

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-05

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN ISLE, MINNESOTA TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

AN ORDINANCE FOR REQUIRED SANITARY SEWER SERVICE INSPECTIONS

Section 1: Purpose.

- A. The City Council finds that the discharging of non-sanitary sewer water from any roof, surface/ground, sump pump, footing tile, industrial air conditioner, swimming pool or other natural precipitation into the City sewer system will, and has, on numerous occasions in the past caused flooding and overloading of the sewer system.
- B. The City, in an effort to reduce inflow and infiltration from its sanitary sewer system hereby requires that any building, residence, or structure that is connected to the City's sanitary sewer system have an approved inspection completed of the sewer service of the building, residence, or structure prior to transfer of the property title.

Section 2: Method of Inspection.

- A. The inspection will consist of televising service lines from within the structure of the property to the connection point to the city sewer main.
- B. The inspection shall show any and all hook-ups to the sewer service line such as footing drains, roof drains, or other types of entrances to the sewer service line. The inspection shall also indicate major areas of deflections, cracks and other types of entrance of surface or subsurface water entering the sewer service.
- C. A contractor, approved by the City, who has demonstrated competency in this type of work, shall complete the inspection.
- D. The expenses of the inspection and required improvements shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property.
- E. The contractor shall be required to complete an inspection report form. The inspection form shall include at a minimum the following:
 - The date of inspection
 - The address of property being inspected
 - The name of the person or company doing inspection
 - The location in the property the camera is being inserted into the sanitary line
 - The distance from insertion point of camera to main sanitary line
 - The location of any hook-ups to the sanitary service line
 - The name of any person who was consulted to evaluate the recorded televised tape of the inspected line
 - If a problem was found, what needs to be corrected
 - Date problem is corrected and if a re-inspection is needed

Section 3: Corrective Action.

- A. If inspection of the property shows deficiencies in the sanitary sewer service, the sewer service shall be required to be brought up to current standards, as required by the City and State codes, that will eliminate the induction of inflow and infiltration of non-sanitary-sewer water to the sanitary sewer service for the property and City sewer system. For example, footing tile, downspouts or basement sump pumps illegally connected to the sanitary sewer system must be disconnected there from and discharged instead into a private drain field, sediment tank or cistern on the premises. A sewer line showing cracks or defects must be replaced or lined to meet approval of the City.
- B. Any deficiencies detected in a sanitary sewer service line by inspection conducted under this ordinance shall be corrected prior to the transfer of title of the property, or within 90 days after the inspection report has been filed with the city, whichever happens first.

Section 4: Waivers and Extensions.

- A. If an inspection report can be provided to the City showing an inspection within 36 months prior to the proposed transfer of title, and said inspection confirmed that the sanitary sewer service line met city and state codes, then no new inspection of the property sanitary sewer service line will be required prior to transfer of the property title.
- B. New construction which has been subject to standard city building code inspection shall not require a new sanitary sewer service line inspection under this ordinance prior to transfer of the title. However, once the new construction has been occupied, it may be subject to sanitary sewer service line inspection under this ordinance in the discretion of the city, if another title transfer takes place more than 36 months after the initial title transfer.

Section 5: Record Keeping.

- A. The City shall keep the inspection reports on file and also map the location of all completed inspections or keep a database of completed inspections.
- B. The City shall file a copy of this ordinance with the Sibley County Recorder's Office, with the understanding that the Recorder shall not accept any title transfer documents for recording for any property within the city limits of Arlington unless said transfer documents include a release form from the city, stating that the terms of this ordinance have been complied with.

Section 6: Inspections Triggered by Building Permit Application.

The City may, at its discretion, require an inspection of a sanitary sewer service line on any property for which a building permit application has been filed. Such inspection will be required if, in the City's opinion, the proposed building project could make it more difficult or expensive to correct deficiencies in the sanitary sewer service line at a later date. For example, if a building permit application plans for the construction of a patio or deck or other structure over the location of the sanitary sewer service line, the City may require inspection of the sanitary sewer

service line under this ordinance, and the corrections of any defects in said line, as part of the building project.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

For City of Green Isle:

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Its City Clerk-Treasurer

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