

**LRB - FISCAL SECTION ANALYSIS**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2004 AGENDA** **ITEM 13, FILE 031241**  
**ZONING & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** **EMMA J. STAMPS**

File #031241 is a substitute ordinance relating to cross-connection control regulations for the public water system. (Water Works)

**Background and Discussion**

1. This ordinance establishes cross-connection regulations for the public water system.
2. The objective is to develop a hazardous materials backflow control program that ensures compliance with DNR requirements to protect the water supply from possible contamination caused by backflow of contaminants.
3. Examples of causes of cross-connection contaminations include:
  - Main breaks
  - Residential washing machine drain pipes submerged in a filled sanitary tub
4. The program must comply with state plumbing code and public water system legislation.
5. Responsibility for the cross-connection system shall remain with the Water Works.
6. The Water Works or its contractor plans to conduct compliance inspections on commercial and industrial properties every 10 years, as indicated in File 031241 substitute 3.
7. Any person found in non-compliance with any lawful order issued by the Water Works, is subject to reinspection fees, water service disconnection, forfeiture of \$150-\$5,000, or imprisonment in the house of correction, pursuant to s. 200-33-48 and s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code.

**Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal note was on file.

**Other Information**

In an earlier substitute ordinance to the file, Substitute 2, it was proposed that the Water Works, or its contractor, plans to inspect residential properties no less frequent than once every 20 years, and contract with the Department of Neighborhood Services to inspect commercial properties no less frequent than once every 10 years – a plan reiterated in the 2003 Proposed Budget Summary for the Water Works.

However, Mayor's 2005 Proposed Budget Summary discussion of Water Works budget (pg. 183) indicates, "the cost of the program in 2005 is \$404,360 and will be fully phased in over the next three years" using Water Works revenue.

Annual expenditure and revenue projections beyond 2005 were unavailable at the time of this writing.

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