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CHAPTER 12.04

WATER

12.04.010 – Rates.

- a. For each month, for the first 3,000 gallons, or portion thereof, used \$^{*}39.89.
- b. For the next 1,000 gallons, or portion thereof, used \$1.⁰⁰ per thousand gallons. *up to 30,000 gallons*
- c. The minimum charge in any event for the use of Town water shall be \$^{*}39.89 per month. *As of 2/1/2021. It increases 4% annually.*

The rates for basic and overage will increase by 4% yearly to help defer the cost of inflation for repair and replacement of water lines. The Town Council hereby expressly reserves the right to change or revise the rates theretofore provided for by action of the council duly entered into its minutes. Rates shall be reviewed at a minimum of once per year.

12.04.020 – Removal of Standpipe. The standpipe at the Town Shop has been removed and will no longer sell water at \$.30 per 100 gallons.

12.04.030 – Rates for Property Containing a Multi-Family Dwelling. Where water is provided to any property containing a multi-family dwelling, or to a complex serving more than one family, including but not limited to apartments, duplexes and trailer or manufactured home courts, unless each dwelling is separately metered, there shall be a minimum charge of ~~\$39.89~~ per month, per unit served on said property and, for which the Town shall provide said property a quantity of water equal to 3,000 gallons times the number of family actually residing on said property during the month, or portion thereof, for which the owner is billed. Water provided on said property in excess of 3,000 gallons per family unit, shall be charged to the owner at the rates set forth in Section 1 hereof.

12.04.040 – Rates for Multipurpose Commercial/Industrial Building. Where water is provided to any property containing a commercial/industrial building, multipurpose building, or to a complex serving more than one business, Schools, Hotel, and Motels, unless separately metered, there shall be a minimum charge of ~~\$39.89~~ per month per for the first 3,000 gallons of water. All water usage over the initial 3,000 gallons of water will be charged at the rate of ~~\$39.89~~ per 1,000 gallons. *up to 30,000 gallons. \$1.25 per 1000 up to 50,000 gallons and \$1.50 per 1000 up to 75,000 gallons and \$2.00 per 1000 over 75,000 gallons used.*

12.04.050 – Lien against Premises. Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington Chapter 35.21, the Town of Colton shall have a lien against the premises to which water is furnished for four months charges therefor due or to become due, but not for any charges more than four months past due. The lien, for charges for service by the Town, may be enforced only by cutting off the service until the delinquent and unpaid charges are paid. In the event of a disputed account and tender by the owner of the premises, of the amount he claims to be due before the services cut off, the right to refuse service to any premises shall not accrue until suit has been entered by the Town and judgment entered in the case.

12.04.060 – Manner Used for Computing Charges—Setting Dates for Meter Reading. During each month of the year, except for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October, water customers will be billed in accordance with the estimated water usage of the premises. The estimated water usage will be equal to the average quantity of water used during the same billing period for the immediately two preceding years. Water meter shall be read during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October. The portion of the bill, with the area for meter readings for services with meters within the home must be returned no later than the 20th of each month. If the reading has not been returned by the 20th day of the month a late fee of \$10.00 will be added to the average water usage of the premises will be charged to the account. The Town Council hereby expressly reserves the right to change the meter reading months by resolution when deemed necessary.

The water bill for April of each year shall be adjusted to reflect the actual water usage for the period commencing with the reading of the water meter the time before the immediately preceding reading up to and including the immediately preceding reading of the water meter. Any sum found to be due the Town must be paid within twenty (20) days after the billing

thereof, or such billing shall be delinquent. If a credit is due from the City, the Town shall refund such credit within twenty (20) days from the date of mailing the adjusted water statement.

12.04.070 – Date Due and Payable—Delinquency and Returned Check Charges. All charges for water service shall be due and payable to the Town of Colton on or before the 20th day after the bill has been issued thereof, and shall become delinquent after said 20th day. A delinquency charge of \$1.00 plus 1% per month on unpaid account balance for each month that a delinquency is noted on a water bill shall be charged and collected at the time of payment of any bill. Said delinquency charge shall be noted on the water bill. The Town of Colton will charge a fee of \$10.00 on all returned checks.

