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# MEMORANDUM

*Engineering Services*

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council  
From: Ron Whitlatch, Engineering Services Director  
Subject: Private Sewer Lateral Replacement Assistance Program  
Updated Policy and Guidelines

Date: April 1, 2024

## I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Lebanon Municipal Code 13.04.210, property owners are required to install and maintain, at their own expense, laterals for wastewater collection from their premises to the mains.

In 2008, the City introduced the Private Sewer Lateral Replacement Assistance Program to assist property owners in covering expenses related to replacing damaged or failed sanitary sewer laterals.

Under this program, the City would reimburse owners of single- and two-family residential properties for the sewer lateral replacement costs within the public right-of-way. Property owners remained responsible for the costs associated with lateral replacement from the right-of-way to their residential structure(s).

In recent years, the escalating costs of sewer lateral replacements have made it impractical to expect homeowners to front the full expense and await City reimbursement.

To address this issue, the City has revised the payment process to contractors. Homeowners will now be billed solely for lateral replacement work on private property, while the City will be billed directly for work conducted in the public right-of-way.

The Policy and Guidelines for the Private Sewer Lateral Replacement Assistance Program have been updated to reflect these modifications.

## II. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council pass a resolution approve the updated Policy and Guidelines for the Private Sewer Lateral Replacement Assistance Program.