

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-8**  
**AN ORDINANCE FOR CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL**

TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OF THE  
TOWN OF GENEVA FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF  
CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC  
WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS Chapter 10 of the Uniform Plumbing Code, as adopted by the State of Indiana, requires protection of the public water supply from contaminants due to backflow of contaminants through the water service 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 council of the Town of Geneva, State of Indiana:

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 Geneva 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 Town of Geneva 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 Town of Geneva Utilities 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 Geneva Water Utility 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 as established by the Geneva Water Utility.

SECTION 4. That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Geneva Water Utility shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by a connection to the public water system of the Town of Geneva 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 the presence of cross connections.

SECTION 5. That the Town of Geneva Water Utility 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 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 connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

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

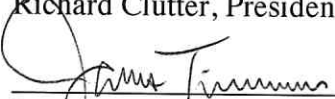
SECTION 7. That, pursuant to 327 IAC 8-4, the following consumers shall be designated as cross connection hazards, and shall install and maintain a reduced-pressure-principle backflow preventer in the main water line serving each building on the premises. The backflow preventer must be installed in an easily accessible location not subject to flooding or freezing. Said presumed cross connection hazards are as follows: 1) aircraft and missile manufacturing plants; 2) automotive plants, including those plants that manufacture motorcycles, automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, and construction and agricultural equipment; 3) beverage bottling plants, including dairies and breweries; 4) canneries, packing houses, and reduction plants; 5) car washes.; 6) chemical, biological, and radiological laboratories, including those in high schools, trade schools, colleges, universities, and research institutions; 7) hospitals, clinics, medical buildings, autopsy facilities, morgues, other medical facilities, and mortuaries; 8) metal and plastic manufacturing, fabricating, cleaning, plating, and processing facilities; 9) plants manufacturing paper and paper products; 10) plants manufacturing, refining, compounding, or processing fertilizer, film, herbicides, natural or synthetic rubber, pesticides, petroleum or petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, radiological materials, or any chemical that could be a contaminant to the public water supply; 11) commercial facilities that use herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, or any chemical that could be a contaminant to the public water supply; 12) plants processing, blending, or refining animal, vegetable, or mineral oils; 13) commercial laundries and dye works, excluding coin-operated laundromats; 14) sewage, storm water, and industrial waste treatment plants and pumping stations; 15) waterfront facilities, including piers, docks, marinas, and shipyards; 16) industrial facilities that recycle water; and 17) restricted or classified facilities (federal government defense or military installations), or other facilities closed to the supplier of water or to the commissioner.

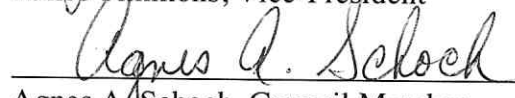
SECTION 8. That this ordinance does not supersede the State Uniform Plumbing Code or the Town of Geneva Code of Ordinances, but is supplementary to them.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the Town of Geneva, Indiana, as of September 1, 2015.

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GENEVA**

  
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