

ORDINANCE NO.: 4766

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 4.19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to Cross Connection Control.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 4.19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.19 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL.

(A) DEFINITION.

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 water system, and the other contains 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, with the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

(B) RESTRICTIONS.

No person, firm, or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintained or permit to be maintained any unprotected cross connection. Cross connections shall be protected as required in ch. SPS 382, Wisconsin Administrative Code. 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 may enter the supply or distribution system of said City, 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 Water Utility and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR811.09(2), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(C) INSPECTION AND DISCONTINUANCE.

- (1) Inspection. The Water Utility may cause inspections for cross connections to be made of all properties served by the public water system. where cross connections with the public water system is deemed possible. At its option, the water utility may require a person, firm, or corporation who owns, leases, or occupies property to have their plumbing inspected, at their own expense, by a State of Wisconsin Certified Cross Connection Inspector/Surveyor. The frequency of inspections shall be established by the water utility in accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code. Any unprotected cross connections identified by the inspection shall be promptly corrected. Failure to promptly correct an unprotected cross connection shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph 6 of this ordinance. The frequency of inspections and reinspections based on

~~potential health hazards involved shall be established by the Water Utility and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.~~

- (2) Right of entry. ~~That upon~~ Upon presentation of credentials, a representative of the Water Utility shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to a property served by a connection to the public water system for the purpose of inspecting the property for cross connections. ~~to examine any property served by a connection to the public water system of the City for cross connections.~~ Refusing entry to such utility representative shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph (4) of this ordinance. If entry is refused, such representative may obtain a special inspection warrant under ~~s. 66.122~~ Section 66.0119, Wisconsin Statutes.
- (3) Provision of Requested Information. The water utility may request an owner, lessee, or occupant of property served by a connection to the public water system to furnish the water utility with pertinent information regarding the piping systems on the property. Refusing to provide requested information shall be sufficient cause for the water utility to discontinue water service to the property, as provided under paragraph (4) of this ordinance.
- (4) Discontinuation of Service and Notice of violation. The Water Utility may discontinue water service to any property wherein any unprotected connection in violation of this ordinance exists, and take other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service may be discontinued, however, only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in Paragraph ~~(4)~~ (5). Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection(s) has been eliminated. ~~in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.~~
- (5) Emergency Discontinuance of water service. If it is determined by the Water Utility that an unprotected cross connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety, or welfare, and requires immediate action, and if a written finding to that effect is filed with the City Clerk and delivered to the customer's premises, water 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. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the unprotected cross connection(s) has been eliminated.

SECTION II: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Kabat, Mayor

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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

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