

Ordinance No. 06-22

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

WHEREAS, Section 6109 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 public water system; and

WHEREAS, Section 37 45-95 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 backflow prevention 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Plain City, Ohio, a majority of the members elected or appointed thereto concurring, as follows:

- Section 1.** That if, in the judgment of the Administrator, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system; the Administrator will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Administrator and shall have inspections and tests of such approved devices as required by the Administrator.
- 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 City may enter the supply or distributing system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection have been approved by the Administrator and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Section 3.** That it shall be the duty of the Administrator to cause surveys and investigations to be made at the 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 Administrator shall deem necessary.

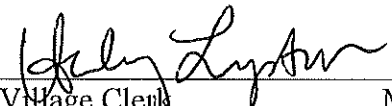

Section 4. That the Administrator or his or her duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter, at any reasonable time, any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the City for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Administrator 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 Administrator, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this ordinance.

Section 5. That the Administrator 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 this ordinance 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the Administrator shall establish Rules and Regulations to govern the application and oversight of the backflow prevention program.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: March 28, 2022.

Attest:  Village Clerk
 Mayor

First reading: March 14, 2022. Vote: -yea - nay abstain

Second reading: March 28, 2022. Vote: 5yea 0nay 0 abstain

Certificate of Publication

The undersigned, being Village Fiscal Officer of the Village of Plain City, hereby certifies that the foregoing was published by posting for 15 days as required by law and in accordance with Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances. The posting was done from _____, 2022 to _____, 2022 at the Office of the Finance Director located at 800 Village Boulevard; being in the Village of Plain City, Ohio and the Village of Plain City Website at www.plain-city.com.

Date: March 29, 2022


Village Clerk

Village of Plain City

BACKFLOW TESTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The person performing the test (Tester) shall be certified by the Ohio Department of Commerce, and provide the Village of Plain City with a copy of their current certificate.
2. The Tester shall be completely familiar with the test equipment and test procedures, and capable of interpreting the results. They shall be capable of cleaning and/or repairing failed devices and offer this service to the property owner. The Tester shall notify the property owner of the test results immediately after the test is completed.
3. The Tester shall maintain calibration records on all test equipment and provide these current records to the Village of Plain City.
4. The Tester shall submit test reports to the Village of Plain City. Reports submitted by a property owner will be rejected.
5. The original test reports may be submitted by mail, or by delivering to the Village of Plain City Utility Office. Illegible or incomplete reports will be rejected.
6. Passing test reports shall be submitted within 30 days of the test.
7. Failed test reports shall be submitted within 72 hours of the test and give an estimate of when repairs shall be made on the device.
8. Only the Village of Plain City Backflow Test Forms will be accepted. All test reports submitted on other forms shall be rejected.
9. The Village of Plain City will notify the property owner if a test submitted by a tester is rejected.
10. Test reports will be immediately rejected under the following circumstances:
 - When the report contains incomplete or known incorrect information.
 - When the report is illegible
 - When the report is signed by an individual not on the approved Backflow Tester List.
 - When the test report is not the original form no copies will be accepted.
 - When the test report is not the Village of Plain City Backflow Test Form.
 - When the test is signed by an individual other than the person who actually performed the test.