

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-74**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Peter Ives

6 Councilor Chris Rivera

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE**
12 **NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE CROSS CONNECTION**
13 **CONTROL PROGRAM AND ORDINANCE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE CITY'S**
14 **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, cross connections and backflow in water supply systems represent a significant
17 public health risk; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe Public Utilities Department has determined that certain
19 cross connections in the City of Santa Fe public water supply system, (PWSS) pose a potential hazard
20 to water quality within the system; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the installation of backflow prevention devices to counteract back pressure or
22 prevent back-siphonage into the PWSS is necessary for the protection of public health, welfare and
23 safety; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Section 20.7.10.400 of the New Mexico Administrative Code requires the

1 public water system is protected by a device or other method to prevent the backflow of water; and

2 **WHEREAS**, compliance with the 2008 Uniform Plumbing Code amendments require that
3 additional back prevention assemblies shall be installed with an onsite water system, at the point of
4 connection to any piece of equipment, plumbing fixture, device, or any type of installation that may
5 result in the introduction of a pollutant or contamination into the public water supply; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the only way to ensure the current standards required by the Universal
7 Plumbing Code and the American Water Works Association for the installation of backflow
8 prevention devices are being met is through the implementation of a program which verifies the
9 installation and ongoing maintenance of these devices and inspects their operability on a regular
10 basis; and

11 **WHEREAS**, for the City to be eligible for state funding of water projects, documentation
12 must be submitted to the Water Trust Board of an implemented cross-connection control program;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to protect the City of Santa Fe PWSS against
15 actual or potential cross contamination or pollution which may occur because of unknown,
16 undiscovered or unauthorized cross connection on a customer (user's) system; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is the Council's desire to protect the City of Santa Fe drinking water supply
18 within a premise where plumbing defects or cross connections may endanger this supply, as made
19 available to the customer (user); and

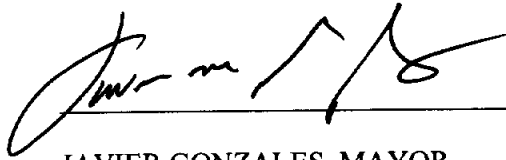
20 **WHEREAS**, it is the Council's further desire to eliminate any existing cross connection
21 between the City of Santa Fe's drinking water system and other sources of water that are not
22 approved as safe and potable for human consumption; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe desires to protect its water system with a comprehensive
24 cross-connection control program to ensure contaminants do not enter the water system through
25 backflow from customers internal plumbing.

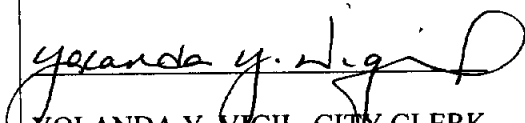
1 backflow from customers internal plumbing.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff of the Public Utilities Department is heretofore directed to study the
4 necessary components of a comprehensive cross-connection control program and prepare an
5 ordinance with all of the requirements of such program as a recommendation to the Governing Body
6 for adoption as the City of Santa Fe Cross Connection Control Ordinance.

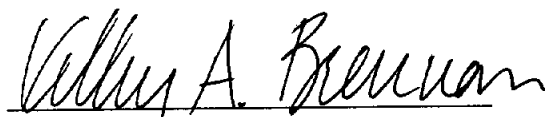
7 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2014.

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10 JAVIER GONZALES, MAYOR

11 ATTEST:

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13 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY
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