

14-153. EXTENSIONS MAY BE MASTER-METERED. When an extension supplying more than one house or user outside the city limits is connected to city water mains, the water superintendent may require a master meter to be installed near the point where the connection is to be made to the city main. This installation will be at the expense of the persons served by such extension according to the regular rates for meter installation. Responsible parties must agree to pay all bills for water served through the meter at the applicable water rates.

14-154. COST OF EXTENSIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY WATER SUPERINTENDENT. Upon receipt of such petition and map and before the petition is granted, the city council shall determine what portion, if any, of the extension of the city water mains to the city limits the city shall construct, and shall obtain from the water superintendent a verified statement showing the whole cost and expense of making such extension. Such costs and expenses shall include administrative and supervisory expenditures of the city water department, which shall in no event be deemed to be less than ten percent of the cost of materials and labor.

CHAPTER 14-200. SEWERS.

PART 14-210. ADMINISTRATION.

14-211. SEWER DEPARTMENT AND SYSTEM. The sewer department is hereby created. It shall comprise all of the property, equipment and personnel necessary to the maintenance and operation of the city's sewage collection and disposal system. The department shall administer the operation and maintenance of the city sewer system.

14-212. SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT. There is hereby created the position of superintendent of the sewer department.

14-213. DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT. The superintendent of the sewer department shall manage and supervise the city's sewer system under the direction of the city council which from time to time shall by resolution or otherwise prescribe his powers and duties and direct the manner and frequency with which he shall make reports to the mayor relating to the sewer system.

14-214. APPLICATION FOR SEWER SERVICE. Any person who desires or is required to secure sewer service when such service is available from the city sewer systems shall apply therefor to the recorder and file an agreement with the city which shall be in substantially the form shown in Appendix A.

14-215. NONOWNER APPLICANTS - AGREEMENT BY OWNER. Applications for sewer services made by the tenant or an owner must in addition to the above requirement be guaranteed by an agreement signed by the owner of the premises or his duly authorized agent in substantially the form shown in Appendix A.

14-216. RATES AND CONNECTION FEES. The rates, penalty fee for delinquency in payment and connection fees for sewer services from the city sewer system shall be fixed from time to time by resolution or ordinance of the city council. The city council may from time to time enact rules for levying, billing, guaranteeing and collecting charges for sewer services and all other rules necessary for the management and control of the sewer system.

14-217. SPECIAL RATES. The city council may from time to time fix by agreement or resolution special rates and conditions upon such terms as they may deem proper for users of the sewer service discharging wastes of unusual characteristics or making use thereof under exceptional circumstances.

14-218. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, RATES AND REBATES. The city council is hereby constituted a board of equalization of sewer rates to hear complaints and make corrections of any assessments or charges deemed to be illegal, unequal, or unjust.

14-219. DELINQUENCY - DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE.

- A. The sewer department, or such other person as the city council may designate, shall furnish to each user or mail or leave at his place or residence or usual place of business, a written or printed statement stating the sewer service charges assessed against him once each month or at such other regular intervals as the city council shall direct. The statement shall specify the amount of the bill, the place of payment, and the date due.
- B. If any person fails to pay his sewer charges within 30 days of the date due, the recorder or the sewer superintendent shall give the customer notice in writing of the intent to discontinue the service of water to the premises unless the customer pays the bill in full within five days from date of notice.
- C. If the water service is thereafter discontinued for failure to make payment of the sewer service charges, before the water service to the premises shall again be provided, all delinquent sewer charges must have been paid to the city treasurer or arrangements made for their payment that are satisfactory to the city.
- D. In the event water is turned off for nonpayment of sewer charges, before the water service to the premises shall again be provided, the customer shall pay, in addition to all delinquent charges, such extra charge for turning the water on and off as the city council may have established by resolution or ordinance.
- E. If any person fails to pay his sewer charges within 30 days of the due date, the recorder or the sewer supervisor is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to enforce collection, including but not limited to the commencement of legal proceedings in a court of proper jurisdiction seeking judgment for the amount of the delinquent fees and service charges and all costs of collection, including court costs and attorney's fees.

14-220. USE OF SEWER SYSTEM MANDATORY. It shall be unlawful for the owner or any other person occupying or having charge of any premises within the city which are located within 300 feet of a sewer main to dispose of sewage therefrom by any means other than by use of the city sewer system. It shall be unlawful to construct or to continue the use of any other sewage disposal system such as a privy, vault, cesspool, or septic tank on the property except by written approval of the city council in cases of undue hardship.

14-221. QUALIFIED PLUMBING NECESSARY. It shall be unlawful for any person to connect any drain or sewer pipe with the city sewer system unless the person is a duly licensed plumber or unless, in the absence of a duly licensed plumber, any proposed connection to, alteration of, or change of connection to the sewer system shall be first submitted to the sewer superintendent for review and approval. After such approval, the installation or work done shall be subject to inspection by the superintendent or his agent.

14-222. PERMITS FOR INSTALLATIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person to directly or indirectly engage in the laying, repairing, altering or connecting of any drain or sewer pipe connected with or part of the city sewer system without first having received a permit from the office of the recorder or the sewer superintendent.

