

Ordinance No. ~~71001~~
Cross Connections

An ordinance regulating cross connections within the public water supply system, i.e., a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which water of a questionable quality, wastes or other contaminants may enter the public water system of the Township of Ford River, Delta County, Michigan.

The Township of Ford River Ordains:

Section 1. A) That Ford River Township adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality being R. 325.11401 to R. 325.11407 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

B) This section does not supersede the states plumbing code, but is supplementary to them.

C) All construction, or modification of any type; with the intention of using the Ford River Township Water Utility shall be subject to an initial Cross Connection (CC) inspection prior to water service being provided.

Section 2. Private Wells

A) All private wells located within Ford River Township either existing or as planned construction, must be registered with the Delta-Menominee District Health Department. Private Wells are defined but not limited to:

1) Any water source of above ground origin, (i.e. any surface water, lake, river,

bay, pond, drainage ditch etc.)

2) Any water source of below ground origin, (i.e. any bored/driven water source, wells, points, casings, tubes, injectors, etc.)

B) Private wells cannot be connected or interconnected to the same piping as the township water supply.

C) Ford River Township will share all private well data with the Delta-Menominee District Health Department from time to time and at least annually for the use of that department in the enforcement of the water supply and sewer systems portion of the Public Health Code as found in MCL 333.12701-333.12715, MSA 14.15(12701)-14.15(12715).

Section 3. That it shall be the duty of Ford River Township to cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water supply where cross connections with the public water supply are deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspections based on the potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Ford River Township board and as approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Section 4. That the representative of Ford River Township, its Water Supervisor, or other appointed representative shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply of Ford River Township for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof for cross connections. On request the owner, lessees, or occupants of any property so served shall furnish to the inspector any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on such property. The refusal of such information or refusal of its access, when requested, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of cross connections.

Section 5. That the Ford River Township Board is hereby authorized by the State and the Township of Ford River to discontinue water service after reasonable notice to any property wherein any connection in violation of this ordinance exists, and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply system. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross connection (s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. That all testable backflow prevention devices shall be tested initially upon installation to be sure that the device is working properly. Subsequent testing of devices shall be conducted at a time interval specified by the Ford River Township Board and in accordance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements. Only individuals approved by the Township Board shall be qualified to perform such testing. That individual(s) shall certify the results of his/her testing.

Section 7. That the potable water supply made available on the properties served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified by this ordinance and by the State and Local plumbing codes. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as: **WATER UNSAFE FOR DRINKING**

Section 8. That any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any written order of the Ford River Township Board in the pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than **ONE HUNDRED (100.00) DOLLARS**, nor more than **FIVE HUNDRED (500.00) DOLLARS** for each violation. Each day upon which a violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall occur shall be deemed a separate and additional violation of the the purpose of this ordinance.

Section 9. That any person or customer desiring to install any in-ground sprinkler system, any in-ground or above-ground swimming or wading pool or other situations where any installation could cause or have a potential for a cross connection of the township water utility supply shall be subject to the above provisions of this ordinance.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED and adopted by the Township of Ford River, Delta County, Michigan, on this 16th day of July, 2001.

Roll Call Vote:	<u>5</u> Ayes	<u>0</u> Nays
G. Boudreau	<u>X</u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
T. King	<u>X</u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
D. Wellman	<u>X</u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
D. Dubord	<u>X</u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
B. Judson	<u>X</u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay

Diane Dubord
Diane Dubord, Township Clerk
Township of Ford River

7-9-01
Date