12.04.080 – Fees for Reconnecting Water Service—Penalties for Providing Water to Consumer on Shut-Off Status. Any consumer who is sent a notice of intent of shut off from the water department, and does not pay the amount stated or at least ½ if not more towards the balance of the water account, by the shut off date, shall have the water shut off. Once the fee of the delinquent bill has been paid, or at least one half (1/2) or more of the balance has been paid, in addition to the \$50.00 reconnect fee, the water will be turned back on. At no time shall another customer of the water department supply a person who is on shut off, water through a backfill hose connection. If a consumer supplies water to a home on shut off, the party will be charged the same rate as a duplex or apartment in addition to the overage rate. There will also be a penalty of \$25.00 for the violation of this ordinance, charged per day, from the date of notification of the violation to this ordinance. The notice of violation will be sent to the violator by both certified mail and regular mail.

12.04.090 – Procedures for Connecting to Town's Water System. All persons, firms, companies or corporations desiring to connect to the water mains of the water system of the Town of Colton shall contact the water Superintendent for hookup. Upon payment of the connection charge, the person, firm, company or corporation to whom the Town Council shall have given the right for connection to the water main of said water system, will expose said main and trench to the property line of not less than three feet in depth at their expense under the direct supervision of the Water Superintendent. The Water Superintendent shall tap said main and install mater hook-up at the property line, the trench containing the new water service and exposed water main then shall be back-filled at the persons firm, companies or corporations expense under the Water Superintendents direct supervision.

12.04.100 – Water Hook Up Fee. The Town Council of the Town of Colton hereby deems it necessary to increase the water hook-up fee by increasing it to **\$3,500.00** .

12.04.110 – Severability. Except as otherwise provided herein, existing resolutions and ordinances or parts thereof conflicting with or inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 12.08

SEWER

12.08.010 – Definitions. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

1. "Applicant" means the owner, or authorized agent of the property to be served, and said applicant shall be the responsible person for payment of bills for sanitary sewer and/or domestic water service;
2. "BOD" (denoting biochemical oxygen demand) means the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five days at twenty degrees centigrade, expressed in milligrams per liter;
3. "Building" means all houses or properties used for human occupation, employment, recreation or other purpose, having one or more sinks and/or showers, and/or bathing facilities, and/or laundry facilities, and/or toilets, and shall not include garages or sheds not having any of the above appurtenances;
4. "Building drain" means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste and other drainage pipes inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the building sewer, beginning five feet (one and five-tenths meters) outside the inner face of the building wall;
5. "Building sewer" means the extension from the public sewer to the building drainage system;
6. "Combined sewer" means a sewer receiving both surface runoff and sewage;
7. "Garbage" means solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce;
8. "Industrial wastes" means the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage;
9. "Natural outlet" means any outlet into a water course, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or groundwater;
10. "Person" means any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group;
11. "pH" means the logarithm of the reciprocal of weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution;
12. "Private sewer" means the sewer line and disposal system constructed, installed, or maintained where connection with the public sewer system is not required herein;
13. "Properly shredded garbage" means the wastes from the preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no

- particle greater than one-half inch (one and twenty-seven hundredths centimeters) in any dimension;
14. "Public sewer" means a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights, and is controlled by public authority;
 15. "Sanitary sewer" means a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and ground waters are not intentionally admitted;
 16. "Sewage" means a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, institutions and industrial establishments, which wastes contain polluted matter subject to treatment at the sewage treatment plant; i.e., sanitary sewage;
 17. "Sewage treatment plant" means any arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage;
 18. "Sewage works" means all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage;
 19. "Sewer" means a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage;
 20. "Shall" is mandatory; "may" is permissive;
 21. "Slug" means any discharge of water, sewage, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen minutes more than five times the average twenty-four hour concentration of flows during normal operation;
 22. "Storm drain" (sometimes termed "storm sewer") means a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial wastes, other than unpolluted cooling water;
 23. "Superintendent" means the superintendent of the water and sewer department of the Town, or his authorized deputy, agent, or representative;
 24. "Suspended solids" means solids that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, and which are removable by laboratory filtering;
 25. "Town clerk" means the appointed town clerk of the Town of Colton, or her authorized deputy, agent, or representative
 26. "Watercourse" means a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

