

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM AND
ADOPTING BACKFLOW DEVICE INSTALLATION STANDARDS

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is established a Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program to be administered by the Department of Public Works for the City of Lowell.

Section 2. "Backflow," as used in this chapter, means the reverse of flow from its normal or intended direction of flow. Backflow can be caused by back-pressure or back-siphonage.

Section 3. "Cross Connection," as used in this chapter, means any actual or potential physical connection between a potable water line and any pipe or vessel containing a nonpotable fluid so that it is possible to introduce the nonpotable fluid into the potable fluid by backflow.

Section 4. "Auxiliary Water Supply." as used in this chapter, means any source of water other than that supplied by our municipal water system.

Section 5. The purpose of this chapter shall be to establish programs for controlling and eliminating cross connections and to establish standards for the installation of backflow prevention devices.

Section 6. If the city has reasonable cause to believe that an existing or potential cross connection is located on the consumer's premises, the city shall deny or discontinue water service to those premises which contain an existing or potential cross connection until:

1. A state-approved backflow device or method commensurate with the degree of hazard is installed and approved by the City of Lowell; or
2. the cause of the hazard is eliminated.

Service may also be denied or discontinued if access to the consumers' premises for inspection to determine whether a cross connection or potential cross connection exists is denied.

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Section 7. The city adopts and incorporates herein by reference the "cross connection control requirements," dated 1991, Oregon Administrative Rule 333-61-070, with the following amendments:

1. There shall be added to Oregon Administrative Rule 333-61-070(4) a subsection (f) which shall read as follows: "The service is larger than two inches."

Section 8. The city adopts and incorporates herein by reference the "backflow device installation standards," dated 1996, Oregon Administrative Rule 333-61-0071.

Section 9. If the city has not received the results of the annual test, as required in this chapter, within thirty (30) days of the anniversary date for such annual testing, or within ten (10) days of the date of installation or relocation of the device, or the date of the city's discovery that the device was installed without testing as applicable, the city may order the test and add the cost of the test onto the property owner's water and/or sewer bill.

Section 10. In the event that the results of the tests required by this chapter and ordered by the city or the property owner indicate that repairs are necessary, the repairs must be made at the owner's expense and a new test made and results of the test forwarded to the city within ten (10) days of the date of the first test. In the event that the city has not received evidence of the repairs and the results of the second test within ten (10) days of the first test, the city may cause to have the repairs made and add such costs to the water and/or sewer bill of the property owners. This section shall apply to all tests and repairs until test shows the backflow device is functioning properly.

Section 11. The city may discontinue the water service of any person who refuses or fails to pay such testing or repair charges added to the customer's water and/or sewer bill.

Section 12. Inasmuch as the provisions of this Ordinance are necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health and safety of the people of the City of Lowell, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

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Passed by the Council of the City of Lowell by a vote of 5
for and 0 against, and approved by the Mayor this 5th day of
March 1996.



Warren R. Weathers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dee Blacklaw, City Recorder

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