CHAPTER 7
WATER SERVICE

7.01 WATER SERVICE RULES ADOPTED. (a) The Common Council having authorized the preparation of revised rules and regulations for the water utility of the City of Platteville, designated therein as “Rules and Regulations for Water Utility of Platteville Wisconsin” as part of the code of general ordinances of said City and a part of the Municipal Code thereof, which ordinance has been on file in the office of the City Clerk for more than two weeks, the printed copy of such ordinance on file in the office of the City Clerk is hereby adopted as part of the general ordinances of the City of Platteville as a revision of Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code thereof and same shall have the force of law upon publication of this ordinance.

(b) Such ordinance shall be published in book or pamphlet form suitable for public distribution, and a copy thereof shall remain permanently on file in the office of the City Clerk where it shall be available for public inspection.

7.02 WATER SYSTEM CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL. (a) Statement of Policy. Whereas, it is the City of Platteville’s intent to provide a program for protecting the public water system from contamination due to back flow of contaminants through the water service connection into the public water system; and

Whereas, Chapters NR811 and Comm 82, Wisconsin Administrative Code, require protection of the public water system from contaminants due to back flow of contaminants through the water service connection; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and Commerce require the maintenance of a continuing program of cross-connection control which will systematically and effectively prevent the contamination of all potable water systems;

Now, Therefore, the following are adopted by the Common Council.

(b) That a cross-connection shall be defined as any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the City of Platteville 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 two systems.
(c) That no person, firm or corporation 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 of Platteville may enter the supply or distribution system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by the Platteville Water & Sewer Commission and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Section NR811.09 Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(d) That it shall be the duty of the Platteville Water & Sewer Department to 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 re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Platteville Water & Sewer Commission and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(e) That upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Platteville Water & Sewer Department shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property served by the connection to the public water system of the City of Platteville for cross-connections. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Section 66.0119, Wisconsin Statutes. Upon 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 such property.

(f) That the Platteville Water & Sewer Commission is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this ordinance 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 Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in subsection (g). Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross-connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(g) That if it is determined by the Platteville Water & Sewer Commission 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 Clerk of the City of Platteville and delivered to the customer’s premises, service may be immediately discontinued. The customer shall have an opportunity for hearing under Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, within 10 days of such emergency discontinuance.

(h) That the City of Platteville adopts by reference the State Plumbing Code of Wisconsin being Comm 82 and 84, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
7.03 PRIVATE WELL ABANDONMENT (DECOMMISSIONING). (a) Purpose. In order to prevent private wells from serving as a passage for contaminated surface or near-surface waters or other materials to reach the usable ground water, private wells that are not longer in use, for which a well permit has expired or that fail to meet the requirements of NR 812 must be properly filled and sealed as provided herein.

(b) Coverage. Except as provided herein, all private wells located on any premises which are served by the public water system of the City of Platteville shall be properly filled and sealed by May 1, 1987. Only those wells for which a well operation permit has been granted by the Director of Public Works are exempt from this requirement; subject to conditions of maintenance and operation as set forth in the permit.

(c) Well Operation Permits. A permit may be granted to a well owner to operate a well for a period not to exceed five years if the following requirements are met.

A. The well and pump installation meet the requirements of Chapter NR812, Wisconsin Administrative Code, 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.

B. The well has a history of producing safe water and presently produces bacteriologically safe water as evidenced by one sampling.

C. The proposed use of the well can be justified as being necessary in addition to water provided by the public water system.

D. 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 and sealed according to the procedures outlined in Chapter NR812, Wisconsin Administrative Code. 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. The report shall be submitted immediately upon the well being filled and sealed. The filling and sealing must be observed by a representative of the Platteville Water
& Sewer Department. The owner must submit a copy of the well abandonment report to the Water & Sewer Department.

(f) Penalties. The penalties for violating this section shall be as set forth in section 1.10. Each day during which a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.