

Answering the

Sanitary Sewer

FAQs



WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE CHANGE TO THIS SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE?

The City's Sanitary Sewer system becomes overwhelmed when sump pumps and/or foundation drains are connected to the sanitary sewer. The sanitary sewer is intended to collect wastewater (i.e. sewage), not rainwater. Rainwater should be directed towards lawns, curbs, ditches, or storm sewers to avoid unnecessary treatment of the water by the sanitary sewer system.

DOES THE CITY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER MY HOME AND INSPECT?

The City has the right to enter in and upon private property, including buildings and dwelling houses, in or upon which is installed a municipal utility, or connection therewith, at all times reasonable under the circumstances, for the purpose of checking sump pumps, reading utility meters, for the purpose of inspection and repair of meters or a utility system, or any part thereof, and for the purpose of connecting and disconnecting service.

IF I AM FOUND TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO CORRECT THE ISSUE?

You will be granted ninety (90) days to correct the issue and disconnect your sump pump and/or your foundation drain from the sanitary sewer.

WHAT IF I AM FOUND TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND CHOOSE NOT TO CORRECT THE ISSUE WITHIN 90 DAYS?

A surcharge of one hundred (\$100.00) per month will be imposed and added to every sewer billing mailed on and after July 1, 2022, to each property owner not in compliance with this ordinance. The surcharge shall be added every month until the property is in compliance with this Ordinance.

For more information, please visit the City of International Falls Website at www.ci.international-falls.mn.us

