

Article IV. Cross-connections

13.04.430 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this article to protect the health of customers receiving water from the city by protecting the public water system of the city from contamination.
(1102, Added, 06/02/1987)

13.04.440 Definitions.

A. Whenever used in this article:

1. "Backflow" means the flow, other than the intended direction of flow, of any foreign liquids, gases or substances into the city public water supply or distribution system.

2. "Backflow prevention device" means a device to counteract back pressure or to prevent siphonage.

3. "Cross-connection" means any physical arrangement whereby a public water supply is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other water supply system, sewer, drain, conduit, pool storage reservoir, plumbing fixture, or other device which contains or may contain contaminated water, sewer, or other waste or liquid of unknown or unsafe quality which may be capable of imparting contamination to the public water supply system of this district as a result of backflow.

4. "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public works of the city public works department.

B. Upon the filing of one copy with the Finance Director, all definitions contained in the State of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 248-54-285, as amended as of or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section derives, shall by this reference be considered definitions within this article.

(O95-032, Amended, 10/17/1995; 1102, Amended, 06/02/1987; 869, Added, 03/18/1980)

13.04.450 State provisions adopted.

The provisions of WAC 248-54-285 as amended as of or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section derives, relating to cross-connection control and elimination and the use of backflow prevention devices, when such are considered to be advisable, are adopted and made a part hereof, and all provisions of the Washington Administrative Code may be executed and applied by the department of public works in determining when cross-connections are prohibited and when backflow prevention devices shall be required.

(1102, Added, 06/02/1987)

13.04.460 Inspection--Right of entry.

The superintendent and other duly authorized employee(s) bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter upon all properties receiving water service from the city for the purposes of inspection, observation and testing in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(1102, Added, 06/02/1987)

13.04.470 Backflow protection devices--Compliance required.

A. No water service connection from the city's water system to any premises shall be installed or maintained unless the water supply is protected by backflow prevention devices as required by the superintendent or his/her designee and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health and this article. The installation or maintenance of a cross-connection which will endanger the city's water quality is prohibited. Any such cross-connection existing at the effective date of the ordinance from which this section derives, or hereafter installed, is declared a nuisance

and shall be abated. The control and/or elimination of cross-connections within the city shall be in accordance with WAC 248-54-285 or superseding Washington Administrative Code provisions.

B. Service to any property, landowner or water user receiving its water supply from the city water supply system shall be contingent upon compliance with all requirements of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health and of this article. Service shall be discontinued to any premises, water user or property owner for failure to comply and any discontinued service will not be reestablished until the superintendent of public works has approved compliance with such requirement of the rules and regulations contained in this article.

(1102, Added, 06/02/1987)

13.04.480 Public works to administer.

The department of public works shall be responsible for administering this article including the development of the necessary procedures and practices to accomplish same, consistent with the standards in this article and WAC 248-54-285.

(1102, Added, 06/02/1987)

13.04.490 Violation - Penalty.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished in accordance with Chapter 1.12.

(O95-032, Amended, 10/17/1995; 1102, Added, 06/02/1987)