



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Water Utilities
ACM: Cassey Ogden
DATE: March 24, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas; adding an Article XIII entitled Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention to Chapter 26 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances; providing for a replacement program to control cross-connections and prevent backflow; regulating the protection of the city's potable water supply; providing backflow prevention assembly and installation requirements; providing a maintenance and testing program for backflow prevention assemblies; repealing Ordinance No. 97-369; providing a penalty up to \$2000 for each violation of this ordinance; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND

The Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program safeguards the City of Denton public drinking water system from backflow events.

Backflow events occur when water flows in the opposite direction of normal flow, potentially crossing from a water customer's private plumbing system back into the public water distribution system. Cross Connections are any actual or potential connections between a drinking water system and a non-drinking water source. If a Cross Connection is not properly protected, contaminated water can enter the public water supply during a backflow event.

Staff has updated the existing ordinance to reflect current regulatory requirements, industry best practices, and general program updates.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2 - Ordinance

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