

Town Hall - Ordinances

WATER

ORDINANCE 1997-10

RELATING TO CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

To provide a program for protecting the water distribution system of the Town of Camden from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection into the water distribution system.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of the Uniform Plumbing Code, as adopted by the State of Indiana, requires protection of the water distribution system from contaminants due to backflow of contaminants through the water distribution system connection; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management endorses 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 Town Council of Camden, Carroll County, 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 Town of Camden Indiana water distribution 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 Town of Camden enter the supply or distribution system of said Subdivision, unless such private, auxiliary, or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Town of Camden 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 Water Purveyor, Administration Building Council and/or the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to cause inspection to be made of all properties served by the water distribution 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 as established by the Water Purveyor, Administrative Building Council and/or the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Section 4:

That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Administrative Building Council and/or the Indiana Department of Environmental Management shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by a connection to the water distribution system of the Town of Camden for cross connections. 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. The refusal of access or refusal of requested pertinent information shall be deemed evidence of presence of cross connections.

Section 5:

That the Town of Camden 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 danger of contamination of the water distribution 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 connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6:

That, if it is deemed by the Town of Camden 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 County of Carroll and delivered to the consumer's premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The consumer shall have an opportunity for a hearing within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance.

Section 7:

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

Section 8:

That this Cross Connection Program does not supersede the State Uniform Plumbing Code or the County of Carroll plumbing ordinances, but is supplementary to them.

Section 9:

This program shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption.

Adopted the 14th day of October, 1997.

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL
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