



## Committee of the Whole Memorandum

To: Committee of the Whole  
From: Jim Culotta, City Administrator  
Date: 11/13/17  
Re: Proposed Amendment to City Code Section 52 related to sanitary sewer laterals

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### **SUMMARY**

The attached ordinance has been prepared with the assistance of Director Andrews for the purpose of clarifying the limits of the City's responsibility for the sanitary sewer system and specifically sanitary sewer laterals. The ordinance creates § 52.009 *Sewer System* and explains the differences between the public sanitary sewer system and the customer sanitary sewer system. This draft is loosely based on *Section 54 Water System* of the current City Code.

Following their discussion on November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Public Works Committee directed staff to bring this ordinance to the Committee of the Whole for additional input.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS IT RELATES TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

Create § 52.009 Sewer System and insert the following:

(A) The sanitary sewer system shall be considered as made up of two (2) parts: the public sanitary sewer system and the customer's sanitary sewer system. The public sanitary sewer system shall consist of the treatment facilities and the distribution system, including the sanitary sewer main and all those facilities of the sanitary sewer system under the control of the City up to the point where the customer's sewer system begins.

(B) The customer's sewer system shall include the sanitary sewer lateral that conveys sewage from its point of origin to the public sanitary sewer main. The connection of the sanitary sewer lateral to the main is a part of the customer's sewer system. The customer is responsible for all maintenance and related costs of the customer's sewer system.

- I. There are cases within the sanitary system where the customer(s) have a permitted private sanitary sewer with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). In these cases, the maintenance and related costs of the private sewer remains with the private owner(s) as permitted with the IEPA for the private sewer, essentially to its point of connection to the public sewer main owned and operated by the City.
- II. There are also cases of customer shared sanitary sewer laterals and other non-permitted "wildcat" sewers that are discovered from time to time within the system. These types of customer systems are not the City's responsibility to correct and/or maintain and may need to be addressed at additional cost to the customer(s) connected thereto to be brought into current compliance with the IPEA.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk