

ORDINANCE NO. 01-_____

ORDINANCE FOR CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

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 the Town of Hudson operates a public water system; and

WHEREAS the water system of the Town of Hudson requires protection from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

WHEREAS Chapter 10 of the Uniform Plumbing Code, as adopted by the State of Indiana, requires protection of the public water supply from contaminants due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

WHEREAS the Indiana Department of Environmental Management endorses 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 Council of the Town of Hudson, State of 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 Town of Hudson 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 the 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 Hudson 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 Hudson Water Board and by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in accordance with 327 AC 8-10.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the Water Board of the Town of Hudson to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross connections with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Hudson Water Board.

SECTION 4. That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Hudson Water Board shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property

served by a connection to the public water system of Hudson 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 5. That the Hudson Water Board 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 only after reasonable notice is served on 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 6. That, if it is deemed by the Hudson Water Board that a cross connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare and requires immediate action, and a written finding to that effect is filed with the clerk of the Town of Hudson and delivered to the consumer's premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The consumer shall have an opportunity for hearing within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance.

SECTION 7. 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-principle backflow preventer (check valve) in the main water line serving the premises. The backflow preventer must be installed in an easily accessible location not subject to flooding or freezing.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance does not supersede the State Uniform Plumbing Code or any current or future plumbing ordinances of the Town of Hudson, but is supplementary to them.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption, the welfare of the Town of requiring it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2001.

Chad Minier, President, Town Council

Brian Hayes, Member

Gene Hamm, Member

ATTEST:

Atta Hayes, Clerk-Treasurer