

## **MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL**

## Request to Include Topic on the City Council Workshop Agenda

From:	Laurelei McVey, Public Works	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	August 9, 2022
Presenter:	Warren Stewart, Public Works	Estimated Time:	: 15 minutes
Topic:	Ordinance Change Discussion: Maintenance Private Property	Responsibility for	Sewer Services on

## **Recommended Council Action:**

No official action required. Seeking direction for potential future ordinance change.

## **Background:**

Public Works would like to modify the City of Meridian Ordinance section 9-4-34 that outlines the Point of Liability for Maintenance for sewer services.

The current ordinance indicates the point of maintenance responsibility being where the sewer service line crosses the property line.

Public Works recommends modifying this point of responsibility be changed to be when the sewer line crosses into the public right-of-way or sewer utility easement.

For most properties, this distinction makes no difference as the public right-of-way (usually beginning at the sidewalk) is also the property line. However, in serval circumstances such as apartment buildings, commercial buildings, and some common driveways this distinction better clarifies where the owner's responsibility begins and ends. In these circumstances, the sewer main may cross over other people's properties or through common lots before crossing into the public right of way or utility easement.

This ordinance change better clarifies that the City is not responsible for sewer infrastructure until it crosses into the public domain (right of way or easement).

Questions related to this proposal should be directed to:

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Attachment:

Sample ordinance changes (MCC) 9-4-34