

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Emery E. Gallagher, Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Ordinance Addition: Cleaning and repair of private sanitary sewer service lines

Date: April 28, 2016

In an effort to improve sewer customer's understanding of their important role in the maintenance of their private sewer service lines. Staff is requesting approval of the attached ordinance change to Sec. 102-180, and the removal of Sec. 102-191 (e) clearing blockage.

This ordinance change would provide city staff direction on the City's responsibility regarding private sewer service lines and would ensure all private sewer service lines repairs and any service performed by city staff is standardized.

Staff is recommending the following ordinance change to Sec. 102-180 to read as follows:

- a) The property owner/occupant is responsible for cleaning or clearing all stoppages in the private sanitary sewer service line from the house or business to the tap at the City sewer main. The City will not clean or clear any stoppages located in the private sanitary sewer service line regardless of the location of the stoppage.
- b) The property owner/occupant is responsible for all repairs, including emergency repairs, to the private sanitary sewer service line from the house or business to the property line.
- c) Upon verification from a licensed plumber of a defective sanitary sewer line from the property line to the main, the City will repair the private sanitary sewer service line.