



City of Jeffersonville

Wastewater Department

SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE POLICY

A POLICY OF THE SANITARY SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSONVILLE ESTABLISHING REGARDING SEWER LATERAL MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Jeffersonville owns, operates, and maintains a wastewater collection system throughout the City, consisting of collector sewers, trunk and interceptor main sewers, and pumping stations, all of which transport wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant owned and operated by City; and .

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City to implement the best available procedures of operation and maintenance, in order to protect the natural resources and the environment within the City and the related watershed area, as well as the Ohio River; and .

WHEREAS, the City's policy is to maintain all of its existing wastewater system facilities on a regular basis, so as to minimize the opportunity for accidental discharges or spillage of wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the City provides wastewater collection services to approximately 11,600 parcels of property within the City, which are connected to the City's system by lateral sewers from improvements on the parcel; and .

WHEREAS, the ownership and responsibility for maintenance of lateral sewers is that of the owners and occupants of the property, to the point of connection with the City's system; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the lack of maintenance or improper maintenance of sewer laterals can be the cause for accidental spills of wastewater due to broken lines or blockages; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to take all measures possible to broaden the areas of responsibilities to further minimize the risk of wastewater spills; and .

WHEREAS, the City of Jeffersonville has entered into a Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and the U.S. Department of Justice which will place liability, including the possibility of imposition of monetary fines, upon the public agency owners of wastewater sewer lines, to include spillages and backups which occur outside of the City's system and as part of a property owner's own lateral connector sewer line; and .

WHEREAS, the City desires to minimize the potential exposure to the stipulated penalties resulting in payment of taxpayer dollars as fines or penalties arising out of spills caused from lateral connector

sewers not owned and maintained by the City. .

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sanitary Sewer Board of the City of Jeffersonville, does hereby RESOLVE, DETERMINE, and ORDER: .

Section 1: That it is the policy of City of Jeffersonville that all sewer lateral lines connecting structures to the City's sewer system shall be regularly and adequately maintained by the property owners, so as to prevent sewer blockages or spills caused by damage to the lateral.

Section 2: That property owners shall be responsible for the maintenance of the sewer lateral line to the point of connection with the City's collector sewer. .

Section 3: That all property owners shall notify the City in advance of any interference, including repair or cleaning of the lateral sewer line, whether performed by the property owner or a contractor. In the event of emergency service to the lateral line, the owner or its contractor shall notify the City immediately following the performance of the maintenance, in order that the City may take reasonable measures to accommodate material and debris that is removed or discharged into the City's collection system.

Section 4: Lateral Permits are required to construct, repair, modify, connect, or abandon any sewer lateral facility within the City of Jeffersonville's service area.

Section 5: That, to the extent possible, materials causing a blockage of the lateral sewer connector shall be removed and not discharged into the City's collection system. .

Section 6: That the City encourages all property owners and occupants to cooperate with the City in the operation and maintenance of the sewage collection system, so as to insure the highest level of environmental protection within the City's service area. .

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Sanitary Sewer Board of the City of Jeffersonville, Indiana held this 6th day of November, 2009.