

## **Ordinance 10-00**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM**

Whereas, Section 6109.13 of the Ohio Revised Code requires protection of the public water system from contamination through any connection whereby water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water system may enter the water system; and

Whereas, Section 3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires protection of the public water system from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

Whereas, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency requires the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination of all potable water systems; and

Whereas in order to accomplish these goals it is necessary to introduce restrictions that go beyond usual plumbing code requirements; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Spencer, three quarters of its members concurring herein,

Section 1. 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 the Water will give notice to the water consumer to install such and 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 Superintendent of Water and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Superintendent of Water.

Section 2. That 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 Village of Spencer may enter the supply or distributing 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 Superintendent of Water of the Village of Spencer and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

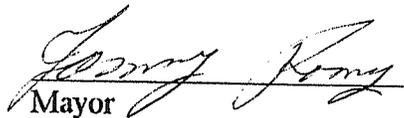
Section 3. That it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Water to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Superintendent of Water shall deem necessary.

Section 4. That the Superintendent of Water or his/her 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 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 Superintendent of Water 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 Superintendent, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this ordinance.

Section 5. That the Superintendent 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 ordinance is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he/she 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 ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: November 29, 2000

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk/Treasurer