

ORDINANCE FOR  
CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

ORDINANCE NO. 63

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 111 and H 62, Wisconsin Administrative Code, require protection of the public water system from contaminants due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and Health and Social Services require 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 board of the town of Florence, state of Wisconsin:

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 Florence 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 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 approved by the Florence Water and Light Commission and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR 111.25(3), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the Florence Water and Light Commission 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 reinspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Florence Water and Light Commission and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The minimum frequency of inspection shall coincide with the maximum allowable frequency for inspection and testing water meters installed on the customer's premises as defined in the Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter 186.76.

SECTION 4. That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Florence Water and Light Commission 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 the Town of Florence for cross connections. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under s. 66.122, Wisconsin Statutes. 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.

SECTION 5. That the Florence Water and Light Commission 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 and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in Section 6. 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 determined by the Florence Water and Light Commission that a cross connection or any 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 Florence and delivered to the customer's premises, 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.

SECTION 7. That the Town of Florence adopts by reference the State Plumbing Code of Wisconsin being Chapter H 62, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance does not supercede the State Plumbing Code and the Florence Water and Light Commission's rules and regulations as authorized by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, but is supplementary to them.

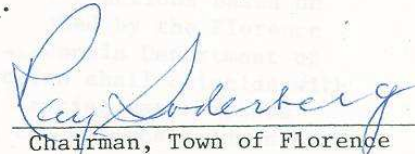
SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the 22nd day of December, 1980.

Introduced by Florence Water & Light Commission

Moved by Rex Holmes

Seconded by Henry Fraker

Passed by the Florence Town Board on the 22nd day of December, 1980, and submitted to the Chairman on the 22nd day of December, 1980.  
Approved this 22nd day of December, 1980.

  
Chairman, Town of Florence

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk