

RESOLUTION NO. 1368-09-12

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids currently has a program to reimburse property owners for a portion of the costs to install sanitary sewer backwater valves in known problem areas, and

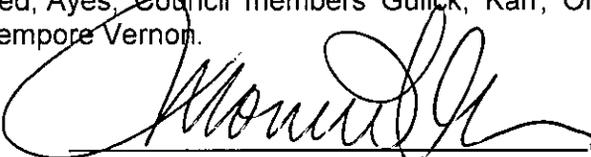
WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids desires to establish a formal policy regarding the reimbursement program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cedar Rapids Public Works Department recommends approval of the Backwater Valve Reimbursement Policy,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA hereby adopt the attached Backwater Valve Reimbursement Policy.

Passed this 25th day of September, 2012.

Voting: Council member Gulick moved the adoption of the resolution; seconded by Council member Olson. Adopted, Ayes, Council members Gulick, Karr, Olson, Poe, Shey, Shields, Swore and Mayor Pro Tempore Vernon.


_____, Mayor Pro Tempore
Monica W. Vernon

Attest:


_____, City Clerk
Amy Stevenson

CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
SANITARY SEWER BACKWATER VALVE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY
September 25, 2012

1. The City of Cedar Rapids ("CITY") will implement a program to cost participate in the installation of a sanitary sewer backwater prevention valve. CITY participation amount for eligible properties will be a maximum of \$800 or the actual cost of the installation, whichever is less.
2. Eligible properties are those with existing buildings that have experienced a sanitary sewer backup and the building is in a known problem area or is susceptible to sanitary sewer flooding damage. New buildings are not eligible for the reimbursement program.
3. The property owner shall have the work performed by a qualified licensed plumber in accordance with the CITY plumbing code.
4. Reimbursement will be subject to the property owner submitting a reimbursement agreement as provided by CITY and providing proof of the actual cost of the installation.
5. The program shall be funded through the CITY's sanitary sewer capital improvement program with an amount to be determined on an annual basis. If reimbursement requests exceed the budgeted amount, reimbursements will be made once funding is available.
6. The program is not intended to address problems related to building lateral (service line) blockages and is not intended to replace property owner's insurance program options or other options that may be available to the property owner.
7. Definitions:
 - a. Backwater Valve: A flap or float type device in a drain body to prevent the backward flow of wastewater or storm water into the building.
 - b. Building Lateral: The extension from the building sewer, beginning 5 feet outside the inner face of the building wall and extending to the public sanitary sewer. Commonly called a "service line".
 - c. Known Problem Area: Those areas of the CITY that have documented reports of sanitary sewer backups into building(s).
 - d. Sanitary Sewer: A public sewer that conveys wastewater, and into which storm, surface, ground and unpolluted waters are not intentionally admitted.
 - e. Sewer: A pipe or conduit for conveying wastewater or any other waste liquids, including storm, surface and groundwater discharge
 - f. Wastewater: The spent water of a community. It may be liquid or a combination of liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants, and institutions, together with any ground, surface or storm water.