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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe the procedures required for testing any and all backflow prevention devices.

2. AUTHORITY

This policy is adopted pursuant to Section 68-27 of the Charlotte City Code.

3. GENERALLY

It is the intent of the City of Charlotte to manage backflow prevention devices in a consistent, reasonable and responsible manner and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the City of Charlotte Code of Ordinances. This policy is intended to assure proper testing of the equipment in accordance with rules established by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality thus protecting the City of Charlotte's water supply and assuring its safety for public consumption.

4. REQUIREMENTS

Customers with backflow prevention devices, including those on fire protection and irrigation systems, must have the devices tested annually by a tester certified in accordance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's *Cross Connection Rules Manual*. It is the responsibility of the occupant of the property where the device is installed to send all test results to the City of Charlotte annually.

4.1 Beginning with calendar year 2015, test results must be received not later than June 1.

5. VIOLATIONS

If the occupant of the property where a backflow prevention device is installed fails to provide test results in accordance with this policy, a notice of violation will be issued. The occupant of the property will be given 10 days within which to come into compliance with this policy. If compliance is not achieved by the deadline established in the violation notice, a notice will be posted on the premises advising that the water service to the property will be terminated at a date not fewer than 3 days following the date of the posting.

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6. RECONNECTION OF WATER SERVICE FOLLOWING SHUTOFF

When a water service has been terminated pursuant to paragraph 5 of this policy, it will not subsequently be reconnected until after testing has been completed by a certified and licensed tester. Such test results shall not be accepted by the City unless the test is conducted in the presence of an employee of the Department of Public Works.

6.1 Appointments with the Department of Public Works to witness testing of backflow prevention devices and to reconnect water service must be made not less than 24 hours in advance

6.2 The charge for reconnecting water service shall be \$30.00 if performed during regular business hours and \$70.00 if performed other than during regular business hours.

6.2.1 If subsequent appointments are required as a result of a test failure, failure to meet City personnel at the scheduled time or for any other reason attributable to actions of the occupant or its tester, additional charges equal to those described in paragraph 6.2 shall be levied for each subsequent appointment.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective upon its approval by the City Council.