

CHAPTER 929

Water Regulations

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CROSS REFERENCES

Power to provide and regulate water system - see Ohio R.C. 715.08, 717.01, 743.01 Water pollution - see Ohio R.C. 715.08, 743.25

Compulsory water connections - see Ohio R.C. 729.06, 743.23 Management and control of water works - see Ohio R.C. 735.28 et seq.

Tampering with water hydrants, pipes or meters; unauthorized connections - see Ohio R.C. 4933.22

Fluoridation - see Ohio R.C. 6111.13 Water

supply - see OAC 4101:2-51-37 Backflow - see OAC 4101:2-51-38

929.01 TAP REQUIREMENTS AND IMPROPER CONNECTIONS.

- (a) All water taps in subdivisions or developments shall be installed at the time the water mains are installed.
 - (b) When ordered by the Administrator, every property owner shall be required to install a tap for each lot or parcel immediately prior to the paving of any street.
 - (c) Taps shall be installed by a contractor upon approval of the Administrator. Such installation shall conform to the Standards and Specifications of the City and shall be approved by the City.
 - (d) No firm, person, 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 Groveport, Ohio may enter the supply or distributing system of such 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 Administrator.
 - (e) That it shall be the duty of the Administrator to cause surveys and investigations to be made of all industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where private, auxiliary or emergency water supplies other than the public water supply are known to exist or where such supplies are likely to 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.
 - (f) That the Administrator or their or its duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of Groveport, Ohio for the purposes of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessee, or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Administrator any information which he or it may request regarding the piping system or systems and any private, auxiliary or emergency water supply used or useful 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 chapter.
 - (g) 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 the provisions of this chapter is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures 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 connection or connections shall have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (Ord. 2024-037. Passed 9-23-24.)

929.02 AUTOMATIC READING WATER METERS.

- (a) All water services for the Groveport Water System shall have automatic reading "SMART" meters.
- (b) Each meter shall be added at the cost of the automatic reading meter to the property owner. The property owners may pay the above cost over a three-month period if desired. (Ord. 2024-037. Passed 9-23-24.)

929.03 REPLACEMENT OF WATER METERS.

- (a) The City shall ~~replace~~ require the replacement of a water meter, if in the opinion of the Public Service Director:
 - (1) The meter is not working properly.
 - (2) The meter is in such a location that there is difficulty in access to it for reading purposes, or
 - (3) The meter has not been read because of absence of persons from the home for two consecutive billing periods.
 - (b) ~~That each meter~~ All costs associated with the replacement of commercial automatic reading water meters replaced under this chapter shall be ~~at the cost of the automatic reading meter to~~ borne by the property owner; ~~to that end, the property owner shall retain its own licensed plumbing contractor to install said meter and~~ in accordance with the rules and regulations ~~adopted by Council~~ of this Chapter.
 - (c) All residential automatic reading water meters (one inch or less in diameter) shall be replaced by the City's Public Service Department and all costs associated therewith shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
 - (d) Plumbing alterations required for the proper installation of such meter shall be subject to permit and inspection by the City's Public Service Department and shall be performed by a licensed plumber.
- (e) Any evidence of deliberate destruction of service connection shall be a violation of this section. (Ord. 2024-037. Passed 9-23-24.)

929.04 BACKFLOW REGULATIONS

- (a) If, in the judgment of the Public Service Director, an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system, the Public Service Director will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at their own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Public Service

Director and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Public Service Director.

(b) 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 the City, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Public Service Director of the City and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Public Service Director 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 Public Service Director shall deem necessary.

(d) The Public Service Director or their or its 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 purposes of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the Public Service 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 Public Service Director be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this section.

(e) The Public Service 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.

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929.05 AUXILIARY METERS.

(a) Auxiliary meters may only be installed when it is determined that a portion of the water as measured by the water meter does not, and cannot, enter the sewage system either directly or indirectly.

(b) Application can be made through the Public Service Department for permission to obtain and install a water-only auxiliary meter.

(c) Such installation shall be at the owner's expense, and in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by Council.

(d) Plumbing alterations required for the proper installation of such meter shall be subject to permit and inspection by the City's Public Service Department and shall be performed by a licensed plumber.

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929.99 PENALTY

In addition to the civil penalties prescribed in this chapter and Chapter 933, whoever violates any provision of this chapter and Chapter 933 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate violation.

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