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If a hydrant is set between the curb and the sidewalk or between the sidewalk and the property line, it shall be placed so that no portion of the hydrant or nozzle cap shall be closer than six inches to the sidewalk.

INSTALLATION

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All hydrants shall have a 4" x 12" x 16" precast concrete settlement pad beneath them.

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RELOCATING A HYDRANT

End of Main Hydrants:

- End of main hydrants shall be relocated per the construction drawings.

** Added Section

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Hydrant Branches:

- **WARNING:** *Prior to performing any relocation work on a hydrant branch, determine if the branch valve is retained to the branch tee. Do not dig behind the hydrant unless the main is depressurized or it is known that the branch valve is retained to the branch tee, the branch valve is closed, and the branch depressurized.*
- Cast iron hydrant branches shall be completely removed, including the branch tee, and replaced with a main size by six inch ductile iron tee, six inch valve and six inch ductile iron pipe unless otherwise specified. The hydrant shall be placed at the new location using appropriate fittings.
- Ductile iron hydrant branches shall have a valve retained to the branch tee. Existing valves that are not retained shall be retained using conventional methods which may include cutting out the tee and replacing it with a retained tee/valve combination. Relocate the hydrant with appropriate fittings.
- Hydrant branches shall be retained per Section C of this standard.

DRAINAGE

Drainage gravel shall be placed at the base of the hydrant as shown in the enclosed typical installation details to permit the barrel of the hydrant to drain. Hydrant drainage gravel shall be clean, washed, hard, durable, uncoated, and uniformly graded road gravel conforming to Nebraska Dept. of Roads standard specifications for highway construction. Gradation shall be as follows:

<u>Sieve Size</u>	<u>Percent Passing</u>
1"	100
#4	78±17
#10	15±15
#200	3±3

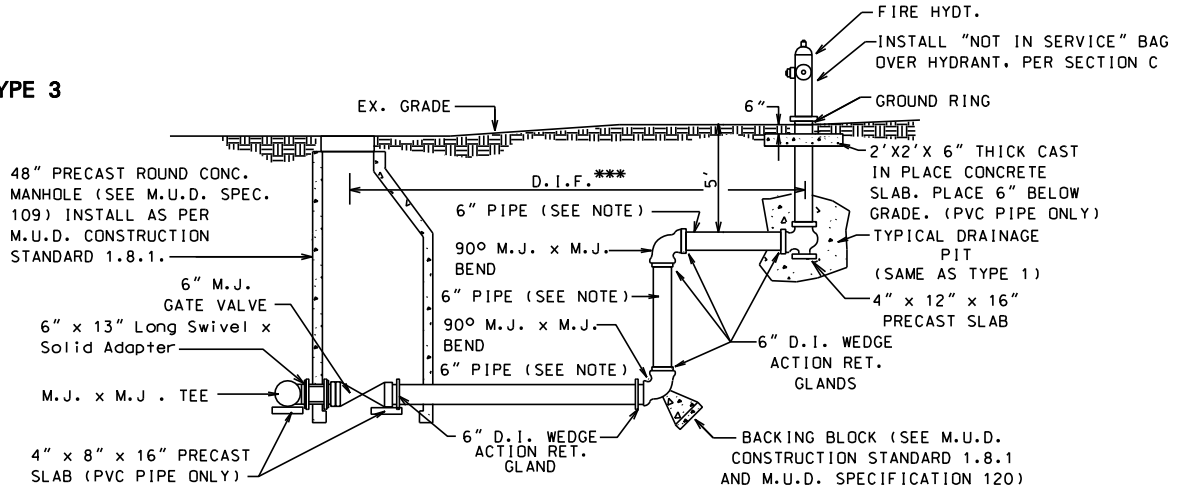
Hydrant drain holes shall be kept open and clean. Care should be exercised as to not block the drain holes with polyethylene wrap or concrete from backing blocks.

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TYPICAL HYDRANT INSTALLATIONS

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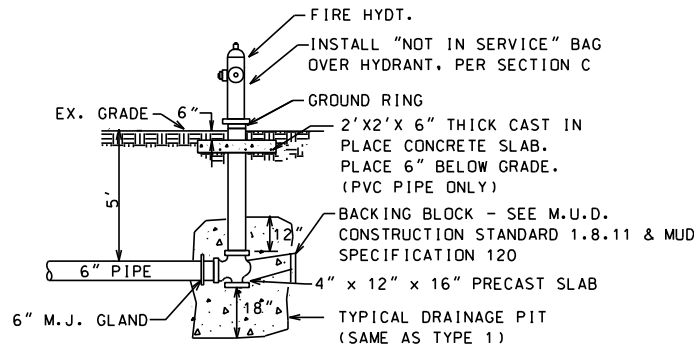


NOTE: PIPE SHALL BE D.I. IF MAIN IS D.I. OR C900 PVC IF MAIN IS PVC.

