

**CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**City of**  
**GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**

**Sec. 27-135. Cross-connection control program.**

- (a) The "Manual of Cross-Connection Control," ("manual") promulgated by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee, as amended from time to time is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as part of this section. The purpose of the cross connection control program is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of those persons consuming potable water from the city water system through preventing waterborne diseases and contaminants from entering the distribution system. The program is intended to prevent water from private plumbing systems, which could contain water borne diseases and contaminants, from entering the public water system through backflow or cross connection.
- (b) The prevailing "Manual of Cross-Connection Control" shall be deposited with and maintained by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee and copies thereof shall be available therein for public use, inspection and examination. This manual lists the type of facilities and plumbing devices that require backflow prevention.
- (c) Under the rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Section 62-555.360, F.A.C., relating to cross connection, the city has the primary responsibility to prevent water from unapproved sources, or any other substances, from entering the water system. Therefore, upon detection of a prohibited cross-connection, the city is directed to either eliminate the cross-connection by requiring the installation of an appropriate backflow prevention or discontinue service until the contamination source is eliminated.
- (d) The customer's responsibility starts at the water service connection from the city potable water system. The costs of installing, operating and maintaining backflow preventers shall be the responsibility of the customers required by the general manager for utilities or his/her designee to install and maintain backflow prevention. The customer shall maintain accurate records of the test and repairs made to the backflow prevention devices and provide the city with copies of such records as required in the manual.
- (e) In the event of accidental contamination of the public or customer's potable water supply system due to backflow from the customer's premises, the customer shall promptly take steps to confine further spread of the contamination with the customer's premises and shall immediately notify the city of the hazardous condition.
- (f) The provisions in subsections (a) through (c) notwithstanding, the requirements for the installation of a backflow preventer may be waived at the discretion of the general manager for utilities or his/her designee, if such official finds that adequate protection against cross-connections is being provided by the customer.
- (g) Service of water to any premise may be disconnected by the city if a required backflow prevention device is not installed, tested and maintained as required in the manual or has been removed or bypassed, or if unprotected cross-connections exist on the premises and there is inadequate backflow protection at the service connection. Water service will not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected. All turn-off and turn-on service charges shall be paid by the consumer.

(Code 1960, § 28-37.5; Ord. No. 3565, § 3, 9-18-89; Ord. No. 3696, § 15, 2-18-91; Ord. No. 3754, § 80, 1-27-92; Ord. No. 030278, § 17, 9-8-03; Ord. No. 060457, § 5, 10-23-06)

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