

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 26, 2009

House Bill No. 1656

HOUSE BILL NO. 1656 - By: DORMAN of the House and IVESTER of the Senate.

An Act relating to cities and towns; requiring municipalities and rural water districts to test fire hydrants and develop certain plan for such testing; requiring certain agencies to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-116 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. Every municipal governing body and rural water district of this state shall, in
5 order to ensure proper functioning, annually test and develop a plan for inspecting,
6 repairing, and maintaining wet barrel fire hydrants and dry barrel fire hydrants located
7 within the applicable municipal boundaries. This plan shall include the following
8 recommendations:
- 9 1. The frequency of individual fire hydrant inspections;
10 2. The manner in which municipalities indicate fire hydrants are temporarily
11 inoperable; and
12 3. The provisions for the removal of permanently inoperative fire hydrants.

1 B. The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management or the State Fire
2 Marshal shall promulgate rules which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for
3 certifying and posting the results of such testing.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
5 Statutes as Section 29-117 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
6 reads as follows:

7 Every municipal governing body and rural water district of this state shall establish
8 rules for monitoring and estimating the usage of water for fire protection.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 02-
11 25-09 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.