12.08.020 – Sewer Department Established. A sewer department of the Town of Colton is hereby established. The officers and other employees shall consist of a superintendent and such other personnel as the town council may from time to time deem necessary for the efficient administration of the department.

12.08.030 - Superintendent—Appointment—Term—Salary—Duties. The superintendent of the sewer department and such other personnel as the Town Council may from time to time authorize shall be appointed by the mayor and shall hold such appointment during the pleasure of

the mayor. The superintendent and such other personnel as may be authorized shall receive such salary as the town council may determine. The duties of the superintendent shall be to oversee and superintend the operation and maintenance of the sewer system, the making of repairs of all kinds, the construction of all extensions and additions, and all construction work of whatever nature whatsoever in connection with the sewer system being established and any new systems that may be established. The superintendent shall at all times be subject to the direction and authority of the mayor.

12.08.040 – Prohibited Deposits. It is unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the town, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the town, any human or animal excrement, garbage, or other objectionable waste.

12.08.050 – Sewage Treatment Required. It is unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the town or any area under its jurisdiction, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this chapter.

12.08.060 – Privy Cesspool Construction or Maintenance Prohibited. Except as hereinafter provided, it is unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool, or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage.

12.08.070 – Septic Tank Exception. No septic tanks shall be allowed to be installed, placed or replaced within the Town of Colton, unless special permission therefor is given by the Town Council. Such permission shall be given only in the event that the septic tank is installed at least 230 feet from the nearest sewer line and where soil and percolation tests show that the use of a septic tank does not create a substantial risk to human health and does not create a substantial likelihood that obnoxious odors will be emitted from the use of the tank.

12.08.080 – Connection with Sewer System Required—Notice. The owner of each lot or parcel of real property within the town, not already connected to the public sewer system of the town, upon which lot or parcel of property there is situated any building or structure for human occupation or use for any other purpose, shall install suitable toilet facilities therein, and shall connect such facilities, together with all other facilities therein, the use of which results in the existence of sewage as defined herein, with the public sewer system in accordance with the provision of this chapter, at his own expense. Said installation shall be within ninety days after publication in the official newspaper of the town of a notice to do so, signed by the town clerk, and provided there is a public sewer line within two hundred feet of the property line of such lot or parcel.

12.08.090 – Circumstances Allowing Private System. Where a public sewer line is not available under the provisions of Section 8, a private sewer and sewage disposal system shall be constructed, connected and maintained in accordance with the provisions herein.

12.08.100 – Connection Permit Required. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer without first obtaining a written permit from the town clerk. No unauthorized person shall open, alter or disturb the streets or alleys of the town for the purpose of making connection with the public sewer system, without first obtaining a written permit therefor from the town clerk.

12.08.110 – Private System—Permit Required. No person shall construct or commence the construction of a private sewer or private sewage disposal system without first obtaining a written permit from the town clerk. No person shall construct, extend, relay, repair, or connect a building sewer without first obtaining a written permit from the town clerk.

12.08.120 – Permit—Application—Inspection. An application for any permit shall be made on a form furnished by the town which the applicant shall supplement with such plans, specifications and other information as deemed necessary by the town clerk, under the advice of the town engineer. A permit and inspection fee of one dollar shall be paid to the town clerk at the time the application is filed. No permit shall become effective until after the superintendent has inspected the construction or installation as completed and before any underground portions are covered. Inspection shall be made by the superintendent within forty-eight hours after receipt of notice by him, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

12.08.130 – Private System—Standards—Operation Requirements. The type, capacities, location, and layout of a private sewage system shall comply with all recommendations and regulations of the Department of Public Health of the State of Washington. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any public sewer or natural outlet, or to ground surface. The owner shall operate and maintain the private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the town.

