

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04 THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES IN THE CITY'S PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, AND FINDING THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13.04.010 of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended, by adding the following definitions in their proper alphabetical order"

"AIR GAP SEPARATION. A physical break where a pipe or hose is connected to or discharged into a vessel or conduit, provided that the break is at least double the diameter of the pipe, measured vertically above the rim of the receiving vessel or conduit and in no case less than one inch."

"BACKFLOW. Reverse flow of water or any other fluid or substance or any combination or any mixture thereof from the customer's system into the city's water distribution system."

"BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE. An approved device which will prevent Backflow into the city's water distribution system including, without limitation, a Reduced Pressure Principle Device and an Air Gap Separation."

"CERTIFIED TESTER. A person who is certified by Los Angeles County as a backflow prevention device tester."

"DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. The Director of Public Works for the City or their designee."

"LEGAL AUTHORITY. The power or right conferred by federal, state, or local law – including the City Council or any duly authorized official or body-to adopt regulations, make decisions, take actions, or enforce requirements within the City's jurisdiction."

"POTABLE WATER. Water that is suitable, safe, or prepared for drinking."

"REDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPLE DEVICE. A device incorporating two or more check valves and an automatically operating differential relief valve located between the two checks, a tightly closing shut-off valve on each side of the check valve assembly, and equipped with necessary test cocks for testing."

SECTION 2. Section 13.04.110 of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows (text to be added is underlined, text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~):

“§ 13.04.110 SERVICE CONNECTIONS.

(A) *Size and location.* The Utility Department shall furnish and install a service of such size and at such location as the applicant requests; provided, however, the minimum size shall be one inch. The service shall be installed from the water distribution main to curblineline and shall be at the customer's expense for actual cost incurred.

(B) *Meters.*

(1) Meters shall be installed at the curb and shall be owned by the city. The cost of the meter, meter box, and appurtenant fittings shall be included in the cost of all new service connections and shall be the responsibility of the customer. There will be no charge for a meter reinstalled at an existing service connection except where noted elsewhere in this chapter.

(2) All meters shall be sealed by the Utility Department at the time of installation and no seal shall be altered or broken except by one of its authorized employees or agents.

(3) All premises requiring fire suppression shall install a minimum meter size of one inch.

SECTION 3. Section 13.04.300 of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended, to read as follows (text to be added is underlined, text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~):

“§ 13.04.300 CROSS-CONNECTION—UTILITY.

~~To comply with the regulations of the California State Department of Public Health and the drinking water standards of the United States Public Health Service, which prohibit unprotected cross connections between the public water supply and any approved source of water, the Utility Department shall~~ Water Resources Control Board “Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook,” referred to as CCCPH, and to prohibit unprotected cross-connections between the public water supply and any other approved source of water, the Utility Department shall, before service will be granted, require the customer to installation of a Backflow Prevention Device, Reduced Pressure Principle Device, and/or Air Gap Separation devices, approved by the State of California, under any of the following conditions listed below. Installation will be done by and at the expense of the customer ~~before service will be granted.~~

(A) Where the premises are or may be engaged in industrial processes using or producing process waters or liquid industrial wastes, or where the premises are or may be engaged in handling sewage or any other dangerous substances;

(B) Where the circumstances are such that there is special danger of backflow sewage or other contaminated liquids through plumbing fixtures, equipment using or treating water, or storage tanks and reservoirs;

(C) Where pipes are installed for private fire protection.”

SECTION 4. Section 13.04.330 of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows (text to be added is underlined, text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~):

“§ 13.04.330 BACKFLOW PROTECTION ON ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY LINES.

Whenever backflow-protection against Cross-Connection has been found necessary by the Utility on a water supply line entering a customer's premises, any and all water supply lines entering such premises shall be protected by an approved Backflow Prevention Device, Reduced Pressure Principle Device, or Air Gap Separation devices, regardless of the use of the additional water supply lines.”

SECTION 5. Section 13.04.340 of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“§ 13.04.340 INSPECTION OF BACKFLOW PROTECTION DEVICES.

(A) The customer of any premises on which Cross-Connection prevention devices are required to be installed by this Chapter shall have the devices tested by a Certified Tester annually and immediately after installation, relocation or repair. No such device shall be placed back in service unless it is certified to be functioning as required. The Utility may require more frequent testing if it is determined to be necessary by the Director of Public Works. A device shall be serviced, overhauled, or replaced immediately whenever it is found to be defective, and all costs of repair and maintenance shall be borne by the customer.

(B) The Utility shall issue an annual notice to the customer to arrange for inspection and testing of each device on the premises by a Certified Tester no less than 30 days before the due date of the inspection. The notice shall include the date by which the testing must be completed and where a list of Certified Testers and their contact information may be obtained. Any failure of the Utility to timely give the annual notice, or the customer's non-receipt of such notice shall not excuse compliance.

(C) The Certified Tester must complete and upload the correct and completed forms electronically to the Utility's backflow portal demonstrating testing and inspection compliance within 30 days of the initial notice. In the event of any failed test, the subject device must be repaired or replaced and retested, and the completed test certificate uploaded to the backflow portal within 30 days of the failure test date.

(D) Compliance with this section shall be deemed completed for each year when the Utility receives the completed certified inspection form showing a successful test.

(E) If the customer does not comply with the inspection requirements of this section following notice, the Director of Public Works may, in their discretion, cause the device to be inspected by City staff or a contractor, order the immediate repair or replacement of the device if necessary, and bill the customer for the actual costs of inspection, repair, or replacement plus reasonable administrative cost.”

SECTION 6. The foregoing amendments to Chapter 13.04 of the Monrovia Municipal Code shall not affect or excuse any violation of said Chapter occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court

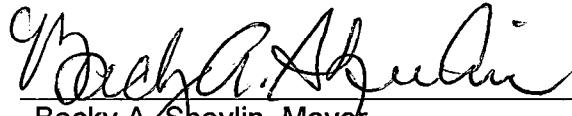
of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause the same or a summary to be published pursuant to state law, and said Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its passage.

SECTION 9. The adoption of this Ordinance is categorically exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(4) because it constitutes general policy and procedure making and government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

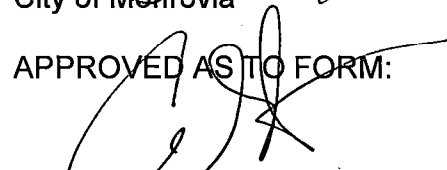
INTRODUCED this 1st day of July, 2025.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2025.



Becky A. Shevlin, Mayor
City of Monrovia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Craig A. Steele, City Attorney
City of Monrovia

ATTEST:



Alice D. Atkins, MMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) §
CITY OF MONROVIA)

I, ALICE D. ATKINS, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Monrovia, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2025-6; It has been published pursuant to law; was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the Monrovia City Council on the 15th, day of July, 2025, by the following vote:

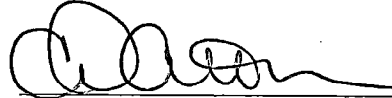
AYES: Councilmembers Belden, Jiménez, Spicer, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kelly, Mayor Shevlin

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:



Alice D. Atkins, MMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia