

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in September of 1997, City Council approved a pilot program for the reimbursement of costs associated with the replacement of sanitary sewer laterals; and


WHEREAS, the City desires to formally establish a Sewer Lateral Reimbursement and Assistance Policy wherein the City will reimburse a homeowner the cost associated with the replacement of that portion of a sanitary sewer lateral that lies beyond the boundary of the property being served and wherein a licensed plumbing contractor may obtain assistance from the City in replacing laterals to ensure prompt restoration of sewer service, which policy the City Manager recommends be approved.

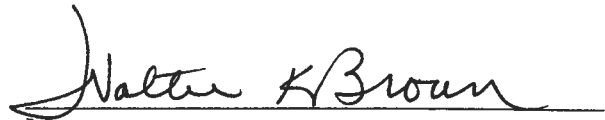
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

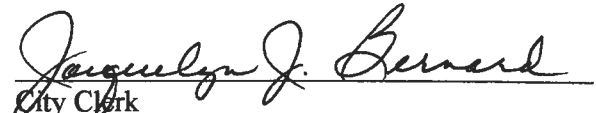
That the recommendation of the City Manager is accepted and the attached Lateral Reimbursement and Assistance Policy is hereby approved.

This the 1st day of February 1999.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


City Attorney


Mayor


City Clerk

City of Oak Ridge
Lateral Reimbursement and Assistance Policy

Policy Statement: City Code Section 25-34.14 provides that ownership and maintenance responsibility for sanitary sewer laterals rests solely with the owner of the building being served up to its point of connection to the City sewer system. Often this involves crossing through City rights-of-way, under city streets, and across private property of adjoining neighbors. In the event of a breakdown of a lateral, considerable expense can be realized by the property owner in having a private Licensed Plumbing Contractor perform difficult work replacing the line, often in streets or in deep excavations the Licensed Plumbing Contractor may not be comfortable with.

It is the intent of this policy to help defray some of the extraordinary costs borne by the property owner and to provide for a mechanism whereby Licensed Plumbing Contractors may obtain assistance from the City in replacing laterals to ensure prompt restoration of sewer service to the property.

Procedures:

Reimbursement

1. Whenever a Licensed Plumbing Contractor identifies and the City Plumbing Inspector agrees that a sewer lateral is in need of replacement, the lateral shall be replaced in accordance with The Plumbing Code of the City of Oak Ridge.
2. The cost associated with that portion of the lateral that lies beyond the boundary of the property being served shall be eligible for reimbursement under this policy.
 - a. The maximum reimbursement for work in unpaved areas shall be \$25 per linear foot.
 - b. The maximum reimbursement for work in paved areas shall be a flat fee of \$1,800 for the first six feet of line and \$55 per linear foot thereafter.
3. The Licensed Plumbing Contractor who performs the work shall submit the bill for the work to the property owner who contracted for the work. The property owner shall be responsible for paying the bill.
4. The property owner shall complete Form No. 05-06-37, Sewer Lateral Reimbursement, and shall submit evidence that the plumbing bill has been paid to the City Plumbing Inspector who shall verify and approve the charges.
5. The City Plumbing Inspector shall forward Form 05-06-37 to the Finance Department for reimbursement to the property owner of the allowable charges.

Lateral Reimbursement and Assistance Policy, (cont'd.)

City Assistance

1. In the event the work to be performed is of such a nature that the Licensed Plumbing Contractor engaged by the property owner feels uncomfortable in attempting the work from a health or safety perspective, e.g., depth of excavation, traffic control, etc., the Licensed Plumbing Contractor may request assistance from the City in completing the work.
 - a. The Licensed Plumbing Contractor may request such assistance by completing Form No. 05-06-35 and submitting it to the City Plumbing Inspector.
 - b. The City Plumbing Inspector shall, by approving such request, become the responsible party for coordinating the requested work.
2. The Public Works Department shall assume responsibility for performing the requested work in a timely manner. The work performed shall be inspected by the City Plumbing Inspector.
3. Any work performed by the City shall not be eligible for reimbursement under this policy. All work performed by the City under this policy shall be at no cost to the Licensed Plumbing Contractor or the property owner.

DATE: _____

TO: Finance Department

FROM: Code Enforcement Division

SUBJECT: Sewer Lateral Reimbursement

We, the undersigned, being the owner of _____ hereby request reimbursement for work completed by _____ (Plumber), replacing a sewer lateral serving my home. The attached invoice represents the actual cost associated with that replacement work.

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Owner's Signature: _____

Job Address: _____

Plumber's Name: _____

Plumber's Invoice Attached: Yes _____ Not Available _____

Permit Number: _____

Inspection Date: _____

_____ ft @ \$ _____ per linear foot (Street Crossing or Paved Surface)

_____ ft @ \$ _____ per linear foot (Private Property/Greenbelt or Easement)

Total: \$ _____

Inspected or Approved by: _____

Approval for Payment by: _____ ACT. CODE 22650.5236.15
Code Administrator

Finance Approval by: _____ Check Amount \$ _____ Check Number _____

Date of Reimbursement: _____

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

I, _____, hereby request that the Public Works
Department of the City of Oak Ridge assist me, on behalf of my plumbing company, in
repairing the sewer lateral at _____, within the city limits of Oak
Ridge, Tennessee.
(street address)

DATE: _____

Plumber/Company

DATE: _____

City of Oak Ridge Plumbing Inspector