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**Green Meadows Water Company  
Cross Connections/Backflow Control Ordinance**

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DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

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**SECTION ONE-CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL---GENERAL POLICY**

**1.1 Purpose of Ordinance:**

- 1.1.1 To protect the public drinking water supply of the Green Meadows Water Company from contamination or pollution by requiring compliance with Oregon Administrative Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems, Chapter 333-Division 61, that require a cross connection control protection of all public drinking water systems in the State of Oregon.
- 1.1.2 To promote the reasonable elimination or control of cross connections in the plumbing fixtures of the consumer, as required by the State of Oregon to assure water system safety; and,
- 1.1.3 To provide for administration of a continuing program of backflow prevention which will systematically examine risk and effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of the drinking water system.

**1.2. Responsibility: Green Meadows Water Company**

- 1.2.1 Green Meadows Water Company shall be responsible for the protection of the drinking water distribution system from the foreseeable conditions leading to the possible contamination or pollution of the drinking water system due to the backflow of contaminants or pollutants into the drinking water supply.
- 1.2.2 Drinking water system survey/inspections of the consumer's water distribution system shall be conducted or caused to be conducted by individuals deemed qualified by and representing Green Meadows Water Company. Survey records will be maintained by Green Meadows Water Company.
- 1.2.3 Green Meadows Water Company shall schedule and notify all consumers of any inspection/survey for their drinking water system.
- 1.2.4 Selection of an approved backflow prevention assembly for containment control required at the service entrance shall be determined from the results of the system survey/inspection.

**1.3. Responsibility: Consumer**

- 1.3.1 To comply with this ordinance as a term and condition of water supply and consumer's acceptance of service is admittance of his/her awareness of his/her responsibilities as a water system user.

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- 1.3.2 It is the responsibility of the consumer to obtain permission from Green Meadows Water Company prior to installing a backflow prevention device on the drinking water system. It is also the consumer's responsibility to insure that a backflow prevention device is installed, at the consumer's expense, to insure compliance with this ordinance. Failure to comply with this ordinance shall constitute grounds for discontinuance of service.

## SECTION TWO-DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Green Meadows Water Company: The Green Meadows Water Company Board of Directors is invested with the authority and responsibility for the implementation of an effective cross connection control program and for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.
- 2.2 Cross Connection: Any physical connection or arrangement of piping or fixtures which may allow non-potable water inside a water distribution system. This would include temporary conditions, such as swing connections, removable sections, four way plug valves, spools, dummy sections of pipe, swivel or change-over devices or sliding multi-port tubes or other plumbing arrangements.
- 2.3 Cross Connection – Controlled: A connection between a potable water system and a non-potable water system with an approved backflow prevention assembly properly installed and maintained so that it will continuously afford the protection commensurate with the degree of hazard.
- 2.4 Approved Backflow Assembly: An assembly accepted by the State of Oregon, DHS-Drinking Water Division, as being suitable for the proposed use.

## SECTION THREE – REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Policy:
- 3.1.1 No water service connection to any premises shall be installed or maintained by Green Meadows Water Company unless the water supply is protected as required by State laws, regulations, codes, and this ordinance. Service of water to a consumer found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be discontinued by Green Meadows Water Company after due process of written notification of violation and an appropriate time suspension for voluntary compliance, if:
- a. A backflow prevention assembly required by this ordinance for the control of backflow and cross connections is not installed, tested and maintained, or
  - b. If it is found that a backflow prevention assembly has been removed or bypassed, or

c. If an unprotected cross connection exist on the premises.

**Service will not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected.**

3.1.2 The consumer's system shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times to authorized representatives of Green Meadows Water Company to determine whether cross connections or other structural or sanitary hazards, including violation of this ordinance exist.

3.1.3 Whenever Green Meadows Water Company deems a service connection's water usage contributes a sufficient hazard to the water supply, an approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed on the service line of the identified consumer's water system, at or near the property line or immediately inside the building being served; but, in all cases, before the first branch line leading off the service line.

3.1.4 It shall be the responsibility of the consumer at any premises where backflow prevention assemblies are installed to have certified surveys/inspections, and operational tests made at least once per year at the consumer's expense.

3.1.5 All backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested within ten (10) working days of initial installation.

3.2 Violations of this policy:

If violations of this ordinance exist or if there has not been any corrective action taken by the consumer within ten (10) days of written notification of the deficiencies noted within the survey or test results, then the Green Meadows Water Company shall deny or immediately discontinue service to the premises until the consumer has correction the condition(s) in conformance with State and local law, regulations, codes, and this ordinance.

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This ordinance will become effective on March 1, 2007.

SIGNED: Green Meadows Water Company Board of Directors

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