

CITY OF EUREKA

Category: PUBLIC SERVICES

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Subject: SEWER MAINTENANCE POLICY

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POLICY OBJECTIVE

To clarify City policy in regard to maintenance of the City sewer system and in regard to the distinction between private and public responsibility in this matter.

ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY

Public Works Department

APPLICABILITY

All requests for sewer maintenance.

POLICY:

- A. It is the responsibility of the City to maintain only those sections of the sewer system that are actually public sewers.
- B. Building sewers, connecting building drains to a community sewer are not public sewers, although they may be partially located in the public right-of-way or easement.
- C. It is the responsibility of the subscriber to sewage collection service to install and maintain the building sewer from the building drain to the public sewer.
- D. The City shall assume responsibility for the repair or replacement of the building sewer within the public easement only when necessitated by structural failure.
- E. In the event that property owner believes a sewer problem is the result of structural failure, the Public Works Department will undertake repairs, with the understanding that should the problem be found not to be of structural nature, the property owner shall pay the cost of City work.
- F. The property owner must sign a release stating his understanding of the above provision prior to the work commencing.

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