



**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**  
City Council Meeting of January 10, 2017

**DATE:** January 5, 2017

**TO:** Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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<b>Presentation on Proposed Backflow Prevention</b>
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**STAFF PRESENTER(S):**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Position</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>
1. Gene Delauro	Building Official	Development Services

**OUTSIDE PRESENTER(S):**

None

**BACKGROUND:**

Several years back, the backflow testing and certification was required on a yearly basis. However, the previous ordinance was changed by Council where residential devices were only required to be tested every three years, while commercial devices remained at a yearly frequency. The previous ordinance also did not provide a way to enforce the requirement other than utilities being shut off to the property. This sometimes is not reasonable in certain situations such as the property being leased/rented from an Owner who is not responsive to the multiple City notifications.

The proposed ordinance will change the testing requirement to an annual basis for both residential and commercial devices. The ordinance will also allow the City to place any expenses incurred by the City on the water customer's utility bill for payment.

This will provide more protection to the water supply by testing devices every year and will allow the City to step in and take care of the testing while allowing the City to place the associated costs on the water customer's utility bill.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Presentation – Backflow Cross Connection Program  
Proposed Ordinance