



CITY OF ST. JOHN

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SANITARY SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM March, 2018

In April, 1999, St. Louis County residents voted to pass the sewer lateral program whereby a fund is created from a \$28 per household annual assessment which is dedicated to the repairs of clay tile sewer laterals. The St. John City Council has approved the administration of this fund according to the following guidelines.

1. The sewer lateral fund will reimburse residents 100% of the cost of repair of a sewer lateral line that meets the following guidelines:

- **Crushed, collapsed, or broken to the extent that adequate flow is not permitted.**
- **Severe offset of a joint that does not permit adequate flow.**
- **Severe back fall or sagging that does not permit adequate flow.**
- **Severe blockage that cannot be physically cleaned out.**
- **Damage or break in the lateral that creates a hazardous condition.**
- **Obstructed by tree roots.**

2. The sewer lateral fund will not reimburse for cleaning, rodding, or augering out blockages created by waste materials.

3. In order to verify that the sewer lateral problem complies with the conditions described in Item #1 above, the resident should hire a plumbing company to make a video tape of the line. The City will review the video tape and confirm that the problem in the sewer lateral line meets these guidelines.

4. Only that portion of the sewer lateral that is actually affected by one of the conditions described in Item No. 1 above will be eligible for repair. This is what is commonly known as a "spot repair."

5. Fill out the application available at City Hall or on the City's website and submit it to the Public Works Director accompanied by the following documentation:

- A copy of a paid real estate tax bill for the property for the immediate prior year;
- A CD clearly demonstrating that the lateral line meets the above guidelines.

6. Once the Public Works Director confirms that the problem in the sewer lateral line meets the above described guidelines, the resident will be instructed to obtain bids from three (3) plumbing companies describing the exact repairs that will be performed along with the associated cost. Work performed that is subject to reimbursement is limited to the excavation, replacement of lateral line, and backfill and grading. The program does not reimburse for removal and/or replacement of landscaping, trees, or shrubs. If the sewer lateral runs under a driveway, a spot repair will be authorized and that portion of the driveway disturbed will be replaced.

7. Once the three bids are received and evaluated, the Public Works Director will provide a Notice to Proceed to the company with the low responsive bid. Note: In submitting the three bids to the City, homeowner acknowledges that they will accept the responsible bid selected by the Public Works Director and that they will pay selected contractor in full upon completion of work. Reimbursement will be made upon completion of the work. The resident will pay the plumber in full, and submit proof of payment to the Public Works Director. Reimbursement will be 100% of the cost of repair plus the cost of the CD.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in denial of reimbursement. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to the Public Works Director.

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APPLICATION FOR REPAIR**

ADDRESS OF REPAIR: _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY: _____

OWNER ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

PHONE: _____
(Home) (Cell) (Work)

If rental property name of tenant: _____

Tenant phone number: _____

Describe sewer lateral problem: _____

Has MSD been contacted? _____

This application must be accompanied by proof of payment of real estate taxes for this property.

Signature of owner: _____

Printed name of owner: _____

Date: _____