


CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

DATE: August 25, 2017

TO: Ed Lavalley, City Manager

FROM: Javier Vargas, Utilities Director 

COUNCIL DATE: September 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Sewer Clean Out Installation Presentation

Background:

As directed by Council, the Utilities Department modified Code Section 74-127 to amend the City's maintenance responsibility of a sewer lateral. This modification states the City has assumed maintenance responsibility of a sewer lateral from the main to a cleanout at the property line, or the property line if a cleanout does not exist.

The recent change in the City Code was in the best interest of homeowners. However, it poses some maintenance issues for the Utilities department. If there is a blockage in the sewer service lateral and no cleanout is available then there are limited options for clearing the blockage or finding out where the blockage is.

We would like to improve our effectiveness in these emergency maintenance situations by pro-actively adding cleanouts to sewer service laterals at the property line for all residences that do not have one.

The purpose of this presentation is to bring potential options to Council that will allow the department to implement a proactive management action plan that will provide the following benefits:

- Accessibility to sewer laterals, improving our effectiveness in emergency maintenance situations
- Enhance the City's Inflow & Infiltration [I&I] Program
- Offer our customers, at no cost, a visual inspection or repair of their side of the sewer lateral
- Enhance customer service

Requested Action:

We respectfully request council's permission to move forward with this program.

City Attorney Review:

n/a

Risk Management Review:

n/a