12.08.140 – Connection of Private System to Public System Required When. Whenever a public sewer becomes available to a lot or parcel served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in Section 8, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this ordinance, and any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material.

12.08.150 – Building Sewer Lines—Separate Required Waiver. A separate and independent building sewer line shall be provided for each building, for connection with the public sewer system; provided that where feasible, this requirement may be waived upon submission of alternate plans approved by the Sewer and Water Committee and thereafter constructed under the supervision of the superintendent.

12.08.160 – Building Sewer Lines—Connection and Installment Requirement. All connections and building sewer lines connecting with the public sewer system shall be constructed, installed, and connected in such a manner as to insure a permanent and sanitary sewer watertight throughout. The pipe used in the installation thereof shall be equal in quality to the pipe used in

the general sewer system, and not less than four inches in diameter. The jointing compound, where mechanical joints are not used, shall be equal in quality to that recommended by the town engineer, to be used in the general or public sewer system. Where mechanical joints are used they shall be of such construction that an absolutely tight joint is insured. The building sewer shall be sufficient to carry all sewage into the general sewer system, and each toilet, sink, stationary wash stand, and every other piece or type of equipment or facility having waste fluids or sewage (as defined in Section 1) shall be connected therewith. The slope of the building sewer shall be subject to the approval of the superintendent; the pipe in the building sewer shall be laid so that the flow line therein will be at a depth of not less than thirty inches from the surface of the ground unless permission is granted by the superintendent after the recommendation of the Sewer and Water Committee.

12.08.170 – Excavation Requirements. All excavations for building sewer installations shall be properly safeguarded with lights and barricades so that the same may not be a menace to public safety. All streets, sidewalks, alleys, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the town.

12.08.180 – Discharge of Polluted Water into System Prohibited. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff, sub-surface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial process waters into the public sewer system.

12.08.190 – Prohibited Discharges Designated. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described water or wastes to any public sewer:

- 1) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than 150 degrees F.
- 2) Any water or waste which may contain more than 100 parts per million by weight of fat, grease or oil.
- 3) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.
- 4) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
- 5) Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch manure, or any other solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works.
- 6) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 6.0 or higher than 9.0 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.
- 7) Any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantity to injure or interfere with any sewage treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, or create any hazard in receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.

- 8) Any waters or wastes having a B.O.D. or containing suspended solids of such character and quantity that unusual attention or expense is required to handle such materials at the sewage treatment plant.
- 9) Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.

No statement contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the town and any industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the town for treatment, subject to payment therefor by the industrial concern.

12.08.200 – Connection by Town—Cost Assessment Lien. In the event the building sewer and connection are not made within the time herein provided for following notice, the superintendent is authorized and directed to cause the same to be made and to file a statement of the cost thereof with the town clerk and thereupon a warrant shall be issued under the direction of the town council against the sewer fund for the payment of such cost. Such amount, together with a penalty of maximum rate applicable by law, plus interest at the rate of ten percent per annum upon the total amount of the cost and penalty, shall be assessed against the property upon which such building sewer and connection has not been placed as required, and shall become a lien thereon as herein provided. Such total amount, when collected, shall be paid into the sewer fund.

12.08.210 – Sewer Service Charge—Schedule. Sewer charges to residents of the city of Colton shall be based upon a combination of debt retirement costs and Operation and Maintenance costs.

A. Debt Retirement

A 5 percent 40 year loan for 247,300.00 was obtained from the Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration in January 1975. The loan repayment is as follows:

1. $\$240,602.00 \times 0.05828 = \$14,412.00$
2. 10% Reserve 1,441.00

Total Annual Repayment 15,853.00

B. Operation and Maintenance

For the first year of operation a fixed amount of \$5,000.00 was assumed.

