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Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing and Maintenance

Title 30, Part 1, Chapters 290.44 and 290.46 of the Texas Administrative Code states that the city is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from the possibility of contamination or pollution by isolating within the user's system such contaminants or pollutants which could backflow into the public water supply as well as provide for the monitoring and enforcement of a continuing program of backflow and cross contamination prevention.

In accordance with this state mandate, backflow prevention assemblies must be tested and certified by a certified tester. Backflow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications **at least annually** by a certified tester. Backflow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against non-health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications once every four (4) years by a certified tester.

The user shall maintain accurate records of tests and repairs to backflow preventive devices and provide the Planning Department with original hard copies of such records in accordance with Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code 290.44(h)(4)(c).

All assembly testing must be conducted by a certified backflow tester on Form TCEQ-20700 with all fields completed. It is the responsibility of the user to contact the Planning Department immediately via email, fax or phone communication upon an assembly test failure. Repairs and a passing report must be received by the Planning Department within 24 hours of an assembly test failure.

It shall be the duty of the user to require that tests be performed at the time of the initial installation and thereafter by a certified tester. The original hard copy of test results shall be submitted to the Planning Department before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

Following the repair, re-piping, overhaul, or relocation of an assembly, the user shall have the assembly tested by a certified tester and provide the Planning Department with original hard copies of such records.

Appendix F: Assessment of Hazards and Selection of Assemblies will provide guidance regarding the description of premises that need a backflow prevention assembly, the assessment of the hazard (which will determine how often testing must be conducted) and the required assembly.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the Planning Department.