Town of Christiansburg, Virginia 24073-0599

Inspections Department

Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention

Reference Town Codes Sec. 29 – 111 through 29 – 118
Devices are required to be installed on water service

Reference Va. Dept. of Health and Waterworks Regulations 12VAC5-590-600
Outlines the requirements for devices to be tested annually

Presently the Town of Christiansburg Building Department manages the records of annual inspections for 390 Cross Connection devices. The Building Department spends over 200 hours annually to oversee the programs records and field evaluations attributing to an estimated average annual expense of $3200.

Several surrounding jurisdictions require an annual testing permit fee and all require a permit for new installations. Fees range from $30 to $45.

Proposal for annual testing permit would put the Town of Christiansburg in line with fees for surrounding localities. Additionally it would assist in tracking the testing procedures and licensing of testers. We propose the minimum permit fee of $40.00 plus a 2% state surcharge for each annual test and new installation inspection. This would create estimated revenues of $16,000 at the current number of devices before department overhead.

Logistics of Permit

- Business notified by mail the first of the month in which their test is due.
- Business selects testing agency and they apply for permit at Building Department.
- Building Department verifies testing agency's license to test through DPOR.
- Record is now on file as to which agency is responsible for annual test.
- Testing agency performs test and returns results to Building Department.