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**15.32.080 State connection regulations—Backflow Protection Apparatus (BPA) control devices.**

- A. In making plumbing connections, the customer shall comply with the most recent version of the State Water Resources Control Board Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH), as well as, all other codes and regulations of the state and county departments of public health related to public drinking water.
1. ~~—~~In addition to the applicable state and county regulations, the following is prohibited, unlawful and a misdemeanor subject to punishment in accordance with Chapter 1.12 of this code, because of the threat to the public health:
- a. Unprotected cross connections between a public supply and any unapproved source of water; and
  - b. Water service to premises where there is a possibility of contaminated water back flowing into the public water system.
2. In addition, approved double check valves or other protective devices shall be installed on water services when:
- a. Another source of water, whether cross connected or not, is in use or is available for use; or
  - b. Containing liquid substances of any kind are used, produced, or processed.
- B. The Cross Connection Control Specialist ~~director~~ shall determine the type, design and layout of BPA backflow control devices required at each premises, and the devices shall be purchased and installed at the expense of the customer.
- ~~C. All~~The BPA control devices shall be inspected and, tested annually, and approved by a properly certified Backflow Tester -that is approved by the ~~the Cross Connection Control Specialist director~~ as a condition of services to the premises.
- D. All BPA protective cages must be approved by the Cross Connection Control Specialist prior to installation.
- ~~E. G.~~ Pursuant to Merced Municipal Code Sections 17.28.020 and 17.32.080, the only approved residential fire sprinkler system shall be a 'multipurpose' design and shall be a 'passive purge' system as per NFPA 13D and the California Building Code.

(Ord. No. 2501, § 1, 6-17-2019; Ord. 2167 § 2, 2004: prior code § 31.10(b))