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Re: Fire Hydrant Maintenance and Inspection Requirements

Dear Dale:

During the last several months an inventory of all City-owned fire hydrants was completed. Assessment of fire hydrant maintenance and inspection records was also concurrently performed. There are 643 City-owned hydrants within the unincorporated area and 635 City-owned hydrants within the City limits. As a result of the inventory activity, there is an obvious need for us to meet and discuss this matter.

→ The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards require all public fire hydrants to be maintained and inspected on a regular basis. The City performs annual inspections on hydrants within the City limits for the purpose of complying with these standards and to ensure a high degree of confidence that the hydrants will perform properly in an emergency. ←

✶ It appears that the 643 hydrants located outside the City limits have not been inspected during the last five year period and this condition should be viewed by all with a great deal of concern. ←

At your earliest convenience, I request to meet with you and Fire Chief Atkinson to address NFPA Fire Hydrant maintenance and inspection standards for City hydrants located in Columbia County. I look forward to hearing from you soon to schedule this important meeting.

Sincerely,


Wendell Johnson
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council
Lake City Fire Chief Tunsil
Columbia County Fire Chief Atkinson
Lake City Utilities Director Clanton

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