

City of Walsenburg



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121 W 6th St.
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To Whom it may concern,

The Colorado Department Health and Environment Water Quality Division requires the City of Walsenburg to survey all Non-Single-Family buildings for compliance with backflow preventer and cross connection regulations.

The City of Walsenburg recently performed a backflow preventer and cross connection survey and discovered that no backflow preventer is installed at the above mentioned property.

An RPZ (Reduced Pressure Zone) needs to be installed on the main water service line entering the building. **The deadline for installation is April 30th, 2023.** After installing the RPZ, the RPZ needs to be tested by a certified backflow tester. A copy of the test results needs to be forwarded to the City of Walsenburg. Each year thereafter, the RPZ needs to be tested annually and a copy of the test results need to be forwarded to the City of Walsenburg. A diagram depicting a reduced pressure zone backflow preventer has been included for your information.

The Walsenburg Municipal Code Sec. 13-2-520 (f) (2)-(3) states as follows.

“(2) Water service to any premises shall be denied or discontinued, as the case may be, by the utility if:

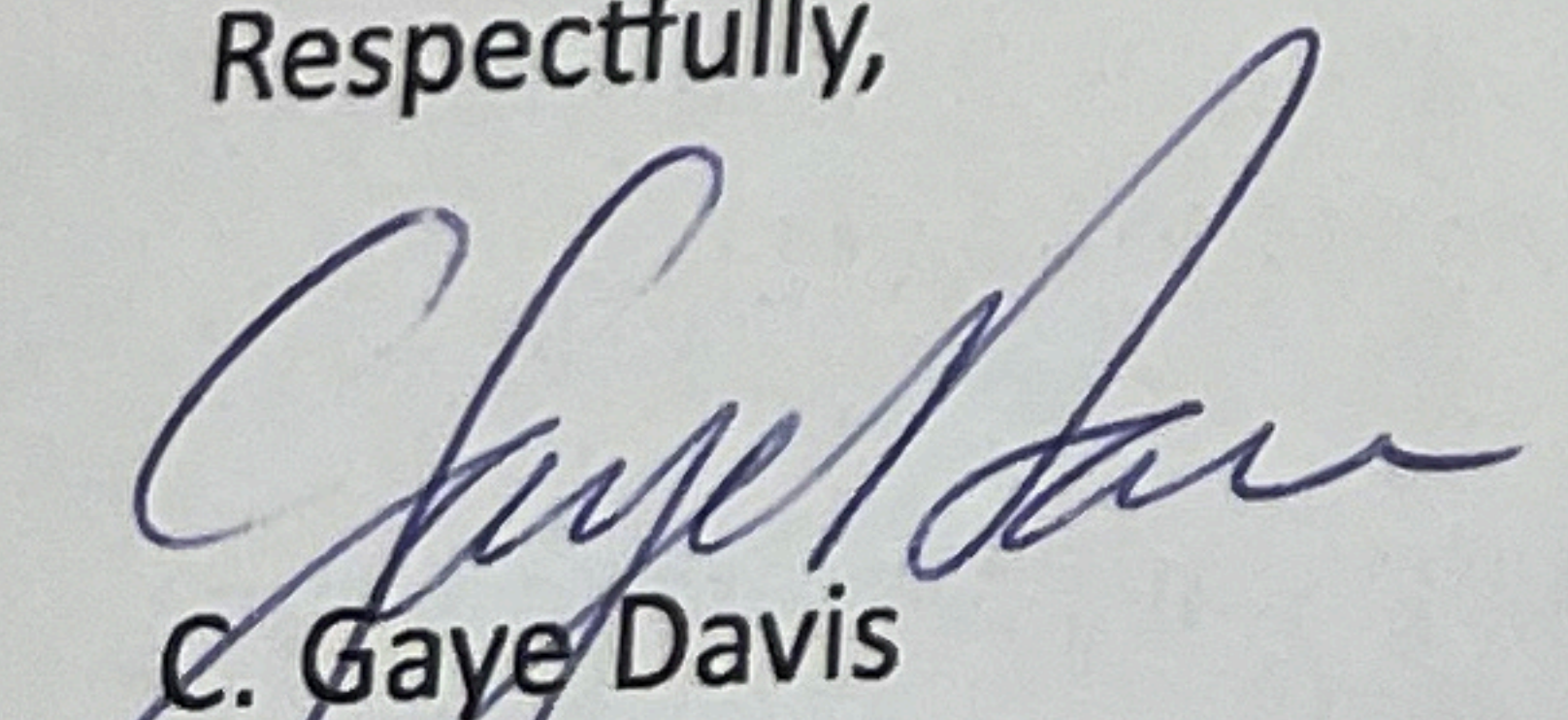
- a. A backflow preventer required by this Article is not installed within the time period specified by the director;
- b. An approved backflow preventer has been removed or bypassed; or
- c. An unprotected cross-connection exists on the premises; or
- d. An approve backflow preventer is not maintained.”

“(3) Whenever service is denied or discontinued, it shall not be provided or restored until the condition or defect in Subsection (f)(2) has been corrected.”

If you have any questions, please contact City Administrator, Gaye Davis at cityadmin@walsenburg.org or 719-695-1030.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Respectfully,


C. Gaye Davis
City Administrator

