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MANAGEMENT OF UTILITIES

§ 51.01 WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE.

The Common Council, through the Water and Sewer Committee, shall manage the municipal utilities and shall have all of the powers of a utility commission under Wis. Stats. § 66.0805. All records of the utilities shall be kept on file in the City Clerk-Treasurer's office.
(1989 Code, § 13.01)

WATER

§ 51.15 RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) *Rates.* The rates, rules and regulations of the City Water Utility shall be those approved by the Common Council and on file and approved by the State Public Service Commission. Ordinance #354, prescribing rates, rules and regulations, and all amendments thereto, is adopted as if fully set forth herein.

(Am. Ord. 354, passed - -)

(B) *Operating rules.*

(1) All persons now receiving a water supply from the utility, or who may hereafter make application therefor, shall be considered as having agreed to be bound by all rules and regulations as filed with the State Public Service Commission.

(2) The following provisions of Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. PSC 185 are adopted by reference and made a part of these rules as if set forth in full. A violation of any such rules shall constitute a violation of this section and shall be punishable as provided in § 10.99.

<i>Wis. Adm. Code Section</i>	<i>Title</i>
185.11	Authorization for and Application of Rules
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<i>Wis. Adm. Code Section</i>	<i>Title</i>
185.35	Adjustment of Bills
185.36	Deposits for Residential Service
185.361	Deposits for Nonresidential Service
185.37	Disconnection and Refusal of Service
185.38	Deferred Payment Agreement
185.39	Dispute Procedures
185.41	Employees Authorized to Enter Customers' Premises
185.43	Customer Complaints
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185.51	Requirement for Good Engineering Practice
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185.65	Accuracy Requirements for Customer Meters
185.71	Meter Testing Facilities and Equipment
185.72	Calibration of Meter Testing Equipment
185.73	Testing of Customer Meters
185.74	Test Flows
185.75	Required Tests of Customer Meters
185.751	Alternative Sample-Testing Plan for Before-Use Test for 5/8-, 3/4-, and 1-inch Meters
185.76	Periodic Tests
185.761	Alternative Sample-Testing Plan for In-Use Meters

<i>Wis. Adm. Code Section</i>	<i>Title</i>
185.77	Complaint Tests
185.78	Referee Tests
185.79	Testing of Metering Installations Having Remote Registers
185.795	Electrical Safety
185.81	Quality of Water
185.815	Adequacy of Water Supply
185.82	Pressure Standards
185.83	Station Meters
185.84	Emergency Operation
185.85	System Losses
185.86	Flushing Mains
185.87	Interruptions of Service
185.88	Frozen Laterals
185.89	Thawing Frozen Services

(1989 Code, § 13.05)

§ 51.16 PRIVATE WELL ABANDONMENT.

(A) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to prevent unused and/or improperly constructed wells from serving as a passage for contaminated surface or near surface waters or other materials to reach the usable groundwater. These wells must be properly filled and sealed.

(B) *Coverage.* All private wells located on any premises which is served by the public water system of the city shall be properly filled by October 1, 1986. Only those wells for which a well operation permit has been granted by the City Clerk-Treasurer may be exempted from this requirement, subject to conditions of maintenance and operation.

(C) *Well operation permits.* A permit may be granted to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed 1 year if the following requirements are met. Application shall be made on forms provided by the City Clerk-Treasurer.

(1) The well and pump installation meet the requirements of Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. PSC 112, and a well constructor's report is on file with the Department of Natural Resources or certification of

the acceptability of the well has been granted by the private water supply section of the Department of Natural Resources;

(2) The well has a history of producing safe water and presently produces bacteriologically safe water as evidenced by 3 samplings 2 weeks apart;

(3) The proposed use of the well can be justified as being necessary in addition to water provided by the public water system; and

(4) No physical connection shall exist between the piping of the public water system and the private well.

(D) Methods. Wells to be abandoned shall be filled according to the procedures outlined in Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. PSC 112. The pump and piping must be removed and the well checked for obstructions prior to plugging. Any obstruction or liner must be removed.

(E) Reports and inspection. A well abandonment report must be submitted by the well owner to the Department of Natural Resources on forms provided by that agency, available at the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer. The report shall be submitted immediately upon completion of the filling of the well. The filling must be observed by a representative of the city.
(1989 Code, § 13.06) (Ord. 421, passed - -)

§ 51.17 CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL.

(A) A *CROSS-CONNECTION* shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between 2 otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the city water system, and the other, water from a private source, water of unknown or questionable safety or steam, gases or chemicals, whereby there may be a flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the 2 systems.

(B) No person shall establish or permit to be established or maintain or permit to be maintained any cross-connection. No interconnection shall be established whereby potable water from a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other than the regular public water supply of the city may enter the supply or distribution system of the city, unless the private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the City Water Department and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. PSC 185.

(C) The Water Superintendent shall cause inspections to be made of all properties served by the public water system where cross-connections with the public water system is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and reinspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Common Council and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(D) Upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Water Superintendent shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by a connection to the public water system of the city for cross-connections. If entry is refused, the representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Wis. Stats. § 66.0119. On request, the owner, lessee or occupant of any property so served shall furnish to the inspection agency any pertinent information regarding the piping system or systems on the property.

(E) The City Water Department is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this section exists and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water system. Water service shall be discontinued only after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing under Wis. Stats. Ch. 68, except as provided in division (F) of this section. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross-connection has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(F) If it is determined by the City Water Department that a cross-connection or an emergency endangers public health, safety or welfare and requires immediate action and a written finding to that effect is filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer and delivered to the customer's premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Wis. Stats. Ch. 68, within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance.

(G) The city hereby adopts by reference the State Plumbing Code, Wis. Adm. Code, Ch. Comm. 82.

(H) This section does not supersede the State Plumbing Code, but is supplementary to it. (1989 Code, § 13.07) (Ord. 422, passed - -)

GAS

§ 51.30 NATURAL GAS FRANCHISES.

(A) Natural gas franchises have been awarded by the Common Council by Ordinance #243 to Natural Gas Distributors, Inc., and by Ordinance #266 to the Wisconsin Power and Light Company.

(B) These ordinances are not repealed by this codification, but this codification shall not revive any rights which may have expired under those ordinances. (1989 Code, § 13.10)

§ 51.99 PENALTY.

Except as otherwise provided, any person found in violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule, regulation or order made hereunder shall be subject to a penalty as provided in § 10.99 of this municipal code.

(1989 Code, § 13.25)