*** DETERMINE IN FIELD

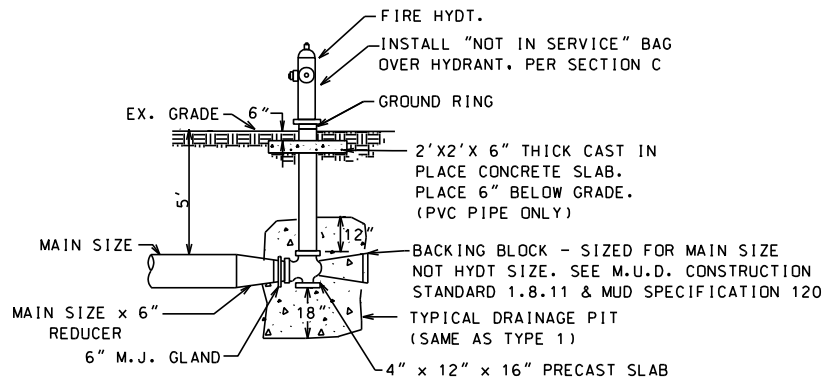
DEEP STANDARD BRANCH (≥7' OF COVER)

TYPE 4



END OF MAIN

TYPE 5



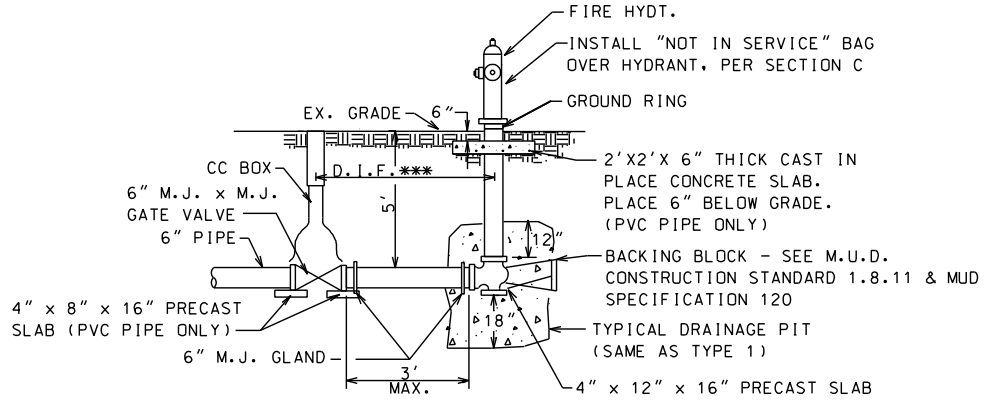
END OF MAIN WITH REDUCER

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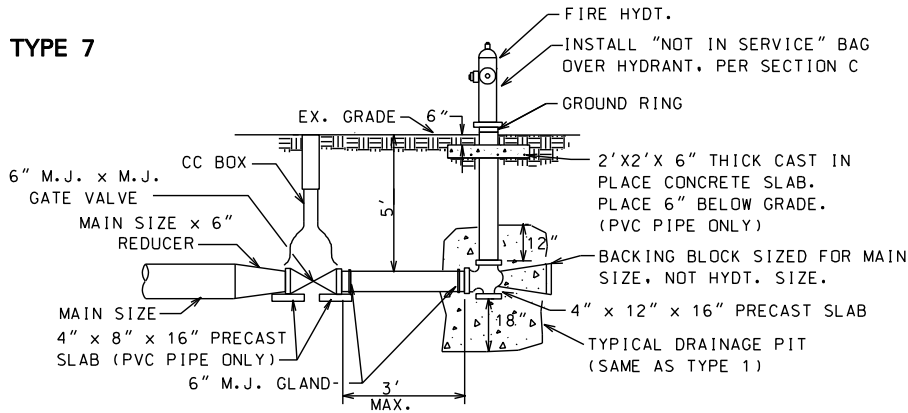
TYPE 6



