

ORDINANCE NUMBER 53

ORDINANCE FOR THE INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWER HOOKUPS

I. Purpose.

St. Louis County owns the Midway Park Sewer System. This system is connected to the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District in conjunction with the City of Proctor Sewer System. The Western Lake Superior Sanitary District requires that all sewer systems which flow into the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, shall have a procedure for inspecting all homes, businesses, or other sources which empty into that sewer system for inflow and infiltration of storm water runoff into the Sanitary Sewer System.

II. Storm Water Connection.

No home, residence, or other contributor to the Midway Park Sewer System shall make or have a connection of roof, down-spouts, sump pump, or other sources of unpolluted waters such as storm water, ground water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, unpolluted industrial water, or cooling water, directly or indirectly, into the Midway Park Sanitary Sewer System. Dwellings or other structures which, because of infiltration of water into basements, crawl spaces, and the like, require a sump pump discharge system, shall have a permanently installed discharge line and shall not, at any time, discharge any water into the Sanitary Sewer System except as herein provided. A permanent installation shall be one which provides for year-round discharge capability to either the outside of the dwelling or otherwise connected to a storm sewer discharge through the curb or gutter to the street. It shall consist of a rigid-discharge line without valving or quick connections for altering the path of discharge.

The County shall establish an inflow and infiltration committee, which shall have the power and duty of hearing and deciding requests for waivers from the applicability of the provisions of this Ordinance, where the strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration, or cause a safety problem, applicability for a waiver shall be in writing addressed to the County of St. Louis Inflow and Infiltration Committee. The application shall identify the property for which the waiver is being applied, the name of the property owner, and must describe in detail what characteristics of the subject property create an undue hardship. Upon approval of an application for a waiver, the property owner shall be allowed to temporarily pump directly into the sanitary system between the dates of November 1 and April 15.

III. Inspections.

All customers of the Midway Park Sanitary System, with respect to the sewer service, shall allow the County of St. Louis, or its designees, access to any and all structures being provided such sewer service for the purpose of inspection, provided that in any non-emergency situation,

the County or its designee shall provide the owner or occupant of the structure a 24-hour notice of the need to inspect.

Prior to the inspection, the employee of St. Louis County, or its designee, shall present a proper identification to the structure's owner if present or any occupant of the structure if the owner is not present.

The term "inspection" shall include inspection of water and sewer mains, service lines, drains or meters.

IV. Failure to Allow Access.

Any customer, as described above in Subdivision III, who fails or refuses to allow a properly identified employee of the County, or its designee, to inspect as provided in Subdivision III, shall be subject to the immediate discontinuance of all sanitary sewer service until this inspection is allowed. Upon compliance with a demand to inspect, any sewer service that has been disconnected for noncompliance with this Ordinance, shall be immediately reconnected and their service restored upon the payment of any required re-connection fees.

Effectuation

The St. Louis County Ordinance for the Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Hookups, Ordinance No. 53, shall take effect and be in full force on the 1st day of February, 2000, upon adoption by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners, and shall be published in the official newspaper of St. Louis County as provided by Minnesota Statutes.

Commissioner Sweeney moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and Commissioner Kron duly seconded the motion, and it was adopted on the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Fay, Kron, Forsman, Sweeney, and Chair Raukar - 5

Nays: Commissioner Fink - 1

Absent: Commissioner Prebich - 1

Abstain: None

(Steve Raukar)

Steve Raukar
Chair, County Board

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(Gordon D McFaul)

Gordon D. McFaul
County Auditor

ATTEST;

(Paul L Tynjala)

Paul L. Tynjala
Clerk of the County Board