

**TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO,  
REPEALING SECTION 16.1-17-E, OF THE LAKE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE,  
AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16.1-24 CONCERNING BACKFLOW AND  
CROSS CONNECTIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE  
VIOLATION THEREOF.

Whereas, this Ordinance is intended to comply with Colorado statutes and regulations and to protect the Town of Lake City water system from contaminants or pollutants that could enter the water distribution system by backflow from a customer's water supply system through the service connection.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of The Town of Lake City, Colorado, as follows:

**Section 1:**

Section 16.1-17-E of the Lake City Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

**Section 2:**

The Lake City Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of Section 16.1-24, as follows.

**16.1-24      Back-Flow and Cross Connections.**

- (A)    **Applicability.** This Section applies to all connections to the Town of Lake City water distribution system whether within the Town of Lake City or outside the Town. This Section does not apply to single-family (as defined herein) residential service connections unless the Town becomes aware of a cross connection at the single-family connection.
- (B)    **Definitions.**
1.      “Backflow” means the undesirable reversal of flow of water or mixtures of water and other liquids, gases, or other substances into the Town of Lake City water distribution system from any source or sources other than its intended source.
  2.      “Backflow contamination event” means backflow into the Town of Lake City water system from an uncontrolled cross connection such that the water quality no longer meets the Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations or presents an immediate health or safety risk to the public.

3. “Backflow prevention assembly” means any mechanical assembly installed at a water service line or at a plumbing fixture to prevent a backflow contamination event, provided that the mechanical assembly is appropriate for the identified contaminant at the cross connection and is an in-line field-testable assembly.
4. “Backflow prevention method” means any method and/or non-testable device installed at a water service line or at a plumbing fixture to prevent a backflow contamination event, provided that the method or non-testable device is appropriate for the identified contaminant at the cross connection.
5. “Certified cross-connection control technician” means a person who possesses a current valid Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification from one of the following approved organizations: American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) or the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA).
6. “Containment” means the installation of a backflow prevention assembly or a backflow prevention method at any connection to the Town of Lake City water system that supplies an auxiliary water system, location, facility, or area such that backflow from a cross connection into the Town of Lake City water system is prevented.
7. “Cross connection” means any connection that could allow any water, fluid, or gas to flow from any pipe, plumbing fixture, or a customer’s water system into the Town of Lake City water distribution system or any other part of the Town of Lake City water system through backflow.
8. “Customer” means the owner of real property that is connected to the Town water distribution system and the agent or tenant of such owner.
9. “Multi-family,” as used in this Section, means a single residential connection to the Town of Lake City water distribution system from which two or more separate dwelling units are supplied water.
10. “Owner” means the person or persons identified as the owner of real property in the records of the Hinsdale County Assessor.
11. “Single-family,” as used in this Section, means:
  - a. A dwelling designed exclusively for and occupied exclusively by one (1) family and supplied by a separate service line; or

b. A building comprised of multiple dwelling units where each dwelling unit is supplied by a separate service line.

12. “Uncontrolled” means not having a properly installed and maintained and tested or inspected backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method, or the backflow prevention assembly or backflow prevention method does not prevent backflow through a cross connection.

13. “Water supply system” means a water distribution system, piping, connection fittings, valves and appurtenances within a building, structure, or premises. Water supply systems are also referred to commonly as premise plumbing systems.

(C) Requirements.

1. Commercial, industrial, and multi-family service connections shall be subject to a survey for cross connections. If a cross connection has been identified an appropriate backflow prevention assembly or method shall be installed at the customer’s water service connection within one-hundred-twenty (120) days of its discovery. The assembly shall be installed downstream of the water meter or as close to that location as deemed practical by the Town of Lake City. If the assembly or method cannot be installed within one-hundred-twenty (120) days, the Town of Lake City shall take action to control or remove the cross connection, suspended service to the cross connection, or receive an alternative compliance schedule from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

2. In no case shall it be permissible to have connections or tees between the meter and the containment backflow prevention assembly.

3. In instances where a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer cannot be installed, the customer must install approved backflow prevention devices or methods at all cross-connections within the customer’s plumbing system.

4. Backflow prevention assemblies and methods shall be installed in a location that provides access for maintenance, testing, and repair.

5. Reduced pressure principle backflow preventers shall not be installed in a manner subject to flooding.

6. Provisions shall be made to provide adequate drainage from the discharge of water from reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assemblies.

Such discharge shall be conveyed in a manner that does not impact waters of the State of Colorado.

