

## CHAPTER IV. WATER AND SEWER

### Part 1. General Provisions on Water and Sewer Systems

**401.01 Water and Sewer department.** There is hereby established a water and sewer department, which shall be under the supervision of the City Clerk/Administrator. The department shall be responsible for the management, maintenance, care, and operation of the water works and sanitary sewer system of the City.

**401.02. Use of water or sewer system restricted.** No person shall make or use any water or sewer service installation connected to the City system except pursuant to application and permit as provided in this chapter. No person shall make or use any such installation contrary to the regulatory provisions of this chapter.

**401.03. Application for service.**

Subdivision 1. Procedure. Application for a water or sewer service installation and for water service shall be made to the Clerk/Administrator office. The applicant shall agree to conform to this chapter and to rules and regulations that may be established by the City as conditions for the use of water.

Subdivision 2. Fees or deposit. Application for a service installation shall be made by the owner of the property to be served or by their agent. The applicant shall at the time of making application pay to the City the amount of the fees or deposit required for the installation of the service connection as provided in this chapter. When a water service connection has been installed, application for water service may be made either by the owner, their agent or by the tenant or occupant of the premises.

**401.04. Charges for service connections.**

Subdivision 1. Permit and fee. No connection shall be made to the City water or sanitary sewer system without a permit received from the City. The City Council from time to time shall by resolution establish the amount of the fee charged for either a water main connection or a sewer connection or both. These fees shall be in addition to any fees required under Subdivisions 2 and 3.

Subdivision 2. Connection fees. When a connection requires installation of a service line from the main to the property line, the City Council from time to time shall by resolution establish the amount of the fee charged for a permit for each connection of water or sewer plus the cost of making the necessary connections, taps and installations of pipe and appurtenances to provide service to the property as well as necessary street repairs.

Subdivision 3. Certification. No permit shall be issued to connect with any water or sanitary sewer main unless the Clerk/Administrator certifies to the truth of one of the following or the payment required under subdivision 3 is made:

1. That the lot or tract to be served has been assessed for the cost of construction of the main with which the connection is made or that proceedings for levying such assessment have been or will be commenced in due course; or

2. That the cost of construction of the main has been paid by the developer or builder platting the lot or tract; or

3. That, if neither of the foregoing is true, a sum equal to the portion of the cost of constructing the main which would be assessable against the lot or parcel has been paid to the City.

**401.05. Accounting, billing, and collecting.**

Subdivision 1. Accounts in name of Owner. All accounts shall be carried in the name of the owner. The owner shall be liable for water supplied to his property, whether the owner is occupying the property or not, and any charges unpaid shall be a lien upon the property.

Subdivision 2. Bills for service. Water and sewer service charges shall be billed together. Bills shall be mailed to the customers at a frequency rate set by the Council and shall specify the water consumed and the sewer and water charges in accordance with the rates set out in this chapter.

Subdivision 3. Delinquent Accounts All charges for water and sewer service shall be due on the billing date specified by the City and shall be delinquent twenty (20) days thereafter. The City shall endeavor to collect delinquent accounts promptly. In any case, where satisfactory arrangements for payment have not been made, the Water and Sewer Department may, after the procedural requirements of Subdivision 4 have been complied with, discontinue service to the delinquent customer by shutting off the water at the stop box. Delinquent accounts shall be assessed a penalty of one and one-half (1.5) percent per month on any unpaid amount. All customers with delinquent accounts as of October 1 of each year shall be notified by U.S. Mail of the status of their account and that if the amount remains unpaid as of December 15 of that year; it shall be certified, along with the appropriate penalty amounts, to the County Auditor for collection with the real estate taxes. The notice shall state that the customer has the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the fourth Monday in October concerning their assessment. The exact date, time, and place of the public hearing shall also be in the notice. Each account receiving notice under this subdivision and remaining unpaid as of December 15 will be charged an additional fee, to be determined by the Council, to be included with the amount so certified. Such action is optional and may be subsequent to taking legal action to collect delinquent accounts.

Subdivision 4. Procedure for shutoff of service. Water shall not be shut off under Subdivision 3 or for a violation of rules and regulations affecting utility service until notice and an opportunity for a hearing have first been given to the occupant of the premises involved. The notice shall be sent by certified mail and shall state that if payment is not made before the date stated in the notice but not less than 10 days after the

date on which the notice is given, the water supply to the premises will be shut off. The notice shall also state that the occupant may, before such date, demand a hearing on the matter, in which case the supply will not be cut off until after the hearing is held. If the customer requests a hearing before the date specified, a hearing shall be held by the City Council at least one week after the date on which the request is made. If as a result of the hearing, the Council finds that the amount claimed to be owed is actually due and unpaid and that there is no legal reason why the water supply of the delinquent customer may not be shut off in accordance with this ordinance, the City may shut off the supply.

