



## I. Purpose

A. To protect the public potable water supply served by the Lowndes County Utilities Department from the possibility of contamination or pollution by isolating, within its customers internal distribution system, such contaminants or pollutants which could backflow or back-siphon into the public water system.

B. To promote the elimination or control of existing cross-connections, actual or potential, between its customers in-plant potable water system, and non-potable systems.

C. To provide for the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will effectively prevent the contamination or pollution of all potable water systems by cross-connection.

## II. Authority

A. The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and the statutes of the Georgia Rules for Safe Drinking Water Section 391-3-5.13. The water purveyor, the Lowndes County Utilities Department has the primary responsibility for preventing water from unapproved sources, or any other substances, from entering the public potable water system.

B. Lowndes County Unified Land Development Code, Water and Sewer Code Adopted

## III. Responsibility

The Director of Utilities shall be responsible for the protection of the public potable water distribution system from contamination or pollution due to the backflow or back-siphonage of contaminants or pollutants through the water service connection. If, in the judgment of the Director of Utilities, an approved backflow device is required at the County's water service connection to any customer's premises, the Director, or his/her delegated agent, shall give notice in writing to said customer to install an approved backflow prevention device at each service connection to his/her premises. The customer shall, within 90 days, install such approved device or devices, at his/her own expense. Failure, refusal, or inability on the part of the customer to install said device or devices within ninety (90) days, shall constitute grounds for discontinuing water service to the premises until such device or devices have been properly installed.