*** DETERMINE IN FIELD

END OF MAIN WITH VALVE

TYPE 7



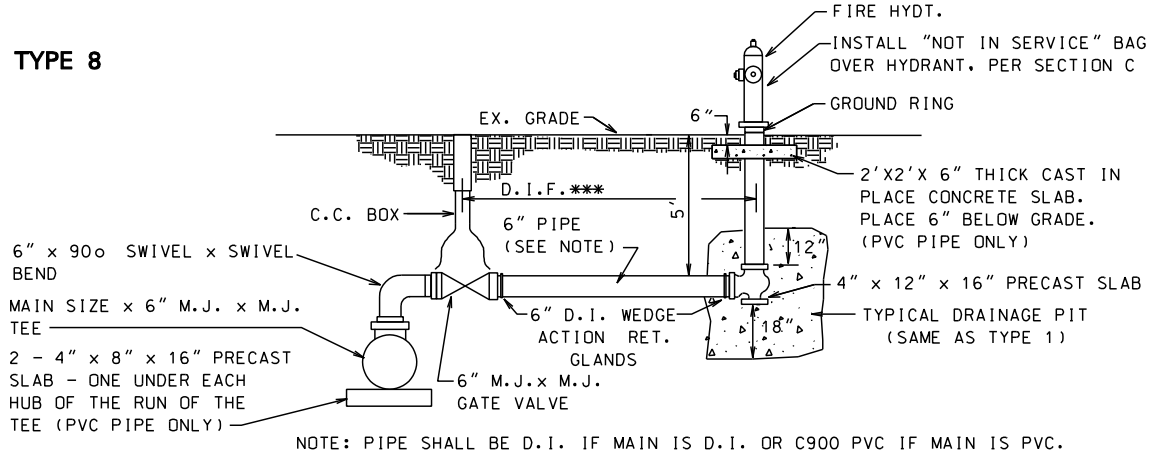
**END OF MAIN WITH
REDUCER AND VALVE**

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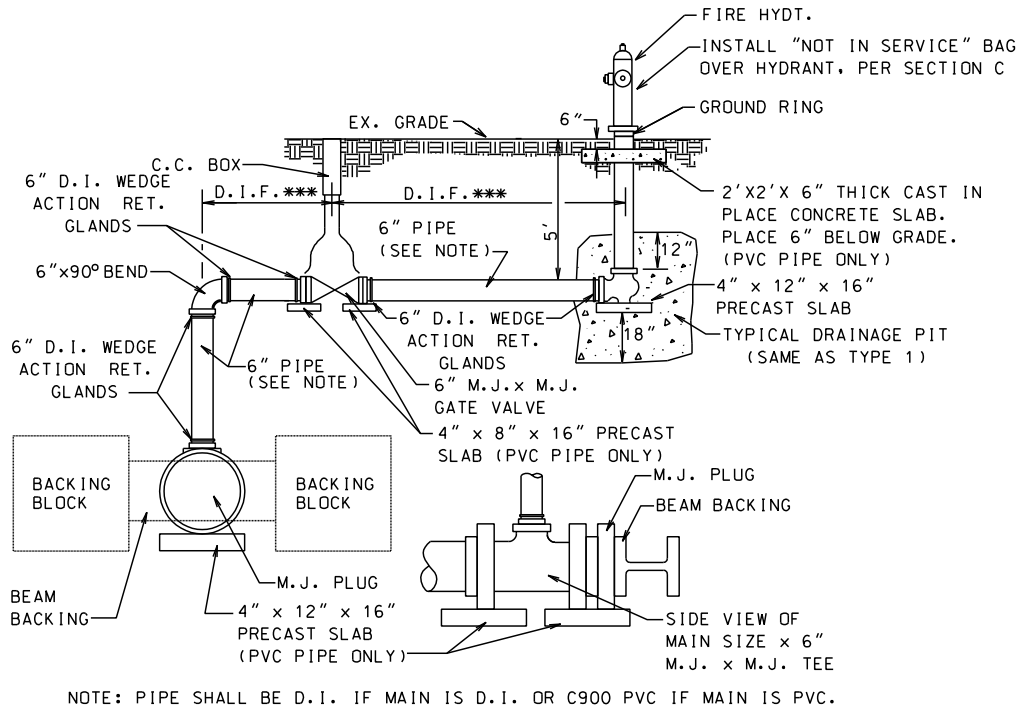
TYPE 8



*** DETERMINE IN FIELD

AIR RELIEF HYDT. (PER DRAWING OR AS DIRECTED BY ENGINEER ONLY)

TYPE 9



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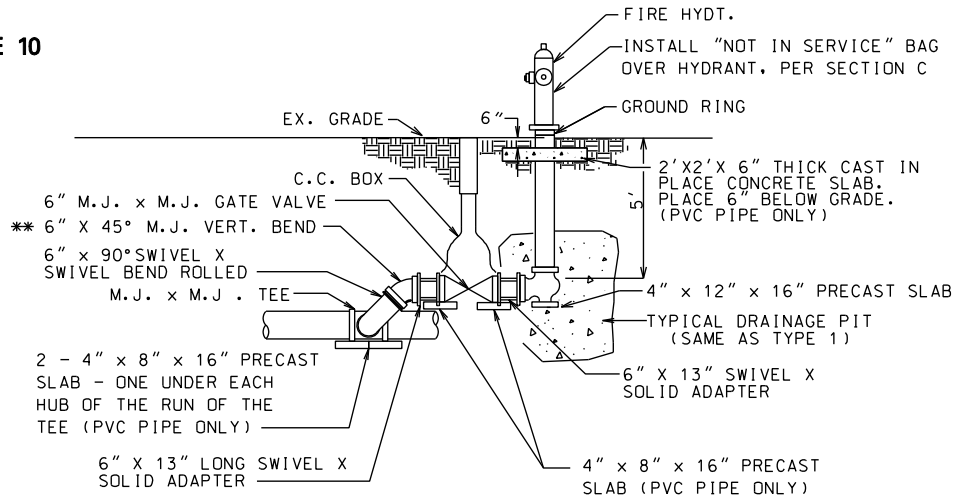
END OF DEEP 12" AND 16" MAINS (PER DRAWING OR AS DIRECTED BY ENGINEER ONLY)

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TYPICAL HYDRANT INSTALLATION

TYPE 10



DEEP PARALLEL BRANCH

(PER DRAWING OR AS DIRECTED BY ENGINEER ONLY)

** USE DIFFERENT DEGREE BENDS
AS NEEDED TO ADJUST FOR GRADE.

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