

Resolution establishing a backflow protection and cross connection control program for public water systems operated by Franklin County

(Sanitary Engineers)

Whereas, Franklin County desires to provide an effective means for protecting the public water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection into the public water system; and

Whereas, Section 6109.13 of the Ohio Revised Code requires protection of the public water system from contamination through any connection whereby water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water system may enter the public water system; and

Whereas, Section 3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires protection of the public water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

Whereas, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requires the maintenance of a continuing program of backflow prevention control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination of all potable water systems; and

Whereas, in order to accomplish these goals it is necessary to introduce restrictions that go beyond usual plumbing code requirements; and

Whereas, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wish to make efforts to help ensure a safe drinking water supply to customers of County water systems and comply with Section 6109.13 of the ORC and Section 3745.95 of the OAC; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer is authorized to establish a backflow prevention program conforming to the requirements of Section 6109.13 of the ORC and Section 3745.95 of the OAC.
2. That if, in the judgment of the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the

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safety of the public water system, the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer shall give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer.

3. That no person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of Franklin County may enter the supply or distributing system of said public water supply system, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
4. That it shall be the duty of the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer shall deem necessary.
5. That the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer its duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of Franklin County for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer any information which he may request regarding the piping system or systems of water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this resolution.

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6. That the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this resolution is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions shall have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this resolution.

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