

WIOTA SANITARY DISTRICT #1 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL ORDINANCE ORDINANCE # 01-2020

This ordinance is 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, Chapters NR 810 and SPS 382, Wisconsin Administrative Code, require protection for the public water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires the development and implementation of a comprehensive cross connection control program to effectively prevent the contamination of potable water systems;

Now therefore, be it ordained by the Wiota Sanitary District #1 Board in the Township of Wiota, Lafayette County, State of Wisconsin:

1. Definition of Cross Connection

A cross connection is defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the Wiota Sanitary District's public water system, and the other of which contains 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 the other with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

2. Unprotected Cross Connections Prohibited

No person, firm, or corporation may establish or maintain, or permit to be established or maintained, any unprotected cross connection. Cross connections shall be protected as required in ch. SPS 382, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Inspection

The water utility may inspect, or arrange for an inspection of, property served by the public water system for cross connections. The frequency of inspections shall be established by the water utility in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code. Any unprotected cross connections identified by the inspection shall be promptly corrected. Failure to promptly correct an unprotected cross connection shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph 6 of this ordinance.

4. Right of Entry

Upon presentation of credentials, a representative of the water utility shall have the right to request entry, at any reasonable time, to a property served by a connection to the public water system for the purpose of inspecting the property for cross connections. Refusing entry to such utility representative shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property as provided under paragraph 6 of this ordinance. If entry is refused, a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119 of the Wisconsin Statutes, may be obtained.

5. Provision of Requested Information

The water utility may request an owner, lessee, or occupant of property served by a connection to the public water system to furnish the water utility with pertinent information regarding the piping systems on the property. Refusing to provide requested information shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph 6 of this ordinance.

6. Discontinuation of Water for Violation

The water utility may discontinue water service to any property wherein any unprotected connection in violation of this ordinance exists, and take other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued, however, only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in paragraph 7 of this ordinance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

7. Emergency Discontinuance

If it is determined by the water utility that an unprotected cross connection or emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare, and requires immediate action, and if a written finding to that effect is filed with the Water Utility Clerk and delivered to the customer's premises, water service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection has been eliminated.

Effective this 22nd date of June, 2020.

Laurie J Monson, Clerk
Official Signature

Signed copy is in the clerk's office.

