

Big Creek Township
Cross Connection Ordinance
Ordinance number 2000-21

An ordinance regulating cross connections with the public water supply system, i.e., a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which water of questionable quality, wastes or other contaminants can enter the public water supply system.

Be it ordained by the township of Big Creek, State of Michigan:

Section 1. That Big Creek Township adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality being R 325.11401 to R 325.11407 of the Michigan Administration Code.

Section 2. That it shall be the duty of the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connection with the public water supply is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority and as approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Section 3. That the representative of the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply system of Big Creek Township for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof for cross connections. On request, the owner, lessees, or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. The refusal of such information or refusal of access, when requested shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connection.

Section 4. That the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service after reasonable notice to any property wherein any connection in violation of this ordinance exists and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply system. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. That all testable backflow prevention devices shall be tested initially upon installation to be sure that the device is working properly. Subsequent testing of the devices shall be conducted at a time interval specified by the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority and in accordance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements. Only individuals approved by the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority shall be qualified to perform such testing. That individual(s) shall certify results of his/her testing.

Section 6. That the potable water supply made available on the properties served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified by this ordinance and by the state and township plumbing code. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

**WATER UNSAFE
FOR DRINKING**

Section 7. That this ordinance does not supercede the state plumbing code and township plumbing ordinance No. _____, but is supplementary to them.

Section 8. That any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any written order of the Big Creek/Mentor Utility Authority, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than _____ nor more than _____ for each violation. Each day upon which a violation of the provisions of this act shall occur shall be deemed a separate and additional violation for the purpose of this ordinance.