



SEWER SERVICE REPAIRS IN THE PUBLIC ROW

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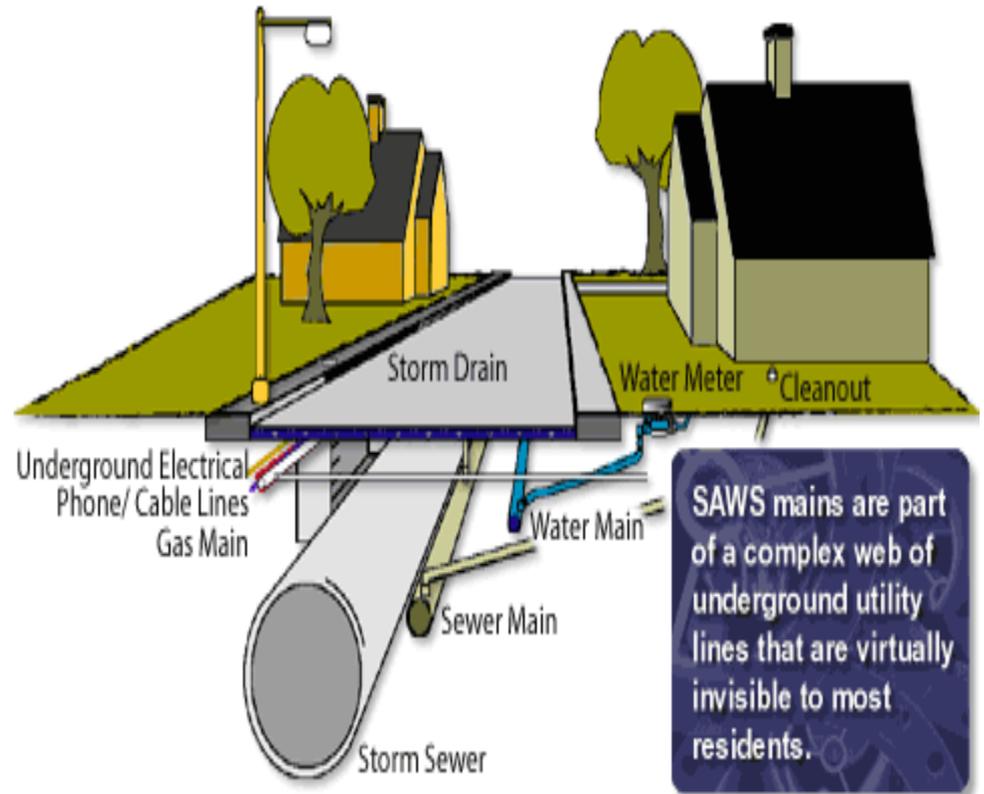
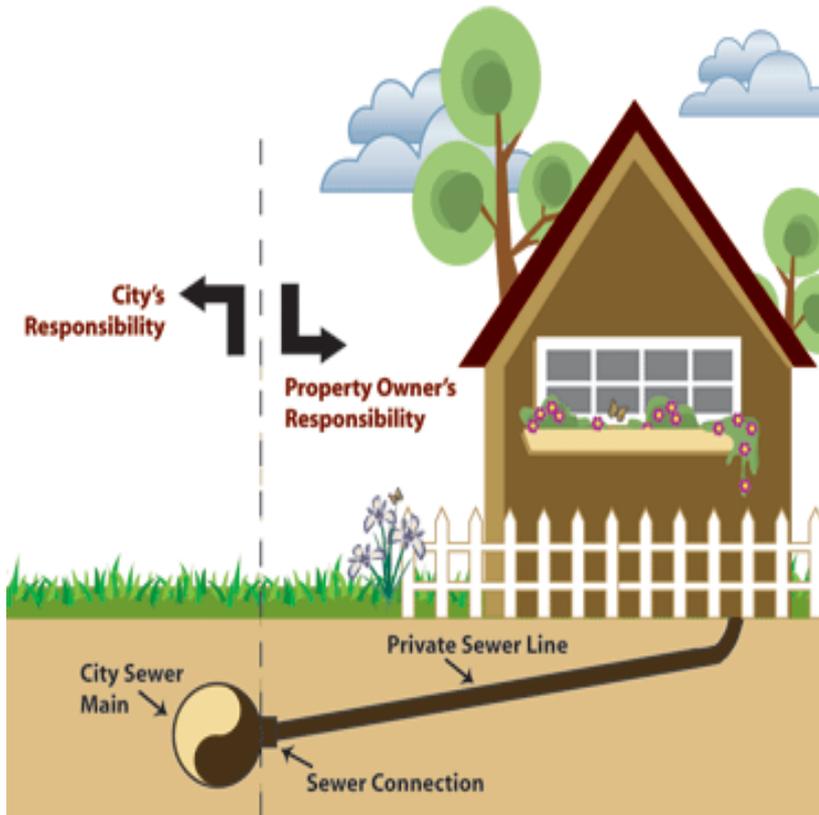
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Background

- Under the current ordinance the sewer service line connecting a private property to the City owned sewer main is owned and maintained by the property owner.
- City Council requested a discussion regarding the cost of absorbing all repairs between the property line and the sanitary sewer main line into the operational budget for W&S.
- Due to the nature of these repairs, this would require a new three person crew, with a pickup, backhoe, trailer, and other necessary minor tools. Additional expenses would be incurred for materials and supplies depending upon the alternative selected.

Sewer Service Detail

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SAWS mains are part of a complex web of underground utility lines that are virtually invisible to most residents.

Pros/Cons

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□ Pros

- ▣ Reduces financial burden on homeowner.
- ▣ Allows greater control of street cuts.

□ Cons

- ▣ Increased operational cost for City.
- ▣ Requires a rate increase.
- ▣ May increase liability for City.
- ▣ Revise standard construction details.

Alternatives

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- Make no changes
 - ▣ No capital cost, no operational cost.
 - ▣ Homeowner can seek private insurance as desired to cover these repairs.
- Install cleanout at all property lines. City staff maintains sewer services from cleanout to sewer main.
 - ▣ Capital Cost - \$50,000,000 (one time)
 - ▣ Operational Cost - \$175,000 per year (1.1% rate increase)
- Install cleanouts at property lines in new construction and as failures occur. City staff maintains from the property line to the sewer main.
 - ▣ Capital Cost - \$200,000 (one time)
 - ▣ Operational Cost - \$211,000 per year (1.3% rate increase)
- Outsource operational costs to maintain from property line to sewer main.
 - ▣ \$360,000 per year (2.2% rate increase)