



TITLE

Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Waive first reading, read by title only, and adopt an Ordinance to amend the American Canyon Municipal Code adding Chapter 13.08 to Title 13 relating to backflow prevention and cross-connection control; amending Chapter 13.04 relating to water and sewer systems; amending Chapter 13.06 relating to water rates and connection fees; amending Section 16.14.080 relating to irrigation efficiency; amending Section 19.51.060 relating to standard conditions of approval; amending Title 14 relating to sewer and sanitation services; and amending Title 1 relating to General Provisions.

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The City of American Canyon is required to comply with regulations established by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, which mandate that public water systems implement a backflow prevention and cross-connection control program pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Sections 7583 through 7605, including Section 7605, which specifically requires each public water system to develop and maintain a cross-connection control program to protect the public water supply from contamination.

Currently, the City administers backflow prevention requirements through a combination of conditions of approval and engineering standards. However, the absence of a unified municipal code provision limits consistency, enforceability, and program effectiveness.

The City of Napa has adopted a comprehensive ordinance (Napa Municipal Code Chapter 13.08) that is recognized as a regional best practice. Staff recommends adoption of a comparable chapter tailored to American Canyon to standardize requirements, strengthen enforcement authority, and ensure protection of the City's potable water system.

COUNCIL PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Infrastructure: "Develop and maintain infrastructure resources to support sustainable growth."

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal impact is minimal. Program administration costs will be recovered through annual backflow administration fees established by City Council resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

COMMUNICATION

Level 3: Broad Communication

Communication intended to inform the general public, community stakeholders, or a broad group of affected parties through channels such as public notices, website updates, social media, public meetings, and other outreach methods. The purpose is to promote transparency, awareness, and public access to information regarding City actions, programs, and policies.

ATTACHMENTS:

[1. Backflow and Cross Connection Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A: Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program](#)

[Exhibit B: Water Service Regulations](#)

[Exhibit C: Water Rates and Charges](#)

[Exhibit D: Water Efficient Landscaping](#)

[Exhibit E: Water Efficient Landscaping](#)

[Exhibit F: Standard Conditions of Approval](#)

[Exhibit G: Public Works Standards](#)

[Exhibit H: General Penalty and Enforcement](#)