

City of Villa Rica Backflow Ordinance, Adopted April 2003

Sec. 21-9. Water Supply Cross Connection Rules.

(a) In order to maintain safe drinking water supplies and prevent the possibility of cross connection, or the arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which water of questionable quality, wastes or other contaminants can enter the public water supply system, the City adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Chapter 391-3-5-.13 of the rules for safe drinking water.

(b) It shall be the duty of the City of Villa Rica to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections with the public water supply is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the City of Villa Rica and as approved by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

(c) The representative of the City of Villa Rica shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply system of Villa Rica, Georgia for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof for cross connections. On request, the owner, lessees, or occupants 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 such information or refusal of access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections.

(d) The City of Villa Rica is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service after reasonable notice 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 supply system. 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.

(e) The potable water supply made available on the properties served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified by this ordinance and by the State and City of Villa Rica plumbing code. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

WATER UNSAFE FOR DRINKING

(f) This ordinance does not supersede the state plumbing code, but is supplementary to it.

(g) Any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any written order of the City of Villa Rica, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$1000.00 for each violation. Each day upon which a violation of the provisions of this act shall occur shall be deemed a separate and additional violation for the purpose of this ordinance.

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