose a significant risk to the integrity and functionality of the municipal water supply. Municipal water systems are designed to meet daily community needs such as drinking water and sanitation, not to combat wildland fires. Use of exterior fire suppression systems creates the risk of overwhelming the system's capacity and limits local firefighting services' ability to effectively fight the fire through other means.

Signed By: _____

Utilities Director