



ORDINANCE 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING ARTICLE I (CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL) OF CHAPTER 273 (WATER)

Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to bring the ordinance into conformity with our current testing interval and inspections for residential and business. It will also allow the utility to have businesses conduct their own inspection and send results to Village for compliance.

The Village Board of the Village of Hobart, Brown County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Article I (Cross-Connection Control) of Chapter 273 (Water) is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

§ 273-1. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

CROSS-CONNECTION

Any physical connection or arrangement between two otherwise separate systems, one of which contains potable water from the Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District 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 flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the pressure differential between the two systems.

§ 273-2. Prohibitions.

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 Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District 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 Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District or its agent and by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in accordance with Ch. NR 822, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

§ 273-3. Inspections.

It shall be the duty of the Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District or its agent 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. Residential properties serviced by the utility shall be inspected on a twenty-year interval. All non-residential properties serviced by the utility shall be inspected on a two-year interval but may be extended up to twenty years by the utility depending upon the health hazards presented by the non-residential property. If, in the opinion of the utility, the utility is not able to perform the inspection, the property owner must, at their

own expense, have the plumbing inspected for cross connections by a state certified cross connection inspector/surveyor or by a state of licensed plumber. The frequency of inspections and reinspection's based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District or its agent and as approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The utility may charge fees as approved by the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission for on-premises follow-up visits by utility personnel for reinspection due to customer noncompliance and for after-hours inspections or reinspection's.

§ 273-4. Right of entry; special inspection warrants.

Upon presentation of credentials, the representative of the Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District or its agent shall have the right to request entry at any reasonable time to examine any property serviced by a connection to the public water system of the Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District for cross-connections. If entry is refused, such representative shall obtain a special inspection warrant under § 66.0119, Wisconsin Statutes.

§ 273-5. Discontinuance of water service; notices.

The Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District or its agent is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of this article 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 § 273-6. Water service to such property shall not be restored until the cross-connection(s) has been eliminated in compliance with the provisions of this article.

§ 273-6. Emergency discontinuance.

If it is determined by the Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District or its agent that a cross-connection or an emergency endanger public health, safety, or welfare, and requires immediate action, and a written finding to that effect is filed with the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Hobart, 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.

§ 273-7. State Plumbing Code adopted by reference.

The Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District adopts by reference the State Plumbing Code of Wisconsin, being Chapter SPS 381 to 387, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

§ 273-8. Supplementary to State Plumbing Code.

This article does not supersede the State Plumbing Code, but is supplementary to it.

§ 273-9. Electrical bonding for gas and water.

A. The electrical service equipment must be bonded to all metal ducting, piping and steel-framing members in all residential and commercial construction, new or remodeled, where the electrical service equipment is being updated, or when the repair/remodeling exceeds 50% of the assessed value of the structure.

B. Bonding conductor must be sized in accordance with NEC (National Electrical Code). At no time can the bonding jumper be smaller than a No. 6 copper conductor.

(1) All metal parts connected to all Village of Hobart water meters must be jumpered with a minimum size No. 6 copper conductor.

§ 273-10. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties provided in § 1-3. Each day of violation is a separate offense. The Village of Hobart/Hobart Utility District may impose a penalty and cause the cross-connection to be corrected and the expense to be assessed as a special tax against the property.

Section 2: Any Ordinance or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage by the Village Board and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved on this 15th day of September, 2026.

Richard Heidel, Village President

Attest:

Aaron Kramer, Village Administrator

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly appointed Clerk of the Board of the Village of Hobart, certifies that the aforementioned is the original ordinance adopted by the Village Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate in my official capacity on September 15, 2026.

(Seal)

Lisa Vanden Heuvel, Village Clerk