

POLICY

CROSS CONNECTIONS & BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM
FEE STRUCTURE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

POLICY STATEMENT

The Cross Connections and Backflow Prevention Program as documented in the OPU Watermain Material and Installation Specifications is in place to prevent the contamination of the Public water supply. OPU considers any non-compliance to this program to be a serious issue with possible negative implications to the health and well being of the public. The following penalty structure is in place to help facilitate compliance with the program.

PENALTY

- 1) Failure to complete required backflow prevention assembly testing at intervals prescribed in the Program specifications.
 - a) The Owatonna Public Utilities will notify in writing each water customer that is delinquent in submitting their annual backflow prevention assembly tests. This first written notice shall give the water customer a maximum of 30 calendar days to have the assembly tested and submitted.
 - b) Each customer that has failed to comply with Section 1)a) shall be issued a written notice, called the "Second Notice." A fee in the amount of \$50 shall be added to the monthly bill for the service owner that is in violation. In the case where a "Second Notice" is issued to the same service in subsequent years, the "Second Notice" fee shall be increased to \$100 per violation and shall remain at \$100 for all future years. This written notice shall give the water customer a maximum of 15 calendar days to have the assembly tested and submitted.
 - c) Failure to submit testing prior to the prescribed grace period granted by the second notice. OPU may terminate the water supply to the customer for being non-compliant to the Program specifications. A fee of \$50 shall be added to the monthly bill for the service owner that is in violation for the reestablishment of water service to the customer.

- 2) Failure to be in compliance with the requirements of the Program specifications.
 - a) OPU may terminate the water supply to the customer for being non-compliant to the Program specifications. A fee of \$50 shall be added to the monthly bill for the service owner that is in violation for the reestablishment of water service to the customer.

TAXES

The above rates do not include any taxes.

EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2008

Adopted this 25th day of September 2007 by the Owatonna Public Utilities Commission,

/s/ David J. Emanuelson, President.

/s/ Scott L. Schreiner
Vice President

/s/ Stephen J. Shurts
General Manager

/s/ Raymond Truelson
Commissioner

Charles G. Mayhew
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/s/ Steve Stansberry
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