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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1254**

The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

**PART II**

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

CHAPTER IV

WATER SUPPLIES, ETC.

*Fire hydrants*

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[<sup>F1</sup>17.—(1) A water undertaker shall cause the location of every fire hydrant provided by it to be clearly indicated by a notice or distinguishing mark.

(2) A water undertaker may place such a notice or mark on a wall or fence adjoining a road or public place.

(3) The expenses incurred by a water undertaker under paragraph (1) in relation to a fire hydrant shall be borne by the Board.

(4) The Department may make regulations providing for uniformity in fire hydrants provided by water undertakers and in notices or marks indicating their location.

(5) An obligation of a water undertaker under paragraph (1), or regulations under paragraph (4), shall be enforceable by the Department for Regional Development under Article 30 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

(6) A person commits an offence if he uses a fire hydrant otherwise than—

- (a) for the purposes of extinguishing fires; or
- (b) for any other purpose specified in Article 15(2); or
- (c) for any purpose authorised by the water undertaker or other person to whom the hydrant belongs.

(7) A person commits an offence if he damages or obstructs a fire hydrant, otherwise than in consequence of use for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (6).

(8) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (6) or (7) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Arts. 17, 17A substituted for art. 17 (1.1.2007 for art. 17 for certain purposes, otherwise 1.4.2007) by Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3) (e), 308(1), Sch. 12 para. 49(3) (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, Section 17.