

ORDINANCE NO. 21 - \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1209 (TESTING) AND SECTION 1210 (INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS) OF PART 12 (CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL) OF ARTICLE 4 (WATER CODE) OF CHAPTER 12 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO CONTROL OF CROSS CONNECTIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 1209 (Testing) of Part 12 (Cross Connection Control) of Article 4 (Water Code) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

12.4.1209: TESTING:

Any user at any premises where a backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method is required by this part shall have operational tests made at the user's expense upon installation, repair or replacement, and at least annually after installation, repair or replacement. Any backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method that is non-testable shall be inspected at least once annually. Tests and inspections shall be performed, at the user's expense, by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester and shall be performed in accord with the procedures identified in the service standards and specifications. In those instances where the Chief Executive Officer deems a hazardous condition exists, tests may be required at more frequent intervals. **The tests and inspections shall be conducted on the following schedule and shall be performed in accordance with the procedures identified in the service standards and specifications.**

**A. Where the backflow prevention assembly protects the water system from cross connections associated with irrigation systems, including where a single water service line provides both irrigation and non-irrigation water, the annual test shall be completed by July 1 of each year. As an alternative to annual testing, where the**

irrigation system has a dedicated water service tap, the customer may choose not to recharge their dedicated irrigation system and shall voluntarily discontinue service to the tap until such time as the customer has made arrangements with Utilities for reinstatement of service. The customer shall have a certified backflow prevention assembly tester on site at the time of reinstatement of water service to the dedicated irrigation water service tap to perform the required annual test. If the customer does not have a certified backflow assembly tester on site at the time of reinstatement of service, Utilities will not reinstate water service and may charge a return trip fee for each return trip to effect the reinstatement of service in accordance with Utilities Rules and Regulations.

**B. Where the backflow prevention assembly does not protect the water system from cross connections associated with irrigation systems, the annual test shall be completed by October 1 of each year.**

**C. Where the backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method is non-testable, it shall be inspected by Utilities at least once annually no later than October 1 of each year.**

**D. In those instances where the Chief Executive Officer deems that a cross connection constitutes a high hazard, tests and inspections may be required at more frequent intervals.**

Section 2. Section 1210 (Installation, Repair and Replacement of Backflow Prevention Assemblies and Methods) of Part 12 (Cross Connection Control) of Article 4 (Water Code) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

12.4.1210: INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS:

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B. All required backflow prevention assemblies or backflow prevention methods shall be repaired or replaced whenever the assembly or method is found to be defective. Any repair or replacement shall be made within ~~twenty~~ **sixty (60)** days of discovery that repair or replacement is necessary, unless an extension of that

deadline is approved by the Chief Executive Officer prior to expiration of such ~~twenty~~ **sixty** (60) day period.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by charter.

Section 4. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance shall be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk