

Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Utility Commission

Meeting Date: June 19, 2025

Item Title: Discussion regarding city ordinance for sewer lateral repairs

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Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

A vast majority of our I&I is coming from the laterals. The exact point where the municipal ROW is unknown since our sewer lines are not traced and able to be marked above ground to determine exact location. If the utility was to attempt a real effort at I&I reduction the guessing game would severely delay our efforts as well as increase the costs to the city. Areas that we are working on during our projects we may be able to work something out with property owners to piggy back onto the work we are doing with various contractors such as Visu Sewer for lining.

Ideally any lateral work on our sewer system should be done with the understanding that in addition to any lateral repairs or lining a street wye will be placed within 3 ft of the homes foundation and a vertical 3" riser and removable cap will be installed as a clean out. This will benefit not only the utility in regards to lateral repairs and identification, but also when the home has issues with sewer backups and our mains needing to be jetted. It is a small expense that will be adding a drastic amount of security and insurance for both parties.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Ordinance 718-15

Action Requested of Council:

Discussion and direction