Sec. 19-108. Cross connections control.

Sec. 19-108.1. Manual adopted; compliance required.

The City of Cooper City adopts by reference the Cooper City Utilities Department Policies & Procedures Manual, Cross Connection Control Program (Program), 2016 version, as may be updated and amended from time to time. Compliance with the manual and the cross connection program contained therein is hereby required.

Sec. 19-108.2. Inspections.

The Utilities Director or his designee shall cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public potable water supply. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the "Cross Connection Control Program" of the Utilities Department of the City of Cooper City and in accordance with Florida Department of Environmental Protection requirements. Any fees or charges established by the City pursuant to the regulations or requirements established herein may be changed from time to time by resolution of the City Commission.

Sec. 19-108.3. Property access for inspection, testing, and maintenance.

Duly authorized representatives of the City of Cooper City shall be permitted to enter any building, structure, or property served by a connection to the public potable water supply system of the City for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems on such property. Consent to such access shall be obtained from a person of suitable age and discretion therein or in control thereof. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections. Further, duly authorized representatives of the City shall be permitted access to property to perform regular testing and/or repair of backflow prevention valves.

Sec. 19-108.4. Discontinuance of service.

The Utilities Director or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue potable water service to any property, wherein any connection in violation of section 19-108 exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public potable water supply system. Water services to such property shall not be restored until the actual or potential cross connection has been eliminated or until an appropriate backflow prevention device has been installed in compliance with the provisions of section 19-108.

Sec. 19-108.5. Protection of public potable water supply; labeling required.

The potable water supply made available on the properties served by the public potable water supply shall be protected from present or future possible contamination as specified by section 19-108 and by state and local plumbing codes. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled "WATER UNSAFE FOR DRINKING" in a conspicuous manner.

Sec. 19-108.6. Testing.

All testable backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested initially upon installation to be sure that the assembly is working properly. Subsequent testing of assemblies shall be conducted on an annual basis as required by the City. Only individuals that are approved by the City of Cooper City and State of Florida certified shall be qualified to perform such testing. That individual(s) shall certify the results of his/her testing.

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Sec. 19-108.7. Expenses and records, consumer and utility responsibility.

The consumer shall bear all expense of installing, testing, and maintaining the protective devices required by section 19-108 to ensure proper operation on a continuing basis. Installation, testing, and maintenance of protective devices shall be conducted by certified personnel meeting the requirements of the Program. The consumer shall keep records of his testing, maintenance, and repair activities related to cross connection control and shall make such records available upon request. Copies of all testing, maintenance, and repair records shall be sent to the Utilities Director or his designated agent. The utility, at its discretion, may elect to perform testing and maintenance of any and all protective devices to satisfy the requirements of this section. The utility shall keep records on the testing, maintenance, and repair activities related to cross connection control and shall make such records available upon request. The City may exact fees upon the consumer to cover any costs associated with the City Cross Connection Control Program.

Sec. 19-108.8 Other codes and rules.

Section 19-108 does not supersede the Standard Plumbing Code of the Southern Building Code Congress International, the Florida State Department of Health Plumbing Rules, or any local plumbing ordinance, but is supplementary to them; provided that where conflicts exist, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

Sec. 19-108.9. Violation; liability.

Any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of Section 19-108 or any written order of the City in pursuance thereof, shall be punishable in accordance with Article VI "Code Enforcement" of Chapter 13 of the City Code or as otherwise authorized by applicable law. In addition, such person or customer shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case to include attorney's fees. Notice of such violation shall be given by delivering the same to the premises and a copy thereof mailed to the billing address as it appears on the City billing records. Each day upon which a violation of the provisions of Section 19-108 shall occur shall be deemed a separate and additional violation. Any person or customer in violation of any of the provisions of Section 19-108 shall become liable to the City of Cooper City for any expense, loss, or damage incurred by the City by reason of such violation to include attorney's fees. In addition to any penalty provided by law for the violation of any of the provisions of Section 19-108 the City may bring suit in the appropriate court to enjoin, restrain, or otherwise prevent the violation of any of the provisions of Section 19-108.

Sec. 19-108.10. No liability of public employees.

No provisions of Section 19-108 designating the duties of any City officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty for failure to perform such duty.

Sec. 19-108.11. Cross connection areas embraced.

All territory within the City of Cooper City served by the City potable water system, shall be governed by Section 19-108 to the extent permitted by law. Property located outside of the City, but served by the City, shall be required to comply with Section 19-108 as a condition of service, to the fullest extent authorized by applicable law.

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