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Kaukauna Utilities

To: Legislative Committee
From: Zachary Moureau
Date: January 16, 2023
Re: Recommended ordinance update to Chapter 13.06(3) Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

As a result of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) 2022 Sanitary Survey, the WDNR recommended modification to the City of Kaukauna ordinance Chapter 13.06(3) "Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention – Inspections" to align with State of Wisconsin regulatory code. Current ordinance language requires cross connection inspections at all non-residential facilities on a two-year interval; however, s. NR 810.15(1)(c) allows commercial properties that are similar or less risk than a residential property to be inspected on a ten-year interval. Revision of the language in the ordinance will lead to easier identification of the higher risk facilities. Cross connection ordinances for surrounding communities were researched and these revisions bring the ordinance in line with other communities. The Utility Commission approved the below language change at the December 22, 2022 Utility Commission Meeting.

13.06 Cross Connection Control And Backflow Prevention

3. Inspections.

It shall be the duty of the utility to cause inspections to be made of all properties serviced by the utility where cross-connection with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspection, based on potential health hazards involved, shall be as established by the City Water Utility and as approved by the State Department of Natural Resources. ~~Residential properties serviced by the utility shall be inspected on a ten-year interval. All nonresidential properties serviced by the utility shall be inspected on a two-year interval.~~ The utility may, but is not required to, perform the cross-connection inspection of the owner's property. If, in the opinion of the utility, the

utility is not able to perform the inspection, the property owner must, at their own expense, have the plumbing inspected for cross-connections by a state certified cross-connection inspector/surveyor or by a state licensed plumber. ~~The frequency of required inspections and reinspections, based on potential health hazards involved, may be shortened by the utility.~~ The utility shall charge fees as approved by the state public service commission for on-premises follow-up visits by utility personnel for reinspection due to customer noncompliance and for after-hours inspections or reinspections.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Chapter 13.06(3) Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention as presented and forward the updated ordinance to the Common Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary J. Moureau".

Zachary Moureau
Environmental & Compliance Manager

