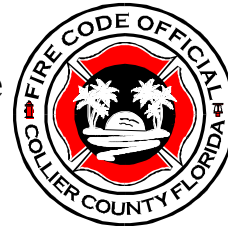


# Collier County Fire Prevention and Protection Code

## POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL



**ARTICLE NUMBER:** UND 09 - 1

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 4/20/2009

**SUBJECT:** Underground Contractors

**OBJECTIVE:** To clarify the licensing requirements for contractors installing **DEDICATED** fire lines.

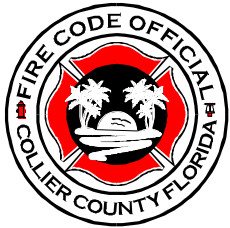
**BACKGROUND:** F.S. 633.539(a) requires that contractors of fire protection systems be certified under s. 633.521. F.S 633.521(2) (a) required examinations for each class of certification defined in s. 633.021(5). Recently we have been made aware of a change in F.S 633.021 which revised the definition (19) "Point of Service", which extended the definition to include underground piping for a "Fire Protection System" as defined by s. 633.021, using water as the extinguishing agent from the point where the underground becomes used exclusively for the fire protection system. This expanded definition requires a change in the permitting procedure for underground mains in Collier County. Prior to this change the underground water mains were permitted by the County by way of approval of the SDP. The plan review and inspection of most of these water mains was done by Collier County Engineering, and an ordinary underground contractor was permitted to install these mains. Currently F.S. 633.539(a), 633.521(2)(a), 633.021(19) and 633.021(9) require that only a Class I or II Fire Sprinkler Contractor or a Class V Underground contractor install these mains.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:** Any SDP APPROVED after 4/20/2009 must apply for and receive a separate permit prior to the installation of DEDICATED fire protection system mains. These permits must be approved by the Fire Code Official's Office prior to installation. Inspections of these installations shall be done by appropriate Fire Inspectors. These permits may only be issued to properly licensed Fire Sprinkler Class I or II contractors or properly licensed Class V Underground Contractor. SDP's issued prior to 4/20/2009 will be allowed to continue as permitted.

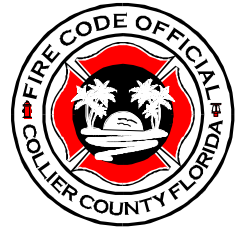
**CODE REFERENCES:** F.S 633.539(a), 633.521(2) (a), 633.021(19) and 633.021(9)

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Big Corkscrew Island Fire District; East Naples Fire District; Golden Gate Fire District; Immokalee Fire District; Isle of Capri Fire District; North Naples Fire District; Ochopee Fire District; City of Marco Island Fire Department; Building Director, Collier County Community Development; Chief Inspectors, Collier County Community Development; Collier



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