

## CHAPTER 100

# SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

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**100.01 PURPOSE.** This chapter supplements Chapters 95, 96, 97, and 98 of this Code of Ordinances to insure there is no discharge of water from any roof, surface, ground, sump pump, footing tile, or swimming pool or other natural precipitation into the City sanitary sewer collection system. On numerous occasions in the past the sanitary sewer has flooded and been overloaded to such an extent as to cause damage to residential property and to overload City services. Such damage has caused the backup of sewage into the living quarters of residential homes, creating a potential health hazard. It is essential to the maintenance of health, minimization of damage to property, and to maintain the life and capacity of all City services that the provisions of this chapter be strictly enforced to avoid and minimize these problems in the future.

**100.02 DEFINITION AND METHOD.** No water from any roof, surface, ground, sump pump, footing tile, swimming pool, or other natural precipitation shall be discharged into the sanitary sewer collection system. Dwellings (including new housing construction or houses under construction) and other buildings and structures which require, because of infiltration of water into basements, crawl spaces and the like, a sump pump system to discharge water shall have a permanently installed discharge line which shall not at any time discharge water into the sanitary sewer collection system. A permanent installation shall be one which provides for a year-round discharge connection to the City sub-drain/storm sewer system. If there is no sub-drain available, the surface discharge point location shall be approved by the Public Works Director. It shall consist of rigid discharge line, without valving or quick connections for altering the path of discharge and, if connected to the City sub-drain/storm sewer line, shall include a check valve.

**100.03 REQUIREMENTS TO DISCONNECT IMPROPER CONNECTIONS.** Any person, firm, or corporation having a roof, surface, ground, sump pump, footing tile, or swimming pool now connected and/or discharging into the sanitary sewer system shall disconnect and/or remove the same. Any disconnects or openings in the sanitary sewer shall be closed or repaired in a manner as approved by the Public Works Director.

**100.04 ACCESS AND ENTRY FOR INSPECTIONS.** Every person owning real estate or a contractor/builder who is building a house within the City that discharges into the City's sanitary sewer system or on the ground shall allow an employee of the City to inspect the buildings to confirm that there is no sump pump or other prohibited discharge into the sanitary sewer system. Any owner of property or contractor/house builder found to violate this chapter shall make necessary changes to comply with this chapter and furnish proof of the changes to the City within 60 days after the date the violation was identified. Inspections shall be made at a reasonable time and only after reasonable effort has been made to notify the property owner of the need for such inspection.

**100.05 FUTURE INSPECTIONS.** At any future time, if the City has reason to suspect that an illegal connection may exist in a premises, the owner, after written notice, shall allow a City representative to inspect the building.

**100.06 PENALTY.** Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is provided may be punished as set forth below.

1. Any person found to be violating any provision of this chapter shall be served by the City with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing at least sixty (60) days for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease and correct all violations.
2. Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a municipal infraction. Each day in which any such violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense.
3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall become liable to the City for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the City by reason of such violation. The City will also retain any and all civil remedies, including (but not limited to) injunction or abatement actions to remedy a violation.