



City of Belleville Sewer Department

SEWER LATERAL REPAIR PROGRAM

July 7, 2008, the Belleville City Council unanimously enacted a Sewer Lateral Repair Program (SLRP). The idea is that the SLRP will represent an insurance program that will protect property owners from the possibility of a significant expense at a very low cost.

The program will cover the cost of repairing that portion of a defective sewer lateral that begins immediately beyond the property line of a premise and extends to the sewer main. For residential accounts, the program will cover 100% of the costs of repairs to a maximum of \$15,000.00. For commercial accounts, the program will cover one-half of the cost of repairs on a 50% - 50% basis to a maximum of \$15,000.00. However, a deductible of \$100.00 shall apply to the cost of any repair undertaken in conjunction with this program. To apply for this program, call the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 2337146.

The Sewer Lateral Repair Program applies to all property that is billed for sewer service. To establish a fund from which to pay the cost of replacing qualified defective sewer laterals, a sewer-usage fee of two cents per day has been added to each sewer account indemnified by the program. The owner of a premise remains responsible for sewer laterals that run from the premises foundation to the property line.

When a property owner experiences a problem with their lateral sewer service line, the owner must first have a licensed and bonded company to determine where the problem is. (Sometimes the problem is not with the line itself, but it may have become clogged by materials in the line.) As a common home maintenance expense, the cost of this determination is not reimbursable by the City. If the problem is beyond the property line, the owner should contact the City. The City reserves the right to determine if an emergency situation exists.

The property owner, not the tenant must make the request to participate in the program.

Before an address can be considered for the SLRP, positive proof or a video of the sewer lateral must be submitted to the Director of the Wastewater Treatment Plant showing the broken area outside the property line. No address will be considered without the video or positive proof.