14-223. WHEN PERMITS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED. Permits to connect to the city sewer system shall not be issued unless the plumbing in the house or building to be connected is in accordance with the provisions of the building and plumbing codes of the city.

14-224. REVOCATION OF PERMITS. All construction permits for sewer connections or installations shall be issued to the plumber who is to do the work or to the owner of the property, subject to the supervision and inspection by the superintendent or his agents. The recorder or superintendent may at any time revoke a permit because of defective work or because of undue delay in completing the permitted work.

14-225. PIPES TO BE KEPT IN GOOD REPAIR. All users of the sewer services shall keep their service pipes, connections, and other apparatus in good repair and protected from frost at their own expense. No person, except under the direction of the sewer superintendent, shall be allowed to dig into the street for the purpose of removing or repairing any sewer service pipe or main.

14-226. QUALITY OF SERVICE PIPE. All service and other pipes used in conjunction with the sewer services of the city shall be of such material, quality and specifications as the city council may from time to time by resolution provide and shall be installed at such distances below ground as may be specified by regulations relating to the sewer department. All work, alterations or extensions affecting sewer pipes shall be subject to the acceptance of the sewer superintendent, and no connections with sewer mains shall be made without first obtaining a permit therefor from the recorder.

14-227. DEPARTMENT TO HAVE FREE ACCESS. The sewer superintendent and his agents shall at all ordinary hours have free access to places supplied with sewer services from the city system for the purpose of examining the apparatus, ascertaining the sewer service being used and the manner of its use.

14-228. TRIAL SEWER SURVEY. In order to determine the feasibility of connecting a basement or proposed basement to the sanitary sewer, the owner or plumber may make an application for a trial sewer survey, the cost of which shall be as established from time to time by resolution of the city council. The result of a trial sewer survey shall not constitute a permit to connect to the sewer and is merely for information purposes.

PART

14-230. REGULATION AND CONTROL OF SEWER.

14-231. PROHIBITED USES.

- A. **Inflammables.** It shall be unlawful for any person to injure, break or remove any part or portion of any sewer appliance or appurtenance, or to discharge into a sewer any inflammable gas, gasoline, or oil, any calcium carbide or residue therefrom, or any liquid or other materials or substance which will emit an inflammable gas when in contact with water, sewage or fire. Oil separators installed in any building where volatile fluids are used must not be connected directly or indirectly with a sewer.
- B. **Waste pipes from enumerated establishments.** The contents of waste pipes from water filters, gas engines, air compressors, vacuum or dry cleaners, garages, wash racks, stores or warehouses containing inflammable substances, car barns, buildings for the stabling or keeping of horses, cows and other animals, or plants using milk or processing milk products, and all similar establishments shall not be disposed of through connection with a sanitary sewer unless such contents are discharged into settling tanks properly trapped and vented. The construction of such tanks must be approved by the city engineer, and must be subject to his inspection, approval, or condemnation before cement is poured and at all times thereafter until completion of such construction. Upon condemnation by the city engineer, the sewage from the

tanks shall not be allowed to flow into the sewer until satisfactory alterations have been made and the construction approved by the city engineer.

- C. **Obstructive material.** It shall be unlawful for any person to empty or discharge into the public sanitary sewer any garbage, refuse or other similar matter or substance likely to obstruct the sewer, or any substance, solid or liquid other than the waste products for which the sewer is provided.
- D. **Drainage waters and destructive materials.** It shall be unlawful for any person to connect with a public sanitary sewer any drain or pipe which discharges rain water, cellar or surface water, acids, alkalies, lye or other injurious liquids, or the contents of any spring, flowing well, creek, ditch, or other water courses. No boiler or heating plant shall be directly connected to the sanitary sewer. The overflow from boilers or heating plants, when cooled to a temperature not to exceed 120 degrees fahrenheit, will be allowed to run to a sump, which sump shall be connected to the sewer. The discharge of the contents of waste pipes from water filters, gas engines, air compressors, vacuum or dry cleaners, garages, wash racks, stores or warehouses which contain inflammable substances, buildings, for the stabling or keeping of horses, cows and other animals, and all similar establishments, shall not be made into or connected with a sanitary sewer, unless such contents are discharged into settling tanks properly trapped and vented. Settling tanks shall be constructed of a material approved by the superintendent and shall be at all times subject to his inspection and approval or condemnation. Upon condemnation by the superintendent, the sewage from said tanks shall not be allowed to flow into sewer until satisfactory alterations have been made and the construction approved by the superintendent.

14-232. REGULATIONS. The city council shall have power to and retains the right to adopt regulations controlling the manner and circumstances under which the sewer system may be used in addition to the regulatory provisions set forth expressly in this chapter.

14-233. OWNERSHIP OF CONNECTING LINES. Unless provision is expressly made for ownership of mains or lines by owner of the adjacent property by means of a written agreement, all lines and mains connecting the sewer system to a land owner or resident's premises which are situated on the public way between the main and the property line shall be deemed to be the property of the municipality and subject to its absolute control and supervision even though actual installation may have been performed by the owner or resident of the premises.

14-234. SEWER MAN-HOLES. It shall be unlawful for any person to open any sewer man-hole without permission from the superintendent.

14-235. DESTRUCTION. It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, deface, injure or interfere with the operation of any part or appurtenance of the sewer system.