



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Policy Manual

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Sanitary Service Subsidy Program General Requirements

Policy Statement:

When a homeowner wants to upgrade their sanitary **service lateral**, when there is not a reconstruction project, the City will have the authority to determine the most cost effective, efficient upgrade of the **public drain connection**. This may include full replacement, cured in place liner, or any other equivalent full upgrade.

A camera inspection will be performed by city forces, prior to decision making on upgrades, and all costs to be charged to the homeowner.

The homeowner will have the authority to determine the most cost effective, efficient upgrade of the **private drain connection**. This may include full replacement, cured in place liner, or any other equivalent full upgrade.

When two properties share a **service lateral**, and there is no sanitary reconstruction project, the following shall apply:

- i. Cured in place liner is not an option
- ii. A **public drain connection** will be supplied at city cost. The property that contains the existing shared sewer service lateral, will not be supplied a new **public drain connection**.
- iii. **Private drain connections** will be at the sole expense of each homeowner

The City has the authority to deem projects ineligible for the subsidy program if:

- a) The failure or deficiency of the **service lateral** can be rectified by a spot repair.
 - i. If a spot repair is required on the **private drain connection**, the homeowner is responsible for the work. All spot repairs are 100% at the cost of the homeowner.
 - ii. If a spot repair is required on the **public drain connection**, the city is responsible for the work and will provide an estimate to the homeowner. A deposit for that amount must be paid in full prior to any repairs being initiated.
- b) **Public drain connections** do not require an upgrade.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to describe, in detail, the City of Stratford’s sanitary service subsidy program general requirements.

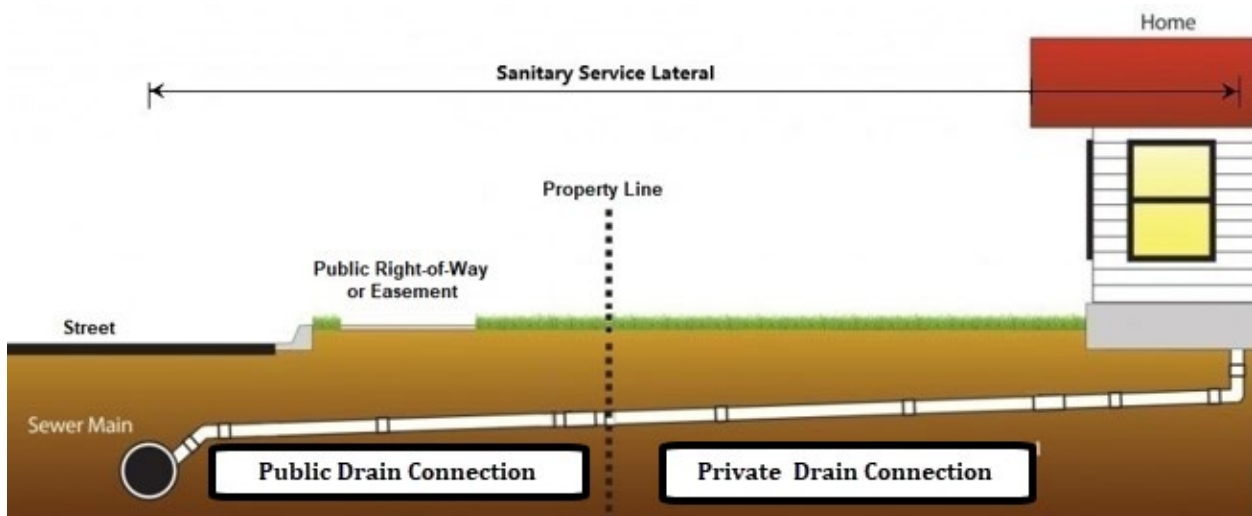
Definitions:

“Sanitary service lateral” (“service lateral”) is composed of the public and private drain connections.

“Public drain connection” means the portion of the service lateral located within city property.

“Private drain connection” means the portion of the service lateral from the *property line into the building*.

Please refer to the image below for a visual description of the service lateral:



Scope:

Only single family residential properties (attached and detached) are eligible for the subsidy program. Proof of residency may be required. Commercial, industrial, apartment buildings, and multi-use properties are not eligible.

The City has the authority to deem projects ineligible for the subsidy program.

Legislative Authority:

Municipal Act, 2001

Related Documents:

- Policy S.1.9 Sanitary Service Subsidy Program during Reconstruction
- Policy S.1.10 Upgrade of Sanitary Service under the Subsidy Program
- Sewer Use By-law 65-70, as amended