

## **Ordinance O-17-20**

### ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 13.30 OF THE WAUWATOSA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LATERALS AND MANHOLES

The Common Council of the City of Wauwatosa do hereby ordain as follows:

Part I: Chapter 13.30 of the Wauwatosa Municipal Code is hereby created to read in its entirety as follows:

#### **Chapter 13.30 - Privately Owned Sanitary Sewer Laterals and Manholes**

##### Section 13.30.010 - Ownership, Maintenance, and Repair of Private Sewer Laterals

- A. For the purpose of this ordinance, a private sewer lateral (“PSL”) shall be defined as a privately owned sewer which conveys sewage from a building or buildings to the City’s or MMSD’s collection system, including all pipes, fittings, manholes, cleanouts, and appurtenances, from the outer face of the building(s) served up to and including the connection to the City’s or MMSD’s sewer system.
  
- B. Private sewer laterals and mains shall be owned, maintained, and repaired by the owner(s) of the property(ies) which the pipe serves. Ownership of a lateral or private sewer main includes the entire pipe from the building(s) up to and including the connection to the City’s or MMSD’s sewer system. Where a PSL serves more than one parcel, all parcels served by that PSL shall be equally responsible for that PSL unless the joint owners file with the City an operation document signed by all owners stating who is the responsible party(ies)

##### Section 13.30.020 - Inspections of Private Sewer Laterals

- A. Each property owner shall, at the property owner’s expense, inspect, maintain in good working order, repair and replace, as necessary, the private sewer pipe so that it is free of defects. Defects are defined as displaced joints, open joints, leaking joints, root intrusion, substantial deterioration of the line, cracks, leaks, inflow, exfiltration, infiltration, or extraneous water, fats, oils, grease, sediment, deposits. Defects also include any other similar conditions or obstructions likely

to cause or contribute to blockage of the private pipe or public sewer, or contribute to a public health hazard.

- B. Repairs to defects discovered by inspections shall be made per the schedule of repair deadlines as determined by the Board of Public Works.
- C. Owners of sanitary manholes shall inspect manholes per the manhole inspection frequency as determined by the Board of Public Works. Manholes shall be inspected by an individual certified by the National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO) for manhole inspection (MACP). Inspections shall be on an inspection form as provided by the Engineering Services division. Completed inspection forms are to be returned to the Engineering Services Division within five days of the inspection.
- D. Owners of private interceptor sewers, as defined by State Plumbing code, shall inspect their sanitary sewers per the sewer inspection frequency as determined by the Board of Public Works. Sewers shall be inspected by an individual certified by the NASSCO for sanitary sewer inspection (PACP). Inspections shall be on an inspection form as provided by the Engineering Services division. Completed inspection forms are to be returned to the Engineering Services Division within five days of the inspection.
- E. Owners of sanitary lift stations shall inspect the lift stations per the lift station inspection frequency as determined by the Board of Public Works. Lift stations shall be inspected by an individual certified by the National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO) for manhole inspection (MACP). Inspections shall be on an inspection form as provided by the Engineering Services division. Completed inspection forms are to be returned to the Engineering Services Division within five days of the inspection.
- F. Owners of sanitary sewer cleanouts, other than those cleanouts that serve one and two family residential properties, shall inspect the cleanouts per the cleanout inspection frequency as determined by the Board of Public Works. Cleanouts shall be inspected by an individual certified by the NASSCO for manhole inspection. Inspections shall be on an inspection form as provided by the Engineering Services division. Completed inspection forms are to be returned to the Engineering Services Division within five days of the inspection.

- G. The City of Wauwatosa or its agents may at any time perform an inspection of any portion of a PSL that may lay within public right of way or easement without prior notice to the owner of that PSL. Defects discovered during such inspections shall be repaired by the PSL owner per the schedule of repair deadlines as determined by the Board of Public Works.

Section 13.30.030 - Building Project-Generated Inspections

All new buildings shall have a new lateral installed. For existing buildings, any building project in excess of \$100,000 shall cause the building lateral to be replaced. In lieu of the above new lateral installation, the existing lateral may be reused if it is inspected and passes pressure testing requirements as established by the Board of Public Works.

Part II. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its date of publication.

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