

ORDINANCE NO. C-24-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28 - WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER, SECTIONS 28-56, 28-58, AND 28-59, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, AND PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING STANDARDS TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS AND REMOVE CONFLICTING INFORMATION; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Public Works Department has identified inconsistencies and conflicting language in the City's Code of Ordinances regarding the permitting for construction, maintenance responsibilities, and inspection procedures of sanitary sewer service laterals; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-56 contains language regarding repair and maintenance responsibilities for sewer lateral pipelines, which is unclear and inconsistent with standard operating procedures within the City and other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-58 contains language allowing multiple buildings and/or properties to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system via one, single sewer lateral pipeline, which does not comply with the City's engineering standards or Florida Building Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-59 requires additional language for sanitary sewer pipeline inspections to ensure only qualified personnel/contractors are conducting pipe inspections throughout the city, and that such inspections are done in a manner that is compliant with industry standards, as well as the City's asset management inspection and reporting protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

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SECTION 1. That Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater - Division 2. - Building Sewers and Connection - Section 28-56 - Maintenance by Property Owner, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 28-56. - Maintenance by property owner.

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain ~~the~~their sanitary sewer service upon and from ~~his~~their property to the city main sewer in the adjacent public right-of-way; ~~provided, however, that the city shall be responsible for repairing or replacing defective materials or portions of the line from the property line to the main sewer damaged by vehicular traffic driving over such line.~~

SECTION 2. That Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater - Division 2. - Building Sewers and Connection - Section 28-58 – Making Connections to Sewers, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 28-58. - Making connections to sewers.

- (a) House and business sewers from buildings shall be connected to the public sewers only at such service connections as may be designated in the building or engineering permit. No person other than designated city employees shall authorize tap, cut into, or break open or connection to any main sewer other than the service connection provided therefor.
- (b) All connections of the building sewers to public sewers shall be made by using materials approved by the City (~~depending on material construction of lateral~~) with a six-inch cleanout extended to grade and a threaded cleanout plug located within three (3) feet of the property line. The owner shall supply the approved materials; and perform the construction and extended of their sewer lateral and cleanout. ~~There shall be a spigot end at the public sewer entrance which shall be suitable for connection to the hub with approved materials.~~ All cleanouts in paved areas shall be protected by an approved H-20 traffic rated cleanout "traffic cover".
- (c) Should an additional service connection be required and should such requirement necessitate a tap, cut-in or insertion into the main sewer, such tap, cut-in, connection, or insertion shall be made only by a licensed Florida State Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor or a Broward County Florida Engineering Contractor. All permits shall be obtained and service charges paid in

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full before the lateral is installed.

- (d) ~~All wye connections to an existing sewer lateral shall be made only by a licensed Florida State Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor or a Broward County Florida Engineering Contractor. All permits shall be obtained and service charges paid in full before the wye is installed.~~
- (e) The property owner shall be responsible for procuring the services of a Florida licensed professional engineer, providing plans, specifications and details, obtaining plumbing and engineering permits, paying permit fees and hiring a plumber, approved contractor and underground utility and excavation contractor to perform the work to construct building sewers, sanitary sewer systems and any right-of-way, swale, stormwater, roadway, utility and sidewalk restoration and repairs.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 28 - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater - Division 2. - Building Sewers and Connection - Section 28-59 – Connections to Existing Building Sewers, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 28-59. - Connections to existing building sewers.

Where connections are to be made to existing building sewers, such building sewers shall be carefully examined by televising equipment and inspected and certified by a licensed plumber in the State of Florida. Any plumber performing the required inspections shall be experienced in NASSCO standards for content and terminology. CCTV survey files shall be provided in PACP file format. The inspection and report and CCTV video must be supplied to the City's Development Services Department (DSD) and the Public Works Department prior to issuance of a plumbing building permit to connect to the main sewer. If the existing service lateral is found in good condition and free from infiltration, it may be connected to the main sewer from the building. If, however, in the judgment of the city, the existing building sewer is not in good condition or free from infiltration, it shall be replaced. Such replacement shall be carried out under with an approved permit and approved by the public works director or his designee before connection is made.

SECTION 4. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

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SECTION 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage.

PASSED FIRST READING this 19th day of March, 2024.

PASSED SECOND READING this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor
DEAN TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN