

ORDINANCE NO. 16

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CROSS-CONNECTION BETWEEN PIPING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO THE BACKFLOW OF WATER OR OTHER SUBSTANCES THROUGH THE USER WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT, JACKSON AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Ordinance:

a. "Approved backflow prevention device" means any device, method or type of construction approved by Illinois EPA and Lakeside Water District, designed and intended to prevent backflow.

b. "Backflow" means the flow of water or other liquids or substances into the water distribution pipes of the public water district system from any source other than the intended source of supply of potable water.

c. "Cross-connection" means any connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate piping systems, one of which is connected to the public water supply of the district and the other is connected to a water source other than the public water supply of the district.

SECTION 2: Cross-connection prohibited. No cross-connection shall be permitted. Water service to any premises upon which a cross-connection exists may be discontinued unless the cross-connection is permanently removed within 20 days after notice by regular mail to the water customer. Such notice shall become effective when mailed.

SECTION 3: Required, approved backflow prevention device. No customer or owner of any premises, places or buildings being served water by the district shall install or maintain or permit to be installed or maintained any plumbing in or upon any such premises, places or buildings in such a manner that a backflow from such plumbing may occur. In the event the Board of Trustees shall determine that such a prohibited condition exists in or upon such premises, places or buildings, water service to same may be discontinued until

an approved backflow prevention device is installed by and at the sole expense of the customer or owner aforesaid.

SECTION 4: Access to premises. The district, its agents and employees, shall have ready access at all reasonable times to any premises, places or buildings being served water by the district, for the purpose of verifying the presence or absence of a cross-connection or of a condition out of which a backflow may occur. Any unnecessary interference with the aforesaid access shall be cause for the disconnection of water service to the premises, places or buildings in question until such access is provided without reasonable interference.

SECTION 5: That within 30 days after its adoption, this ordinance shall be published one time in the Southern Illinoisan, a newspaper published in Jackson County, Illinois, and having general circulation in the district, and shall become effective 10 days after its publication.

Passed, adopted and filed in the Office of the Secretary, this 18th day of March, 1987.

George M. Twomey
Secretary, Board of Trustees