

Trades Advisory Council Minutes
December 2004

Present at the meeting were Mary Ellen Jackson, Gary Ragland, Richard Smith, Lance Hornbuckle, Tony Smith, Ilke Hansoler, Greg Nalls and Jim McLean.

Backflow Issues Update Summary

A disclaimer on the backflow form will be printed at the bottom of the form. System Services will have these available for distribution by ABI in February 2005. This will include information about the 12 step test as well as the process for customer request for consideration of facility to be low-hazard. It will also state there will continue to be a \$35 yearly survey fee regardless of the status of the business.

“Y” strainers must be installed on new installations. Backflows have a “Y” strainer with the exception of the “U” shape that is not required to have a strainer. MWS will respond to an inquiry to consider excavation and placement of the “Y” in the front of device at the next meeting.

Meter and Meter Box Issues Update

There was discussion concerning the weight of meter boxes and the on-going issues of the sturdiness of the fiber-glass boxes. Gary Ragland will talk to distributors about the one-half and two piece boxes and possibility of obtaining a box that is lighter than the present pre-fabricated boxes. He will discuss at February 2005 meeting.

Quarterly Newsletter Update Summary

It was reported the newsletter distribution would be coordinated with the upcoming web site link for the Trades Advisory Council. This is hoped to be operational in late January or February 2005. The group suggested including policy and procedure guidelines in the newsletter and on web site.

Miscellaneous

Discussion concerning "T"s was tabled with MWS to visit the issues internally with Lance Hornbuckle prior to the next meeting.

Richard Smith was advised the request to allow sprinkler contractors to pull permits with out the use of a licensed master plumber had been referred outside of MWS for approval.

The group adjourned and participated in the Customer Service Holiday luncheon. The next meeting will be scheduled in February 2005.