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Craig's Backflow
1211 N. 20th Street
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RE: City of Meridian Backflow Testing Reimbursement Program

Dear Backflow Tester:

As a valued City partner, we want to inform you of important changes to the Backflow Testing Reimbursement program. On December 21, 2010 Meridian City Council, after many months of careful consideration, decided to discontinue the Backflow Testing Reimbursement Program and institute a new process that is more equitable for our citizens and your customers. The cost for the annual testing of backflow prevention devices which is required by law will now be covered by those who need it, the "users" rather than by all ratepayers. Failure to have the required backflow test performed as per state code will result in termination of water service.

As part of this new process, the City would like to provide a list of certified backflow testers for citizens to call for backflow prevention device (assembly) testing. To be included on this list, please fill out the attached form and return it by February 4, 2011. This is similar to the form that has been used in the past, but it now includes the price you charge customers for the test. Testers will be listed in the directory and on the City's website from lowest to highest price charged for testing. As noted, customers will pay you directly as opposed to the former Backflow Testing Reimbursement Program where the City paid the tester for the service. In addition, once you complete a backflow test you must agree to submit the results of that test within thirty (30) days to the City.

While this may be a change in the way business is conducted, we hope this will not change our longstanding working relationship and our commitment to have all backflow prevention devices tested annually in the City of Meridian. We appreciate the work you have performed for our citizens and look forward to working with you to continue to protect Meridian's water system.

If you have any questions regarding these changes to the program please feel free to contact the City of Meridian Water Division at 208-888-5242.

Sincerely,

City of Meridian
Water Division