

ORDINANCE NO. 52

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

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 811 and DCOMM 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 Village of Cochrane, 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 Village of Cochrane 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 directions 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 of the Village of Cochrane 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 Cochrane Village Board and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR 812.25(3), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the Cochrane Village Board 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 Cochrane Village Board and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 4. That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Cochrane Village Board 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 Village of Cochrane 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 Cochrane Village Board 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 Cochrane Village Board 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 Village of Cochrane 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 day of such emergency discontinuance.

SECTION 7. That the Village of Cochrane adopts by reference the State Plumbing Code of Wisconsin being Chapter DCOMM 62, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

SECTION 8. That this ordinance does not supercede the State Plumbing Code and the Village of Cochrane plumbing ordinance No. 28, but is supplementary to them.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: March 13, 1984

APPROVED: March 13, 1984

/s/ LYLE E. MCFARLIN Jr., President
/s/ LOIS FETTING, Clerk