

WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE

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 Board of Houghton Township, State of Michigan:

Section 1. That the Township of Houghton adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Public Health being R325.431 to R325.440 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Section 2. That it shall be the duty of the Township of Houghton to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections 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 Township of Houghton and as approved by the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Section 3. That the representative of the Township of Houghton shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply system of Houghton 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 connections.

Section 4. That the Township of Houghton is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service after reasonable notice to any property wherein a 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 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 6. That this ordinance does not supercede the state plumbing code or other existing Township Ordinances but is supplementary to them.

Section 7. That any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any written order of the Township of Houghton, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$ 50 nor more than \$ 100 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.

This Ordinance Is Hereby Adopted Effective Jan 14, 1981