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Dear League City Utility Customer:

Federal and state laws require all water providers to meet certain standards to obtain, treat, and deliver water to protect public health.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires all water providers establish a Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program ("Program"). This includes establishing requirements for the installation of backflow assemblies or devices preventing flows or back-siphonage from unwanted connections that may threaten public health. TCEQ requires all backflow devices or assemblies must:

- Be tested upon installation and at least once annually. Additional testing may be required depending on the health hazard.
- Receive a periodic customer service inspection to identify and validate all device locations, their appropriateness, and determine if additional devices are required.

The City of League City will begin phasing in the mandated cross-connection and backflow prevention program on April 1, 2016.

Part of this process includes identifying applicable locations posing a hazard or potential hazard to the public water system. Thus, if you are receiving this letter, our records indicate you are, or may be, responsible for a metered connection to the public water system that includes - or should include - one or more backflow devices. Commercial customers, irrigation connections with outside water sources such as amenity lakes, canals, reclaimed water, and locations with septic and/or water wells are examples of locations requiring backflow devices. This also includes, but is not limited to:

- Apartments
- Commercial kitchens
- Dry cleaners
- Funeral homes
- Laboratories
- Medical and dental facilities



- Multi-tenant centers
- Restaurants
- Schools
- Veterinary facilities

Furthermore, City Council recently approved an ordinance to improve the process and administration of the program and assess a one-time registration fee of \$35 for each backflow device.

Customers with active water connections requiring the prevention devices will need to do one of the following:

- Have each device tested by September 1st, 2016, and email test results to Backflow.Assembly@leaguecity.com, or
- If your device has been tested in the past twelve months, please forward your test results to Backflow.Assembly@leaguecity.com

Beginning 2017, customers will receive official notification from the City's third party service provider, Backflow Solutions, Inc., (BSI). Upon notification, customers must attain an annual certification of the applicable backflow prevention assemblies 30 days prior to the scheduled test date. All testing costs range from \$50 to \$200 per test and are at the owner's expense.

Effective March 1st, testers are required to input the results to BSI by September 1st, 2016; thereafter by the scheduled test date beginning 2017. Failure to comply with this testing requirement may result in a discontinuation of water service and a non-compliance backflow assembly fee of \$40.

A complete list of City registered testers and additional information on the Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program is posted at www.leaguecity.com/backflowassembly. Please feel free to contact Nancy Massey at (281) 554-1336 Nancy.Massey@leaguecity.com with questions regarding this program.

We look forward to working with the community to implement this important program.

Sincerely,

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