

AN ORDINANCE 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, 675 Indiana Administrative Code, Article 16, Rule 1.4, of the Indiana Plumbing Code, as adopted by the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, requires protection of the public water supply from contaminants due to backflow through connections to fire protection and standpipe systems; and,

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management authorizes 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 COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA, as follows:

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 City of Rockport 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 direction 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 City of Rockport 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 Rockport and by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in accordance with 327 IAC 8-10.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the City of Rockport 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 re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be established by the City of Rockport.

SECTION 4. That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the City of Rockport shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine the property served by a connection to the public water system of the City of Rockport for cross connections. On request, the owner, lessee, or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the City of Rockport any pertinent information regarding the piping system

or systems on such property. The refusal of access or refusal of requested pertinent information shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections.

SECTION 5. That the City of Rockport 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 measure deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice is served on the owner, lessee, or occupants of the property or premises where a violation is found or suspected to exist. 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.

SECTION 6. That, if it is deemed by the City of Rockport 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 Rockport and delivered to the consumer's premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The consumer shall have an opportunity for hearing within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance.

SECTION 7. That all consumers using toxic or hazardous liquids, all hospitals, mortuaries, wastewater treatment plants, laboratories, and all other hazardous users install and maintain a reduced pressure principal backflow preventer in the main water line serving each building on the premises. The backflow preventer must be installed in an easily accessible location not subject to flooding or freezing.

SECTION 8. The reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall not be installed below ground level.

SECTION 9. That this ordinance does not superseded the Indiana Plumbing Code, the IDEM 327 IAC 8-10, or any City of Rockport ordinance but is supplementary to them.

SECTION 10. Any customers falling under the definition of IDEM Rule 327 Rule 327 IAC 8-10-4 (c) need a backflow prevention device.

SECTION 11. That if, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Water, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system; the Superintendent of Water will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved devise at a location and in a manner approved by the Superintendent of Water and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required the Superintendent of Water and in accordance with the IDEM Rule 327 IAC 8-10.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall be come effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Rockport requiring it.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA this 9th day of

September, 2020.

Common Council:

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Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Rockport, Indiana on the 9th day
of September, 2020 at 6 pm o'clock p. m.

Cathy Kirkpatrick
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Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and signed by me this 11th day of September, 2020 at
6:00
o'clock p. m.

Donald Winkler
Donald Winkler, Mayor
City of Rockport