

Proposed Local Law #5-2024 – Revision to Sec. 20-50

Sec. 20-50. - Building sewers and connections.

(a) No person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenances thereto without first obtaining a written permit from the clerk-treasurer or village board of trustees, as provided for herein or hereinafter established by resolution.

(b) There shall be two classes of building sewer permits:

(1) For normal-type wastewater service, which excludes any service having abnormal wastewater or any of those types of other discharge prescribed in section 20-53(a) and (b), the owner or his agent shall make application to the clerk-treasurer on a special form furnished by the clerk-treasurer.

(2) For any other wastewater service, the owner or his agent shall make application to the village board of trustees on a special form furnished by the clerk.

The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the clerk-treasurer or the village board of trustees and shall be accompanied by an application fee, as hereinafter established by resolution of the village board of trustees. Upon payment of the application fee and approval by the clerk-treasurer or village board of trustees as provided for above, a permit shall be issued allowing for the commencement of the installation and connection of the building sewer.

(c) All costs and expense incidental to the installation, connection, maintenance and, where necessary, pumping of the building sewer, shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the village for any loss or damage to the village sanitary sewer system or other municipal property, which may directly or indirectly have been occasioned by the installation, connection and maintenance of the building sewer.

(d) A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building. However, in the situation where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot, and no building sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, yard and driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building, and the whole considered as one building sewer.

(e) Old building sewers may be used in connection with old or new buildings only when they are found, upon examination and testing by the superintendent, to meet all of the requirements of this article.

(f) **All wyes and cleaning out connections shall have an appointed joint restraint.** Ex. A-clamp. All wyes installed in the village sanitary sewer system in front of the building shall have six-inch outlets. A private lateral connected thereto may have either a six-inch or a four-inch inside diameter and must consist of poly vinyl chloride plastic pipe (PVC) SRD35 and shall include a trap which shall be six-inch PVC with a four-inch solvent welded cement riser. Pipe shall be laid in a granular bed in accordance with typical building sewer details, exhibit A to the local law from which this article is derived. If installed in filled or unstable ground, the building sewer shall be laid on a suitable concrete bed or cradle or other suitable bedding material approved by the superintendent.

Infiltration of groundwater into any sewer shall not exceed 100 gallons per inch diameter per mile of sewer per day. The superintendent may require infiltration tests on any sewer.

(g) All building sewers shall be installed in accordance with all the applicable requirements of the village building code, general specifications, this article, and any other rules and regulations of the village or promulgated by the superintendent.

(h) Building sewers shall use gravity to carry wastewater from the building to the village sanitary sewer system. The slope of such building sewers must not be less than one-eighth-inch per foot of a six-inch building sewer, and not less than one-quarter-inch per foot of a four-inch building sewer. In some situations, due to buildings constructed below road level or constructed some distance from the road, gravity will not be sufficient in providing momentum for carrying wastewater from the subject building to the village sanitary sewer system, thus necessitating some form of pumping. Such pumping shall be by a method and utilize equipment previously approved by the superintendent.

(i) Whenever possible, a building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation above the basement floor, at a minimum of 2 ft. No building sewer shall be laid parallel to or within three feet of any bearing wall which might thereby be weakened. The depth of the building sewer shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost and shall be laid at uniform grade. Changes in direction greater than 45 degrees shall be provided with cleanouts accessible for cleaning or with manholes when approved by the superintendent.

(j) The connection of the building sewer to the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building code and other applicable rules and regulations of the village, and/or the procedures set forth in the appropriate specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials and the Water Environment Federation Manual of Practice No. 9. All such connections shall be made gastight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the superintendent before installation.

(k) No person shall make any connection of roof downspouts, sump pumps, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, yard drains, footing drains, floor drains, drain tile or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer, a building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sewer, or directly to the public sewer. Anyone informed by the Administrator to disconnect an illegal storm connection shall promptly undertake disconnecting the connection within a time frame set by the Administrator or be subject to penalties under this chapter. Anyone subsequently reconnecting sump pumps, downspouts, footer drains or any other source of stormwater drainage to the sanitary sewer shall be immediately fined \$250.

(k.1) Any home inspected and found not to have made provision for the drainage discharge from foundation drains, floor drains or other surface runoff of groundwater from a building must install a sump pump unless the elevation is such that this drainage can run by gravity to a drainage ditch or storm sewer determined by the Department of Public Works (Superintendent or Laborer?). Properties with a slab foundation or crawl space are excluded and are not required to install a sump pump.

(l) All distribution boxes, septic tanks, leach beds and other prior methods of wastewater disposal must be physically and permanently disconnected from the building sewer and private sewer except that where the septic tank is between the building and street lateral, the superintendent may approve other suitable arrangements.

(m) The person who had previously secured a building sewer permit shall notify the clerk-treasurer when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made by the superintendent or his employee and no trenches shall be backfilled nor any part of the building sewer covered unless they conform with the requirements of appendix A to Local Law No. 5-1979, as amended, which appendix is hereby adopted by reference, and until the entire building sewer is inspected and approved by the superintendent.

(n) The superintendent shall take a reading of the water meter or effect whatever is necessary in order to determine the amount of water being used by a property owner, and each owner of property which is subject to the mandatory use of the sewer system shall be liable for sewer rents from the date of mandatory sewer connection, regardless of whether said property owner has actually connected to the sewer system, unless such connection has been precluded by some action of the village.

(o) All excavations for building sewers shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights to protect the public from danger. Streets, sidewalks, parkways or other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the village.

(p) The superintendent shall determine when and if existing service connections and/or fixtures need replacing and shall then notify the owner. Owners of buildings connected to the village sanitary sewer system by building sewers shall be required to keep such building sewers and connections in proper operating order and shall make all necessary repairs including the replacement of existing service connections and/or fixtures with acceptable materials as determined by the superintendent, within 48 hours after official notice of any defect, leak, stoppage or other malfunction.

(Code 1978, § 20-19; L.L. No. 5-1979, § 1; L.L. No. 9-1990, § 1)

Editor's note— Exhibit A, referred to in this section, is not set out herein but can be found on file in the village offices.