

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 471**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.14 OF TITLE 11 OF THE MARIN
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT CODE ENTITLED WATER SERVICE RULES AND
REGULATIONS UPDATING DISTRICT CROSS CONNECTION PREVENTION
MEASURES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 11.14 of the District Code entitled Cross Connections to ensure compliance with the State Water Resource Control Board's Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook and the District's Cross Connection Control Plan and to protect the public health through the establishment of standards intended to ensure that the District's drinking water distribution system will not be subject to the backflow of liquids, gases, or other substances.

SECTION 2. Section 11.14.010 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled "Purpose" is hereby amended to read as follows:

This chapter is intended to ensure that all new and existing district water service connections shall conform with the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook Standards and Principles for California's Public Water Systems (CCCPH) and the District Cross Connection Control Plan (District Plan), as may be amended from time to time, to protect the district drinking water distribution system from the backflow of liquids, gases, or other substances . The requirements of this chapter are in addition to any requirements of federal, state or local law.

SECTION 3. Section 11.14.020 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled "California Administrative Code provisions adopted" is deleted in its entirety and retitled and replaced with the following:

Section 11.14.020- "SWRCB CCCHP and District Plan provisions adopted and incorporated herein."

The requirements of the SWRCB CCCPH and the District Plan, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby incorporated by this reference and made a part hereof, insofar as the same are applicable to the protection of the water supply of the district.

SECTION 4. Section 11.14.030 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled "Definitions" is deleted in its entirety and retitled and replaced with the following:

11.14.030- "Inspections"

The consumer's system shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times to authorized representatives of the district to determine whether cross-connections or sanitary hazards, including violations of this chapter exist.

SECTION 5. Section 11.14.040 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled “Inspections” is deleted in its entirety and retitled and replaced with the following:

11.14.040- “Consumer responsibility”

It shall be the duty of the consumer, at any premises where backflow protection assemblies are required, to furnish, install, maintain and have tested by a certified tester, the assemblies at their own expense. In accordance with this chapter, a test shall be made as soon as is practical after installation and at least once a year thereafter; however, the district may require more frequent tests if extreme hazards exist or successive inspections disclose repeated failures in the operation of any assembly. The consumer shall notify the district when the assembly has been installed. Assemblies shall be repaired, overhauled, or replaced at the expense of the consumer whenever they are found to be unapproved or defective. Records of such tests, repairs and overhaul shall be maintained by the consumer and shall be promptly forwarded to the district by the consumer.

SECTION 6. Section 11.14.050 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled “Backflow prevention” is deleted in its entirety and retitled and replaced with the following:

11.14.050- “Discontinuance of service.”

In accordance with Chapter 11.28, water service to any premises may be discontinued by the district, pursuant to this chapter if a backflow prevention assembly is not installed, tested and/or maintained; or if any deficiency is found in the installation or operation of a backflow prevention assembly; or if it is found that a backflow prevention assembly has been removed, or bypassed. Service shall not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected. Any cost to the district for the investigation and abatement of a deficiency shall be included in the charges due before service is restored.

SECTION 7. Section 11.14.060 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled “Type of backflow prevention assemblies required” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 8. Section 11.14.070 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled “Installation of backflow prevention assemblies” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Section 11.14.080 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled “Consumer responsibility” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 10. Section 11.14.090 of the Marin Municipal Water District Code entitled “Discontinuance of service” is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 11. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion or part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such section shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code. The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional and, to that end, declares the provisions of this ordinance severable from one another.

SECTION 12. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2025, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Matt Samson
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Terrie Gillen
Board Secretary