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Fire Protection

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Private Acts of 1977 Chapter 81

SECTION 1. After the effective date of this Act, all public and private water and waterworks companies shall require the installation of at least one (1) standard fire hydrant prior to installing or connecting service to any subdivision for which ten (10) or more residences are planned or built. Such fire hydrant shall be installed within such subdivision not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) feet from a public road in a location which is readily accessible to fire engines. For each additional thirty (30) residences beyond the original ten (10) residences planned or built, at least one (1) other fire hydrant shall be installed in a like manner.

SECTION 2. After the effective date of this Act, all public and private water and waterworks companies shall require the installation of a standard fire hydrant every two (2) kilometers in rural, unincorporated areas on all extensions of water lines in such areas.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act conflicts with any rule, regulation, ordinance, or standard of any municipality or utility district, the stricter standard shall prevail.

SECTION 4. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Sevier County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 4.

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