

CHAPTER 3

Cross Connection Control

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The purpose of this ordinance is 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. Chapters NR 810 and SPS 382, Wisconsin Administrative Code require protection of the public water system from contaminants due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection and the Wisconsin Department 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.

SEC. 8-3-2 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL.

- (a) **Definitions.** Cross Connection shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the City of Thorp water system, and the other, water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety, or steam, gases, or chemicals, whereby upon loss of pressure or any pressure condition, there may be a flow from one system or source to the other.
- (b) **Cross Connection Unlawful.** 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 City of Thorp 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 City of Thorp, Water Department and the by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section SPS 382, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

- (c) **Inspection.** It shall be the duty of the City of Thorp 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 established by the City of Thorp and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- (d) **Entry.** That upon presentation of credential, the representative of the City of Thorp 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 City of Thorp for cross connections. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119, 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.
- (e) **Disconnection.** The City of Thorp Water Department 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 except as provided in Section (f) hereafter. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connections(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- (f) **Public Health and Safety.** If it is determined by the City of Thorp Water Department 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 City of Thorp 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.