7. All assemblies and devices shall be protected to prevent freezing. Those assemblies and methods used for seasonal services may be removed in lieu of being protected from freezing. Devices must be reinstalled and then tested by a certified cross-connection control technician prior to the service being activated.
8. Where a backflow prevention assembly or method is installed on a water supply system using storage water heating equipment such that thermal expansion causes an increase in pressure, a device for controlling pressure shall be installed.
9. All backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested at the time of installation and on an annual schedule thereafter. Such tests must be conducted by a certified cross-connection control technician.
10. All backflow prevention assemblies and methods, and all required installations within the customer's plumbing system in the cases where containment assemblies and or methods cannot be installed, shall be subject to inspection testing, maintenance, and, as needed, repair and replacement.
11. The cost for design, installation, maintenance, testing, and as needed repair and replacement, shall be borne by the customer.
12. No existing nonconforming cross connection shall be permitted except for fire sprinkler systems where the installation of a backflow prevention assembly or method would compromise the integrity of the fire sprinkler system.
13. For new buildings, all building plans must be submitted to the Town of Lake City and approved prior to connection to the water distribution system. Building plans must show:
  - a. Water service type, size and location;
  - b. Meter size and location; and
  - c. Backflow prevention assembly size, type and location.
14. All fire sprinkling lines shall have a minimum protection of an approved double check valve assembly for containment of the system.

15. All glycol (ethylene or propylene), or antifreeze systems shall have an approved reduced pressure principle backflow preventer for containment.
16. Dry fire systems shall have an approved double check valve assembly installed upstream of the air pressure valve.
17. In cases where the installation of a backflow prevention assembly or method would compromise the integrity of the fire sprinkler system the Town of Lake City water system will not require the backflow protection. The Town of Lake City will measure chlorine residual at the service connection once a month and perform periodic bacteriological testing at the site. If the Town of Lake City determines that water quality issues exist it may require that the fire sprinkler system be flushed periodically.

(D) Inspection, Testing, and Repair.

- a. Backflow prevention devices or methods shall be tested by a certified cross-connection control technician upon installation and tested at least annually thereafter. Tests shall be made at the expense of the customer.
- b. Backflow prevention devices, or methods that are non-testable, shall be inspected at least once annually by a certified cross-connection control technician. Inspections shall be made at the expense of the customer.
- c. As necessary, backflow prevention devices shall be repaired and retested or replaced and tested, at the expense of the customer whenever the devices are found to be defective.
- d. Testing gauges shall be tested and calibrated for accuracy at least once annually.

(E) Reporting and Recordkeeping.

- a. Copies of records of test reports, repairs and retests, or replacements shall be kept by the customer for a minimum of three (3) years.
- b. Copies of records of test reports, repairs and retests shall be submitted to the Town of Lake City by mail, facsimile or electronic mail by the testing company or testing technician.
- c. Information on test reports shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  1. Assembly or method type;
  2. Assembly or method location;

3. Assembly manufacturer, model and serial number;
4. Assembly size;
5. Test date;
6. Test results including all results that would justify a pass or fail outcome;
7. The certified cross-connection control technician's certification agency, certification number, and certification expiration date; and
8. The test kit manufacturer, model, serial number, and calibration date.

(F) Right of Entry. The Town of Lake City shall have the right of entry to inspect any and all buildings and premises for the presence of cross connections for possible contamination risk to and for determining compliance with this Section. This right of entry shall be a condition of water service in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of customers throughout the Town of Lake City water distribution system.

(G) Compliance.

- a. Customers shall cooperate with the installation, inspection, testing, maintenance, and as needed repair and replacement, of backflow prevention assemblies and with the inspection process. For any identified uncontrolled cross-connections, the Town of Lake City shall complete one of the following actions within one-hundred-twenty (120) days of its discovery:
  1. Control the cross-connection;
  2. Remove the cross-connection;
  3. Suspend service to the cross-connection; or
  4. Suspend water service to the property.
- b. The Town of Lake City shall give notice in writing to any customer whose plumbing system has been found to present a risk to Town of Lake City water distribution system through an uncontrolled cross connection. The notice shall state that the customer must install a backflow prevention assembly or method at each service connection to the customer's premises to contain the water service. The notice will give a date by which the customer must comply.

- c. In instances where a backflow prevention assembly or method cannot be installed, the customer must install approved backflow prevention devices or methods at all cross-connections within the customer's water supply system. The notice will give a date by which the customer must comply with the order.
- (H) **Violations and Penalties.** It shall be unlawful to violate any provision of this Section 16.1-24. Violations of this Section are declared to be a nuisance, which may be abated in any lawful manner. The Town of Lake City Code Enforcement Officer shall have the power to issue warning notices or a summons and complaint to any person in violation of this Section.
- (I) **Conflict with Other Law.** In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Section and any state or federal law, rule or regulation, or other Town ordinances or regulations, the more stringent shall apply.

Section 3:

This ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day following publication, pursuant to COLO. REV. STAT. § 31-16-105.

Section 4:

Section 16.1-17-E, of the Town of Lake City Municipal Code, is hereby repealed on the date this ordinance becomes effective.

Section 5:

The repeal and amendment of various provisions of the Town of Lake City Municipal Code by this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed, any penalty incurred, any contract, right, or duty established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 6:

If any provision of this ordinance or the application of it to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications. The provisions of this ordinance are expressly declared to be severable.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lake City, Colorado, this 15th day of March, 2017.

TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO

  
Bruce Vierheller, Mayor

I, Jamie L. Turrentine, certify and attest that Ordinance 2017-01 was introduced and adopted by the Board of Trustees for the Town of Lake City at the regular meeting on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

  
Jamie L. Turrentine, CMC, Town Clerk