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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA GRANDE, OREGON,
REGULATING THE WATER SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CHARGES IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2976, SERIES 2001,
ALL AMENDING ORDINANCES, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

THE CITY OF LA GRANDE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Applications For Water

1. Applications for the new service of City water must be made on printed forms to be furnished by the City.

2. In all cases the applicant shall be held responsible for the payment of all charges and fees. Applicants for Building Permits should make water service applications for new construction at the time that a Building Permit application is made.

Section 2. Compliance With State Plumbing Code

1. No connection shall be made, nor shall water service be maintained to any property in which the plumbing does not comply with the provisions of the State Plumbing Code and applicable State and Federal Regulations.

Section 3. Cross Connection/Backflow

1. No connection shall be made, nor shall water service be maintained, to any property in which the plumbing is physically connected to another source of water supply, whether a valve or valves intervene or not.

2. No person shall connect a separate source of water supply to a plumbing system theretofore connected to the City's water system, nor shall any person by application therefor cause the City water system to be connected to a plumbing system supplied also by another water source, whether such a separate water source can be separated by a valve or not. Whenever cross-connection to any other water supply into the City system is found or whenever any other condition is found which presents the possibility of contamination or pollution, the water supply to such premises and/or other premises from which cross-connection is made shall be discontinued immediately until the cross-connection is eliminated or the condition remedied. The control or elimination of cross-connections shall be in accordance with any manuals of standard practice pertaining to cross-connection control approved by the City of La Grande, and any requirements set forth by State or Federal standards.

3. For the purpose of this section, such separate water source shall be considered connected to the City water system unless there is a complete break in the piping between such separate water source and the City water system. The City of La Grande shall require a backflow prevention device of pattern, design, and size which it approves as reasonably adequate to prevent contamination, if the City determines that a complete physical separation from the City water system is not practicable or necessary, or that adequate inspection of cross-connection cannot be readily made, or that such backflow prevention device is necessary because of existing or possible backflow resulting from special conditions, use or equipment. The City shall regulate the type, location, and installation. These devices need to be tested on an annual basis by a State certified backflow device tester at the owners' expense. Documentation of said tests

shall be sent to the City of La Grande. Devices installed at facilities which pose an excessive health risk, and devices which repeatedly fail shall be tested on a more frequent basis, as determined by the City of La Grande.

4. Any corrective measure, disconnection or change on private property shall be at the sole expense of the person in control of such property. The cost of any change required in the City system outside the property or between the meter and the supply lines or distribution system and any charges for cut-off or disconnection shall be added to the charges for water against the premises necessitating the expenditures.

5. At a minimum, a State approved double check valve backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on the supply line of all new commercial construction prior to the first branch from the supply line.

6. Water service may be discontinued due to:

- failure to remove an existing unprotected or potential cross connection;
- failure to install a required approved backflow prevention assembly;
- failure to maintain an approved backflow prevention assembly and installation site; or
- failure to conduct the required testing of an approved backflow prevention assembly.

Section 4. Installation of Service and Meter

1. The person applying for water service shall furnish the City with a correct location and grade in connection with the installation of such service and meter prior to installation thereof.

2. In the event the meter or service shall be changed for the convenience of the property owner after initial installation, the cost of such change shall be borne by the property owner.

Section 5. Use By Other Persons

1. No person in control of the property supplied with water from City mains as herein provided shall permit another person or persons to use such water, except that water to be consumed on the premises from which it is procured.

Section 6. Arrangement of Service Pipes

1. Hereafter, all service pipes must be so arranged that the supply to each separate house or premises may be controlled by a separate stop-cock placed within and near the line of the property line, or other approved location, and one person must pay for all water used through said service pipe.

2. All plumbing on private property shall be regulated by the State Plumbing Code.

3. All pipes from the meter or shut-off to the premises must be installed in accordance with good engineering practices, and maintained in good order by the user. The user