

CITY OF CHELSEA
WATER AND SEWER LATERAL POLICY

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1.0 Purpose.

This water and sewer lateral policy is provided as a codification of existing City of Chelsea policy on the responsibility for construction, operation, maintenance and repair of water and sewer laterals, and is intended to supplement the City of Chelsea Ordinance Chapter 32-Utilities, Article II-Water and Article III-Sewer.

The following water and sewer lateral policy shall be in effect regarding all property owner requests that the City install, maintain, or repair sewer laterals within the City of Chelsea.

2.0 Authority.

Authority granted to the City Manager without further Council action:

- A. The City Manager is hereby granted the authority to refuse property owner requests that the City of Chelsea finance in whole or in part the cost of constructing water or sewer laterals, connecting water or sewer laterals to the City of Chelsea water mains or sewer trunkline collectors, maintaining water or sewer laterals, or repairing water or sewer laterals.
- B. For purposes of this policy, the water laterals are the sections of water pipe that run between the edge of the City's road right-of-way and the home or building on the property. The sewer laterals are sections of the sewer pipe that run between the City's sewer trunkline and the home or building on the property.
- C. Property owners are responsible for constructing, maintaining and repairing the water and sewer laterals on their property.

3.0 Council Approval Required.

The approval of the City Council is required under the following conditions, notwithstanding the authority granted in Section 2.0 above, for:

- A. The expenditure of City of Chelsea funds on the repair of water or sewer laterals in the event that the property owner can demonstrate that the need for repair to the water or sewer lateral is a result of the City of Chelsea's improper action or inaction in maintaining or repairing the City's water mains or sewer trunkline collectors.
- B. The authorization of a payment plan for reimbursement of City of Chelsea costs incurred as a result of emergency procedures pursuant to Section 4.0 below, or

waiver of some or all of the costs incurred by the City of Chelsea in emergency situations.

- C. Any other situation wherein the Utilities Director, City Manager or City Attorney deems it appropriate to have City Council authorize City expenditures to repair or maintain water or sewer laterals.

4.0 Emergency Procedures.

The City Manager or Utility Director may, if requested by a department head, and/or deemed appropriate due to emergency situations that may affect the health, safety or welfare of the City, approve the use of City of Chelsea employees and/or equipment to repair a water or sewer main when due to extenuating circumstances, the property owner is not able to do so in a timely manner through private contractors. In such cases, the City Manager shall notify the property owner in advance of such repair work that the City will seek reimbursement of its costs for such work.

Water and Sewer Lateral Policy adopted by City Council on September 23, 2008.



Teresa Royal, City Clerk