ORDINANCE #02-05-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO, TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Section 6109.13 of the Ohio Revised Code requires protection of the public water system from contamination through any connection whereby water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water system may enter the public water system; and

WHEREAS, Section 3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code requires protection of the public water system due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio environmental Protection Agency requires the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will systematically and effectively present the contamination of all portable water system; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these goals it is necessary to introduce restrictions that go beyond usual plumbing code requirements; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the Village of Rockford, State of Ohio:

SECTION ONE
That if, in the judgment of the Village Administrator, an approved backflow device is necessary for the safety of the public water system, the Village Administrator will give notice to the water consumer to install such an approved device immediately. The water consumer shall, at his own expense, install such an approved device at a location and in a manner approved by the Village Administrator and shall have inspections and tests made of such approved devices as required by the Village Administrator.

SECTION TWO
That no person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the Village of Rockford, Ohio may enter the supply or distributing system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Village Administrator of Rockford and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

SECTION THREE
That it shall be the duty of the Village Administrator to cause surveys and investigations to be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Village Administrator shall deem necessary.

SECTION FOUR
That the Village Administrator of the Village of Rockford or his duly authorized representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Village of Rockford for the purpose of inspecting piping system or systems thereof. On demand the owner, lessees, or occupants of any property so served shall furnish the Village Administrator any information, which he may request regarding the piping system or systems or water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall, within the discretion of the Village Administrator, be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION FIVE
That the Village Administrator of Rockford is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this ordinance is known to exist, and to take other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions shall have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

PASSED, this 5th day of March, 2002