

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

I. PURPOSE:

- A. To protect the public potable water supply served by the Seekonk Water District from the possibilities of contamination or pollution by isolating such contaminants or pollutants, which could backflow or back siphon into the public water system.
- B. To promote the elimination or control of existing cross connections, actual or potential, between its customers' in-plant potable water system and non-potable system.
- C. To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross connection control which will effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water systems by cross connection.

II. AUTHORITY:

- A. As provided in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, (Public Law 93-523), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.22, the water purveyor has the primary responsibility for preventing water from unapproved sources or any other substances from entering the public potable water system.
- B. The Seekonk Water District's Rules and Regulations adopted January 1, 1971.

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

The Water Commissioners shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water distribution system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow or back siphonage of contaminants or pollutants. If, as a result of a survey of the premises, the Commission determines that an approved backflow prevention device is required at the town's water service connection or as in-plant protection on any customer's premises, the Commission, or its delegated agent, shall issue a cross connection violation form to said customer to install approved backflow prevention devices. The customer shall, within a time frame determined by the Commission, install such approved device or devices at their own expense, and failure or refusal or inability on the part of the customer to install said device or devices within the specified time frame shall constitute a ground for discontinuing water service to the premises until such device or devices have been properly installed.

ADOPTED: March 14, 1988

Edwin F. Morgan, Chairman
Frank N. Benson, Secretary
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(original signatures on file)