

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01-19

TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS 675 Indiana Administrative Code, Article 16, Rule 1.4, of the Indiana Plumbing Code, as adopted by the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, requires protection of the public water supply from contaminants due to backflow through connections to fire protection and standpipe systems; and

WHEREAS the Indiana Department of Environmental Management authorizes the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination of all potable water systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Hebron, Porter County, Indiana:

SECTION 1. That a cross connection shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the Hebron, Indiana water system, and the other, water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

SECTION 2. That no person, firm, or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross connection. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary, or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Town of Hebron, Indiana may enter the supply or distribution system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary, or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Town of Hebron and by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in accordance with 327 IAC 8-10.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the Town of Hebron to maintain, administer, and implement the Cross-Connection Control Program.

SECTION 4. That it shall be the duty of the Town of Hebron to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross connections with the public water system are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be established by the Town of Hebron.

SECTION 5. That upon presentation of credentials, a representative of the Town of Hebron shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine the property served by a connection to the public water system of the Town of Hebron for cross-connections. On request, the owner, lessee, or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. The refusal

of access or refusal of requested pertinent information shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections.

SECTION 6. That the Town of Hebron is hereby, authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property, wherein any connection in violation of this ordinance exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service shall be discontinued five (5) business days after the notice is served to the owner, lessee, or occupants of the property or premises where a violation is found or suspected to exist. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That, if it is deemed by the Town of Hebron that a cross connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare and requires immediate action, and a written finding to the effect is filed with the Clerk of Hebron, Indiana and delivered to the consumer's premises, service may immediately discontinued. The consumer shall have an opportunity for hearing within ten (10) days of such emergency discontinuance.

SECTION 8. That all consumers using toxic or hazardous liquids, all hospitals, mortuaries, wastewater treatment plants, laboratories, and all other hazardous users install and maintain a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer in the main water line serving each building on the premises. The backflow preventer must be installed in an easily accessible location not subject to flooding or freezing.

SECTION 9. The reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall not be installed below ground level.


SECTION 10. That this ordinance does not supersede the Indiana Plumbing Code, the IDEM Rule 327 IAC 8-10 or the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the Town, but is supplementary to them. In the absence of provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and WPCF Manual of Practice No. 9 current issue, and the Uniform Building and Plumbing Code of the state shall apply.

SECTION 11. In addition to IDEM Rule 327 IAC 8-10-4(c), a list of customer facilities that need a backflow prevention device will be maintained by the Town of Hebron as part of the Cross-Connection Control Program.


SECTION 12. That if, in the judgment of the Director of Public Works, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system; the Director of Public Works will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at his own expenses, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Director of Public Works and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Director of Public Works and in accordance with the IDEM Rule 327 IAC 8-10.

SECTION 13. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the Town of Hebron, Porter County, Indiana requiring it.


Town Council of the Town of Hebron,
Porter County, Indiana



Dave Peeler, President



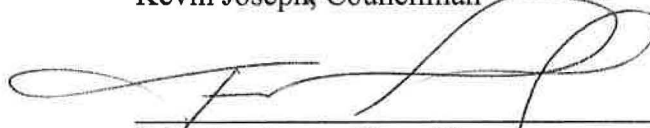
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First Reading: 12-29-2020

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