

CITY OF PAGEDALE
SEWER LATERAL REPAIR POLICY

On April 4, 2000, the City of Pagedale voters approved the proposition to assess up to \$28.00 per year on all residential property containing six (6) or fewer dwelling units to provide funds to pay the cost of certain repairs of defective lateral sewer service lines serving such dwelling units. The City concluded that, for 2000, these funds would allow the City to pay up to one hundred (100%) of the cost of such repairs up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). As the requests for repair fund increases, the City will review its actual experience and, for future years, may adjust the percentage of payment.

1. The owner(s) of a single family home, duplex or building containing not more than six (6) dwelling units may recover one hundred percent (100%) up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of such Owner(s) costs in repairing defective lateral sewer services lines serving the property of Owner(s), in compliance with the City's policy, as here set out.
2. A lateral sewer service line is a sewer line, which extends from the building foundation wall or exterior wall to the sewer main in the street or sewer easement. It does not include a sewer line located under any part of the building. A lateral sewer service line may be located in a front, side or rear yard.
3. If an Owner(s) is experiencing a problem with the lateral sewer service line, the Owner(s) should contact a plumbing company or a drain and sewer cleaning company to have the line cabled. Sometimes the problem is not with the sewer line, but it may have become clogged up from the entry of improper materials into the line. The cost of cleaning out sewer line will not be a reimbursable cost item. If the problem is not resolved by cabling of the line, the property Owner(s) should contact City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Owner(s) must fill out an application and bring a copy of the paid real estate tax bill for the property.
4. The City, if necessary, will arrange for Metropolitan Sewer District to perform a dye test. In most instances, this will disclose whether there is a break in the sewer service line. The owner will be responsible for the cost of the dye test.
5. If the dye test does not indicate a break in the Sewer Service line, the owner shall contact MSD or a licensed plumber to televise the line so that the cause of the problem can be determined. If this discloses that the line is defective, the cost of such video shall be the responsibility of the Homeowner.

6. If it is determined, through the dye test or the television inspection, that the sewer service line is defective the owner must provide the City with a copy of the video or other supporting information. The Owner(s) may hire a Contractor to perform corrective work. Any licensed contractor must obtain permits from St. Louis County Public Works Department before the work is started.
7. The Owner(s) must obtain a minimum of three (3) Bids from Licensed Plumbers for the work in order to make sure that a Contractor has given a fair competitive bid. The decision shall be the City of Pagedale's Building Commissioner's sole discretion on which bid is acceptable or if additional bids are needed.
8. The corrective work, which is subject to reimbursement, is limited to excavation, repair or replacement of the line, backfilling, seeding and strawing the disturbed portion of the yard.
9. Prior to the backfill of the trench holding the lateral sewer line, the Owner(s) and the Contractor share the responsibility of having the work inspected by the St. Louis County Public Works Department and the City of Pagedale Building Commissioners. There shall be no backfill authorized until such inspection is made and the work performed by the Contractor and is approved by St. Louis County Plumbing and the City of Pagedale Building Commissioners.
10. Upon the completion of the corrective work, and proper inspection by the St. Louis County Public Works and the City of Pagedale Building Commissioners, The Owner(s) is to file an affidavit with the City of Pagedale showing that the work has been completed and that the Owner(s) is satisfied with the performance of the Contractor. The City of Pagedale will then review the affidavit, and if the work is determined by the City of Pagedale, to be for the repair of a defective line, as authorized under the Contract, the City of Pagedale will pay 100% up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of such corrective work directly to the Contractor after an invoice for the work is received.
11. The City of Pagedale has no obligation or responsibility for any damages caused to the Owner(s) property because of the sewer line defects.