



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: May 3, 2021

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Agenda Item: Sanitary Sewer Lateral Ownership

Explanation: The City Ordinance currently says that the maintenance of the sanitary lateral is the responsibility of the homeowner from the house all the way to the main. The ordinance also lays out that the construction of the connection to the main is the responsibility of the home owner. Past discussions at PWC have been that the City should take ownership of the lateral from the main to a cleanout at the back of curb.

Staff would like direction on rewriting the ordinance to incorporate this. Staff has talked and a few items have popped up that we would like discussed and direction on.

1. Homeowner is responsible for maintenance of the line regardless of ownership. Blockages between the main and home should be responsibility of homeowner.
2. If there is a collapse under the roadway that causes a backup in the home, do we have any liability with ownership? What if staff can't get to this immediately and a problem arises in the home?
3. How does the City's stance on ownership of a sanitary lateral affect other items such as field/drain tiles under roadways?

Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: Discussion on path forward.

Action Requested: Discussion