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Effective Date:

## **CITY OF APPLETON MINI-SEWER/BACKYARD DRAINAGE POLICY**

The objective of this policy is to establish the guidelines for mini-sewer/backyard drain installation.

### GUIDELINES

1. City staff shall review requests for mini-sewers/backyard drains as they are received from property owners.
2. Mini-sewers/backyard drains shall only be considered when significant, long-lasting drainage issues create an environment where vegetation cannot be established and maintained, or where risk of basement flooding exists.
3. Mini-sewer/backyard drains will not be installed on streets where the pavement is less than 10 years old.
4. Mini-sewers/backyard drains shall not be installed in neighborhoods with approved drainage plans unless approved by City staff based on unique circumstances.
5. Piping for backyard drains shall be straight without any bends between the City main and the yard drain structure.
6. Property owner must provide necessary easement (minimum 10 foot width) for infrastructure installed on private property to address drainage issues.
7. Property owners will be responsible for all necessary additional piping/infrastructure beyond where the City installation ends based on individual site conditions and constraints.
8. Priority will be given for resolving drainage issues corresponding with street reconstruction projects unless approved by City staff.
9. Priority will be given to projects that address drainage issues effecting more than one property.
10. Priority will be given to property owners that do not have a storm lateral installed to their property line unless approved by City staff.
11. Property owner(s) are responsible for all final grading and seeding on private property upon completion of infrastructure project.
12. No unauthorized connections to a City-installed mini-sewer/backyard drain are allowed.
13. Due to the shallow installation of these facilities, they are susceptible to freezing. The City will attempt to thaw frozen facilities within the easement area in the spring upon notification from the property owner. Frozen storm laterals are the responsibility of the property owner. Property owners should be prepared to temporarily disconnect their sump pumps from city mini-sewers or back yard drains during the winter months and have alternate locations on their property for sump pump discharge.