

Rule 24 - CROSS CONNECTION

No person or firm shall make or maintain a physical connection between any other source of water or liquid and the public water supply piping. No spigot or outlet shall be physically connected to a sewer or drain nor shall such be below a free overflow or submerged. If such a connection is made, it shall be considered as a cross-connection and if not removed, shall be just reason for discontinuing service.

- A. The Director of Public Service through the Division of Water and Wastewater shall provide an effective means for protecting the City water system from contaminants through any water service connection into the City water system.
- B. If in the judgment of the Director, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system, the Director shall give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Director and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Director.
- C. No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the City of Newark may enter the supply or distributing system of such Municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and of such supply shall have been approved by the Director and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
- D. The Director shall cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Director shall deem necessary.
- E. The Director or his duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the City of Newark for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand, the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Director any information which he may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall within the discretion of the Director, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this section.
- F. The Director is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this section is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions shall have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this section.

Approved:



David Rhodes, Director of Public Service

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Date