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The Honorable,
The Common Council

RE: An ordinance relating to plumbing and public water supply cross-connection control regulations and inspections.

Changes are proposed to "Section 97-12. Cross-Connection Control Regulations" to make the city's code consistent with new Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations. The major changes in the revised ordinance are:

- Changing the definition of residential and commercial premises to conform to the definitions in the state plumbing code. Residential premises are defined as one and two family dwellings. Three and four family dwellings are now in the category of commercial premises.
- In lieu of performing a cross-connection inspection, educational materials will be provided every three years to residential premises which have normal kitchen and bathroom fixtures.
- Commercial and public authority premises will be inspected every ten years. This will require Milwaukee Water Works to provide a detailed schedule to the DNR for their review and approval. If approved, the ten year cycle of inspections will replace the two-year cycle that is included in the DNR regulations.
- Water service may be disconnected if access to the premises is denied.
- An annual report summarizing cross-connection activities is required to be submitted to the DNR.

Do not hesitate to contact me at 286-2801 if you require additional information on this proposed change to the ordinance.

Very truly yours,

Carrie M. Lewis, Superintendent
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