C. The charge for public sewer service shall be based upon the applicable following monthly schedules:

Apartment Houses

*\$47.91 per dwelling unit

*Sewer rate is as of 2/1/2021. The rate increases 4% annually.

Trailer or
Manufactured Home
Courts

* ~~\$47.91~~ per dwelling unit

Separate family residence
(Including each unit of a duplex
or triples or mobile home)

* ~~\$47.91~~ per dwelling unit

Hotel and Motel

* ~~\$47.91~~ per month with an additional
\$5.00 per room or suite

Schools

\$ ~~1.75~~ per student

Commercial multi-purpose building
using less than 5625 gallons of water
per month.

* ~~\$47.91~~ per month with an additional
\$5.00 per rental unit

Commercial multi-purpose building
using more than 5625 gallons of water
per month.

* ~~\$47.91~~ or 50% of water bill whichever
is higher, plus an additional \$5.00 per rental
unit

Commercial/ Industrial
users using less than
5625 gallons of water per month

* ~~\$47.91~~ per unit

Commercial/Industrial, using more than 5625 gallons of water per month \$~~47.91~~ or 50% of water bill, whichever is higher.

B=Concentration of BOD from a user above the normal household sewage as determined by a Bacteriological testing laboratory.

SC= Operation and maintenance cost for treatment of a unit of suspended solids.

S= Concentration of SS from a user above the normal household sewage as determined by a Bacteriological testing laboratory.

= Operation and maintenance for treatment of a unit of any pollutant.

P= Concentration of any pollutant from a user above the base level of normal household sewage as determined by a bacteriological testing laboratory.

VU= Standard resident operation and maintenance charge.

The Town Council hereby expressly reserves the right to change or revise the rates theretofore provided for by action of the Council duly entered in its minutes. Rates shall be reviewed at a minimum of once per year.

12.08.220 – Sewer Connection Charge. In addition to the other charges and assessments provided for herein, the following connection charges shall be paid when application for permit is submitted, which includes inspection fees:

A. 4" Hook

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| 1. Apartment House individual apartment | \$500.00 | Plus an additional \$125.00 for each |
| 2. Separate family dwelling family residence, or unit of tenancy | \$500.00 | duplex and triplex will be \$250.00 for each |
| 3. Hotel or motel | \$500.00 | plus \$31.25 per unit of tenancy |
| 4. Trailer court or manufactured home court space connected to Town Sewer | \$500.00 | plus \$125.00 for each trailer |
| 5. Commercial and industrial users (sanitary systems only) for each toilet or urinal installed on said premises. | \$500.00 | plus \$87.50 |
| 6. For all other industrial users, application will be made to the Town Clerk, which will refer the application to the Town Council for computing the hook up charge. | | |

7. All excavation work is to be performed by the contractor and the inspection will be done by the maintenance department, before the line is buried.

8. An additional \$100.00 will be charged for any street cuts.

B. Any users outside the Town will be required to bring such users line to the city system as per city specifications. At the point of tying into the city system, the same rate as described in paragraph A of this section 22 for the type of service being provided will be charged.

C. The sewer connection charges set forth in this Section 22 shall be applicable only to sewer connections occurring on and after September 1, 1975.

D. Separate accounts for sewer connection charges shall be maintained. The town clerk shall deposit all sewer connection charges into a separate fund and keep a separate accounting thereof.

12.08.230 – Payments from Current Expense Fund.

12.08.240 – Payment of Charges. All charges for sewer service shall be due and payable to the Town Clerk on or before the 20th day after the bill has been issued therefor, and shall become delinquent after said 20th day. A delinquency charge of \$1.00 for each month that a delinquency is noted on a sewer bill shall be charged and collected at the time of payment of any bill. Said delinquency charge shall be noted on the sewer bill.

12.08.250 – Charges—Lien. All charges for sewer connections and services and all service charges, provided in this chapter, or as may be hereafter amended, together with penalties and interest thereon, shall be a lien upon the property with which such connections are made or to which such sewerage service is rendered, superior to all other liens and encumbrances whatsoever, except for general taxes and local special assessments. Enforcement of such lien or liens shall be in the manner provided by law.

