

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW CODE CHANGES VILLAGE OF OAKFIELD

Three Ordinances amending the Municipal Code for the Sewer Utility are being considered. These Ordinances have been developed in response to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Compliance Orders as the Village works to eliminate Sewer System Overflows and Bypassing.

1. Definitions as it relates to Sanitary Sewer

Add the following definitions:

Management means the Village Staff, or contracted services.

Private Lateral means the segment of the sanitary sewer system from the sanitary sewer to the building that connects a resident or business to the Village sanitary sewer system.

Comment:

The new definition of *Private Lateral* is needed to establish the extent of the private lateral as being from the sanitary sewer main to the building.

2. Private Sewer Laterals as it relates to Sanitary Sewer Private Laterals

- a. This is a new Ordinance Section
- b. Establishes that the property owner is required to maintain the Private Lateral.
- c. Gives the Manager the authority to enter private property and inspect or test a Private Lateral.
- d. Defines a defect in the Private Lateral as:
 1. Any visible leak;
 2. Evidence of pipe or joint deterioration;
 3. Root intrusion into a pipe that separates a pipe joint or enlarges an existing crack;
 4. A misaligned pipe segment, sag or lack of positive gradient;
 5. A lack of a necessary cleanout cap or manhole cover;
 6. A downspout, drain or other connection that allows storm water or other extraneous water to enter the sanitary sewer system; or
 7. A flow that allows the discharge of sewage on the property or the introduction of extraneous water into the sewer system.

- e. Establishes that if the Manager identifies a defective private lateral, the property owner must correct the condition. During the replacement of the private lateral, the work shall be inspected by the Manager.
 - f. Establishes the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Remediation Project:
 - 1. Property owners are required to replace/remediate their Private Lateral if the lateral is found to be in violation (defective) of the Village Code.
3. **Prohibited Discharges Storm Sewers** as it relates to Storm Water Regulations

This is a new Ordinance Section.

The purpose of these regulations is to prevent safety hazards caused by inappropriate Discharge of Storm Water and reduce the unnecessary cost and burdens associated with the treatment of Storm Water by the Wastewater Utility. The Village Board of the Village of Oakfield finds that the Discharge of Storm Water from private properties onto public right-of-way creates a safety hazard to pedestrians and motorists. The Village Board also finds that the Discharge of Storm Water to the sanitary sewers adds to the cost of treating sewerage and it detracts from the available capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All homes, business, and industries in the Village of Oakfield with below-ground rooms shall have a sump pump. Further, the Village Board declares that violations of the Chapter regulating Storm Water shall constitute a public nuisance.