



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Finance & Personnel Committee Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: November 15, 2021

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Agenda Item: Sanitary Lateral Ordinance Penalties Discussion

Explanation: At the last COW meeting, the sanitary lateral ordinance was discussed. Chairman Butler had asked about the penalty of not disconnecting a footing tile/sump pump from the sanitary sewer. Looking into this, the penalty section of the ordinance pointed to the Section 96.03 of the Nuisance Code that was also being struck out of the existing code by the ordinance. With that being said, there is Section 96.99 of the existing nuisance code that could be referenced instead of the struck-out portion.

§ 96.99 PENALTY Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be punished by a fine not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense in any twelve-month period, a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a second offense within any twelve-month period, a fine of not less than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for a third offense within any twelve-month period, and a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a fourth offense and all subsequent offenses within any twelve-month period. This penalty may be enforced by issuance of a “Notice of Violation” for the fine amounts enumerated herein, or by issuance of a “Notice to Appear.” Each day any violation of this Chapter shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. This penalty shall be in addition to the costs and penalty provided for the abatement of nuisances as provided in §96.05(C) and §96.05(E), and in addition to any and all other remedies which may be available to the City under this Chapter, other Chapters of the Code of Ordinances, or other laws.

Recommendation Summary: Staff would like discussion on the penalty structure for the failure of a property owner to disconnect a footing tile or sump pump from their sanitary lateral.

Action Requested: Discussion with a direction to place on the first council meeting in December for a second reading as amended.