12.08.260 – Cutoff of Water Service—Penalty Payments. As an additional and concurrent method of enforcing the lien of the town for sewage charges, the superintendent is authorized and directed at the end of sixty days after the date of first delinquency of any such charges in the case of sewerage charges to cut off the water service and service shall not be renewed until penalties in the sum of ten percent of the unpaid charges plus interest at the maximum rate allowed by law per year upon such unpaid charges and penalties, together with the additional sum of ten dollars for turning on the domestic water, shall have been paid.

12.08.270 – Notice to Customers. The sewer department reserves the right to cut off or turn on the water from the mains at any time without notice, for repairs, extension or other necessary purposes without liability for damages. However, the sewer department shall endeavor to notify customers, but shall not be responsible.

12.08.280 – Right of Entry. The superintendent shall have access at proper hours upon permission of the property owner to all buildings or premises served by the sewerage system for the purpose of inspection pipes and fixtures, the manner in which domestic water is being used, and the manner in which the provisions of this chapter are being complied with.

12.08.290 – Damaging Sewer System Property Prohibited. No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenances or equipment which is a part of the public sewer and sewage disposal system.

12.08.300 – Violation—Liability for Damage. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the town for any expense, loss or damage occasioned by the town by reason of such violation.

12.08.310 – Violation. Violation of this ordinance or any part thereof shall be determined a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail.

12.08.320 – Severability. The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not effect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part of parts.

CHAPTER 12.12

WATER SYSTEM CROSS CONNECTIONS

12.12.010 – Definitions.

- A. “Approved backflow preventive device means a device to counteract back pressures or prevent back siphonage. This device must appear on the list of on the list of approved devices issued by the Washington State Board of Health, or by its successor State Agency.
- B. “Auxiliary Supply” means a water source or system other than the public water system that may be available to the building or on the premises.
- C. “Backflow” means the flow in the direction opposite to the normal flow or the introduction of any foreign liquids, gases, or substances into the water system of the Town of Colton’s water.
- D. “Contamination means the entry into or presence in a public water supply system of any substance which may be deleterious to health and/or quality of the water.
- E. “Cross Connection” means any physical arrangement where a public water system is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other non-drinkable water system or auxiliary system, sewer; drain conduit, swimming pool, storage reservoir, plumbing fixture

12.12.020 – Cross Connection Regulation. No cross connection shall be created, installed, used or maintained within the territory served by the Town of Colton's water system, except in accordance with these regulations.

12.12.030 – Backflow Prevention Device Required. Approved backflow prevention devices shall be installed at the expense of the user, either at the service connection or within the premises, as determined by a certified cross connection inspector employed by the Town of Colton whenever:

- A) The nature and extent of any activity of the premises, or the materials used in connection with any activity of the premises, could contaminate or pollute the drinking water supply.
- B) Premises having any one or more cross connections as that term defined in section 12.12.010(E) are identified or are present.
- C) Internal cross connections that are not correctable, or intricate plumbing arrangement which make it impractical to ascertain whether or not cross connections are present.
- D) There is repeated history of cross connections being established or re-established.
- E) There is unduly restricted entry so that inspection for cross connections cannot be made with sufficient frequency or with sufficient notice to assure that cross connections do not exist.
- F) Materials of a toxic or hazardous nature are being used such that, if backflow should occur, a health hazard could result.
- G) Any mobile apparatus which uses Town water or water from any premises within the Town of Colton water system.
- H) Installation of an approved backflow prevention device is deemed to be necessary to accomplish the purpose of these regulations in the judgment of a certified cross connection specialist employed by the Town of Colton.
- I) An appropriate cross connection report form has not been filed with the Town of Colton.
- J) Any fire sprinkler system using non-potable piping material is connected to the Town's water system, and any other fire protection systems depending upon the degree of hazard.
- K) All residential properties occupied by persons other than the property owner shall install an approved backflow prevention device in the event cross connections are present or suspected, or the property owner shall assume all responsibility for any backflow that should occur.

