

ORDINANCE NO 1989-7

TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code requires protection of the public water system from contaminants 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 cross-connection 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

BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the village of Hamersville, three-fourths of their number concurring.

SECTION 1. That if, in the judgement of the Board of Public Affairs (BPA), an approved backflow prevention device is necessary for the safety of the public water system, the BPA will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the BPA and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the BPA.

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 of Hamersville may enter the supply or distributing 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 BPA of Hamersville and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the BPA 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 BPA shall deem necessary.

SECTION 4. That the BPA of Hamersville 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 distributing system of Hamersville 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 BPA any information which it 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 BPA, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the BPA of Hamersville 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 in this ordinance is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as it 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 this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance for the public safety of the residents and inhabitants of the village of Hamersville, Ohio and it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed 6-5, 1989

Attest:


Mayor


Debra S. Linn, clerk