

ORDINANCE #2 OF 2018

AMENDING ORDINANCE - "UTILITIES" ARTICLE II. WATER, SEC. 20-19 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY FOR SMALL SYSTEMS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MANY, SABINE PARISH, LOUISIANA, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 17th day of April, 2018, upon motion by Corley and a second by Jackson, to add section, the following ordinance was introduced:

Introduction

This Policy addresses the State of Louisiana Sanitary Code (LAC Title 51: XII & Title 17:I) that states a public water system shall have no uncontrolled cross-connections to a pipe, fixture, or supply, any of which contain water not meeting provisions of the drinking water regulations.

A cross-connection is any point in a water distribution system where chemical, biological, or radiological contaminants may come into contact with potable water. During a backflow event, these contaminants can be drawn or pushed back into the potable water system. A backflow prevention device installed at every point of cross-connection prevents contaminated water from entering the potable water distribution system.

Any hazardous cross-connection discovered to be uncontrolled will be corrected within 10 days or the water service will be shut off. The Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals will be informed of the hazardous connection and the corrective action being taken.

Identification of Potential Cross-Connections

Per LAC Title 51: XII & Title 17:I, the Town of Many will perform a survey of the public water system through questionnaires and/or onsite inspections to identify potentially hazardous cross-connections, prioritized by degree of hazard. From the date of this adopted policy forward, any new water service installation will be inspected for compliance with these requirements for backflow prevention.

Public Education

The Town of Many will educate system users about the potential health risk that cross-connections pose, with an emphasis on cross-connections at or within homes and other residences.

Installation of Devices

The Town of Many will require system users to install and maintain backflow prevention devices on potentially hazardous service connections, as stated in LAC Title 51: XII & Title 17:I. All service connections within the water system must comply with LAC Title 51: XII & Title 17:I.

Each cross-connection may require a different type of backflow prevention device, commensurate with the degree of hazard posed by the cross-connection.

Device Testing

The State Plumbing Code requires that backflow prevention devices be tested upon installation, repaired, when relocated, annually, or as required by the plumbing official or water supplier by a certified backflow prevention technician. A list of certified technicians in our area, their certification numbers, and contact information can be found in the appendices of this policy.

Record Keeping

Testing and maintenance records will be kept for five years.

All service agreements, questionnaires and the latest onsite premises surveys will be kept indefinitely.

Enforcement

To protect public health, water service will be discontinued after reasonable notice to the Customer if a violation of this Policy exists on the premises, and such other precautionary measures may be taken as are deemed necessary to eliminate any danger to the potable water. Water service will be discontinued if the proper backflow prevention assembly is not installed or not tested annually or not repaired when the assembly fails to meet state standards. Water service shall not be restored until the danger had been eliminated in compliance with this Policy.

Effective Date

This plan may be modified from time to time to meet the needs of the utility and to meet the State of Louisiana requirements. The policy will be reviewed by the water system periodically to determine if the existing plan meets state requirements set forth by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and that it promotes an effective ongoing Cross-connection Control program.

Certified Technicians

The following is a list of certified technicians in our area, their certification numbers, and contact information. Please click on, or go to, the following link: www.spbla.com/rosters-v3/

The Town of Many makes no representation regarding the abilities, performance, or quality of service of the backflow prevention assembly testers listed above, nor does The Town of Many assume or accept any responsibilities for the actions of these backflow prevention assembly testers. This posting only contains those Certified Testers that have authorized their name to be published.

To the best of The Town of Many's knowledge, the information on this list for each tester is believed to be accurate. From time to time the information may be updated with new information and/or changes.

The above ordinance having been duly introduced at a regular meeting of the Aldermen on the 17th day of April, 2018 was put to a vote by the Mayor, and the vote was recorded as follows with a motion by Corley; seconded by Jackson.

YEA: Corley, Jackson, Peterson, Kennedy, Darwin
NAY: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED at Many, Louisiana on this 15th day of May 2018 and duly advertised in accordance with law and a public hearing has on same, on a motion by Peterson; seconded by Kennedy and recorded as follows:

YEA: Peterson, Kennedy, Jackson, Corley
NAY: None
ABSENT: Darwin
ABSTAIN: None

KENNETH A. FREEMAN, MAYOR

AMIE BROWN, CLERK