12.12.040 – Installation Requirements. To ensure proper operation and accessibility of all backflow prevention devices, the following requirements shall apply to the installation of these devices:

- A) No part of the backflow prevention device shall be submerged in water or be installed in a location subject to flooding. If installed in a vault or basement, adequate drainage shall be provided.
- B) Devices must be installed at the point of use and/or point of delivery of the water system. Alternate locations must be approved in writing by the Town of Colton prior to installation.
- C) The devices must be protected from freezing and other severe weather conditions.
- D) All backflow prevention assemblies shall be a type and model approved by the Washington State Board of Health and the Town of Colton.
- E) The device shall be readily accessible with adequate room of maintenance and testing. Devices 2" and smaller shall have at least 6" clearance on all sides of the device. All devices larger than 2" shall have a minimum clearance of 12" on the back side, 24" on the test cock side, 12" below the device, and 36" above the device. "y" pattern double check valve assemblies shall be installed so that the checks are horizontal and the test cocks face upward.
- F) The property owner assumes all responsibility for all maintenance and testing of the device, as determined and required by the Town of Colton.
- G) Town of Colton or its representative must have access to all devices during regular working hours of 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.
- H) If a device is installed inside of the premises and is 4" or larger and is installed 4" above the floor, it must be equipped with a rigidly and permanently installed scaffolding acceptable to the Town of Colton. This installation must meet all the requirements set out by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the State of Washington Occupational Safety Health codes.
- I) Reduced pressure backflow assembly devices may be installed in a vault only if the drain is installed above ground or maximum flood level, whichever is higher, with an approved air gap between the relief valve and the drain. The daylight drain from above grade or semi-buried vault must be able to be bore sighted and be of adequate capacity to carry the full rated flow of the device and shall be screened on both ends.

J) An approved air gap shall be located at the relief valve orifice. This air gap shall be at least twice the inside diameter of the incoming supply line as measured vertically above the top rim of the drain and in no case less than 1".

K) Upon completion of installation, the Town shall be notified and all devices must be inspected and tested. All backflow devices must be registered with the Town. Registration shall consist of date of installation, make, model, serial number of the backflow device, and initial test report.

L) Any water pressure drop caused by the installation of a backflow device is not the responsibility of the Town of Colton.

M) All new construction shall install an approved backflow device at the service connection if deemed necessary by the Town.

12.12.050 – Access to Premises. Authorized employees of the Town of Colton shall have access during reasonable hours to all parts of the premises relevant to water supply and within the building to which water is supplied. However, if any water user refuses access to a premise or to the interior of a structure at reasonable times and on reasonable notice for inspection by a cross connection specialist appointed by the Town, a reduced pressure principle device will be required to be installed at the service connection to that premise.

12.12.060 – Annual Testing and Repairs. All backflow devices within the territory served by the Town water system shall be tested immediately upon installation, after any repair, and at least annually thereafter by a state certified tester. All such devices found not functioning properly shall be promptly repaired or replaced by the water user. If any such device is not promptly repaired or replaced, the Town may deny or discontinue water to the premises. All testing and repairs are the financial responsibility of the water user.

12.12.070 – Cost of Compliance. All costs associated with purchase, installation, inspection, testing, replacement, maintenance, parts, and repairs of the backflow device are the responsibility of the property owner.

12.12.080 – Termination of Service. Failure on the part of any customer to discontinue the use of any cross connections and to physically separate cross connections is sufficient cause for the immediate discontinuance of public water service to the premises.

12.12.090 – Severability. Should any part or parts of this chapter be determined by any court to be unconstitutional or void, the balance of this chapter shall remain in full force and effect.

CHAPTER 12.16

FAUCETS

12.16.010 – Faucets Required. All property owners where the Town water is used, shall be required to have a faucet on the end of service pipe connected with the Town water mains.

12.16.020 – Penalty. All persons refusing to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be deprived of the use of Town water.