

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1: Chapter 11-12 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting Article X, as follows:

ARTICLE X. CREATION OF BACKFLOW MITIGATION VALVE INSTALLATION PROGRAMS

11-12-940 Creation of backflow mitigation valve installation programs.

(a) The Department of Water Management shall develop Backflow Mitigation Programs to promote and facilitate the installation of backflow mitigation valves on private owner-occupied properties.

(b) Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) A "backflow mitigation valve" means an automatic mechanical device installed on a building sewer, drainage system, or water service to prevent the reverse flow of sewage, stormwater, or potable water from a public sewer or water main into a private property or plumbing system.

(2) "Property" means a building located within the geographic boundaries of the City of Chicago.

(c) The Commissioner of Water Management is authorized, subject to the availability of duly appropriated funds, to create programs for the purpose of installing backflow mitigation valves within the City of Chicago, beyond those programs already enacted in Article X of this Chapter, and within those programs, to:

(1) negotiate and enter into agreements, including grant agreements, with building owners, and to enter into and execute all such other related instruments and to perform any and all related acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with implementing the programs.

(2) fund the installation of backflow mitigation valves.

(3) provide a backflow mitigation valve for buildings that meet the requirements of the programs.

11-12-950 Owner Occupied Backflow Mitigation Program.

(a) Owners living at their property who voluntarily install the backflow mitigation valve serving the owner's Property may apply to be part of the Owner Occupied Backflow Mitigation Valve Installation Program.

(b) Subject to need, availability, and appropriation of funds,

(1) the Commissioner of Water Management shall provide information on selecting contractors for the owner's backflow mitigation valve installment, to voluntarily installing the backflow mitigation valve at no cost to the owner.

(2) the permit fees and certain costs necessary to perform the backflow mitigation valve installation, including permits and costs from the Department of Water Management, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Buildings, shall be waived. The Commissioners of Water Management, Transportation, and Buildings shall jointly issue rules specifying the types of permits, permit fees, and costs which may be waived.

(3) provide a backflow mitigation valve for buildings that meet the requirements of the program.

11-12-960 Non-Owner Occupied Backflow Mitigation Valve Installation Program.

(a) Owners not living at their property who voluntarily install the backflow mitigation valve serving the owner's Property may apply to be part of the Non-Owner Occupied Backflow Mitigation Valve Installation Program.

(b) Subject to need and interest,

(1) the permit fees and certain costs necessary to perform the backflow mitigation valve installment, including permits and costs from the Department of Water Management, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Buildings, shall be waived. The Commissioners of Water Management, Transportation, and Buildings shall jointly issue rules specifying the types of permits, permit fees, and costs which may be waived.

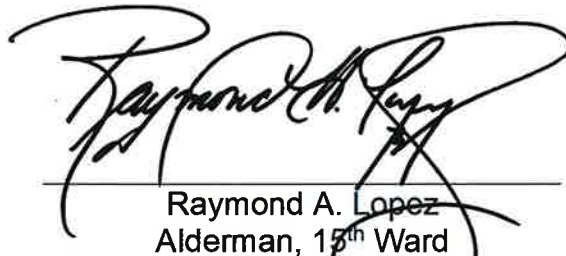
11-12-970 Damage to Backflow Mitigation Device.

(a) In the event of damage to any backflow mitigation valve, the person responsible for the damage shall immediately notify the Department of Water Management of the damage and cease the activity which caused the damage. The person responsible for the damage shall not attempt to repair, clamp, or constrict the damaged backflow mitigation valves unless under the supervision of the Department of Water Management.

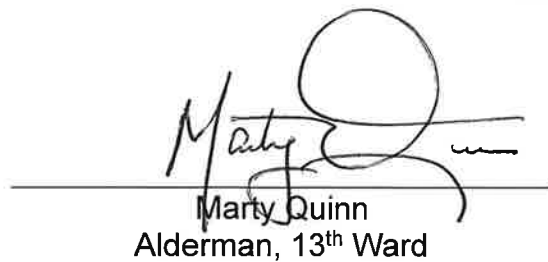
(b) In addition to any other applicable penalty, any person who damages a backflow mitigation valve, including damages caused while engaging in excavation or demolition, shall be liable for the costs and expenses associated with backflow mitigation valve installation.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to create liability or financial responsibility of the City of Chicago, the Department of Water Management or its officers and employees concerning any issuance of any permit or license required under this Code.

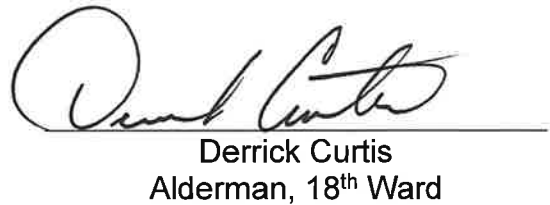
Section 2: This ordinance takes effect upon passage and publication.



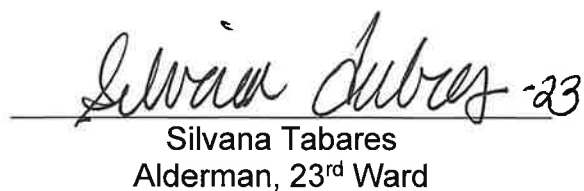
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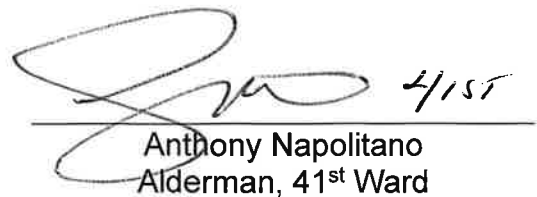
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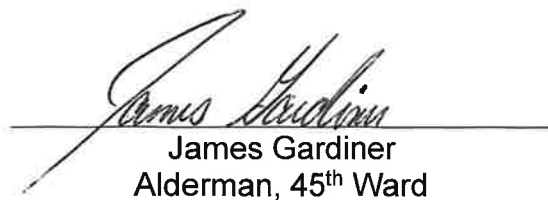
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