## **Part 2. Water System**

### **402.01. General Water Regulations.**

Subdivision 1. Discontinuance of service. The City may discontinue service to any water customer without notice for necessary repairs or, upon notice as provided in Section 401.05, Subdivision 4, for nonpayment of charges, or for violation of rules and regulations affecting utility service.

Subdivision 2. Supply from one service. No more than one house or building shall be supplied from one service connection except by special permission of the Council. Whenever two or more owners are supplied from one pipe connecting with a service main, each building or part of building separately supplied shall have a separate stop box and a separate meter.

Subdivision 3. Turning on water, tapping mains. No person except an authorized City employee shall turn on any water supply at the stop box, tap any distributing main, pipe, or the water supply system or insert a stop cock or other apparatus therein without a City permit.

Subdivision 4. Repair and maintenance of water service pipe. The customer and/or owner of the premises served shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing the water service pipe from the curb box into the building being served. If the consumer and/or owner fails to repair any leak in such water service pipe within twenty-four (24) hours after notice (oral or written) by the City, the City may turn the water off or the City may make the necessary repairs to the water service and assess the cost of repairs against the property. When the leak in the water service is great or damage is likely to occur, the City may immediately make the necessary repairs to the water service and assess the cost of repair against the property upon the City giving notice (oral or written) to repair.

Subdivision 5. Use of fire hydrants. No person other than an authorized City employee shall operate a fire hydrant or interfere in any way with the City water system without first obtaining authority to do so from the Clerk/Administrator or Public Works Supervisor.

Subdivision 6. Private water supply. No water pipe of the City water supply system shall be connected with any pump, well, or tank that is connected with any other source of

water supply, unless approved by the City engineer. When any such non-approved connection is found, the Water and Sewer Department shall notify the owner to sever the connection; and, if this is not done immediately, the City shall turn off the water supply. Before any new connection to the City system is permitted, the department shall ascertain that no cross connection will exist when the new connection is made.

Subdivision 7. Restricted hours. Whenever the Council determines that a shortage of water supply threatens the City, it may by resolution limit the times and hours during which City water may be used for sprinkling, irrigation, car washing, or other specified uses. After publication of the resolution or two days after the mailing of the resolution to each customer, no person shall use or permit water to be used in violation of the resolution. Any customer who does so shall be charged a fee determined by the Council for each day of violation and the charge shall be added to the next water bill. If the emergency requires immediate compliance with terms of the resolution, the Council may provide for the delivery of a copy of the resolution to the premises of each customer, and any customer who uses or permits water to be used in violation of the resolution shall be subject to the charge provided above. Continued violation shall be cause for discontinuance of water service.

Subdivision 8. Permitting use by others. No person shall be permitted to use City water except upon their own premises or as permitted in an emergency situation. Anyone wishing to obtain water from a hydrant for construction purposes shall make application to the Clerk/Administrator for such services.

#### **402.02. Meters.**

Subdivision 1. Meters required. Except for the extinguishment of fires, no person other than an authorized City employee shall use water from the City water supply system or permit water to be drawn from the system unless the water passes through a meter supplied or approved by the City. No person not authorized by the Water & Sewer Department shall connect, disconnect, take apart, or in any manner change or interfere with any such meter or its use.

Subdivision 2. Installation. Residential meters shall be installed by the owner at their expense.

Subdivision 3. Maintenance. The City shall maintain and repair at its expense any residential meter that has become unserviceable through ordinary wear and tear and shall provide a replacement if necessary. Where repair or replacement is made necessary by act or neglect of the owner or occupant of the premises it serves, any City expense caused thereby shall be a charged against and collected from the water customer and water service may be discontinued until the amount charged is paid.

Subdivision 4. Complaints; meter testing. When a customer complains that the bill for any past service period is excessive, the City shall have the meter re-read on request. If the customer remains dissatisfied, then the customer may, on written request and with a deposit determined by the Council, have the meter tested. If the test shows an error in the

City's favor exceeding five percent of the water consumed, the deposit shall be refunded, an accurate meter shall be installed, and the bill shall be adjusted accordingly. Such adjustment shall not extend back more than one service period from the date of the written request.

Subdivision 5. Meters property of City. Residential water meters shall be the property of the City and may be removed or replaced as to size and type when deemed necessary.

Subdivision 6. Meter reading and inspection. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the property owner to see that the water meter reading is taken at the rate set by the City Council and the same submitted to the City Clerk/Administrator's Office. Each user shall then be billed for that time period according to the meter reading submitted. Users not submitting a meter reading prior to the deadline shall be billed by an estimate based upon previous billings. After the second consecutive failure to submit readings, authorized meter readers shall make the reading and may assess an additional service charge determined by the Council.

Subdivision 7. Annual Meter Reading and Inspection. Every property owner or tenant of property upon which a municipal water meter is located shall permit an authorized representative at the City of Rush City to have access thereto once annually for the purpose of inspection of the condition of the meter and for verification of the meter reading. This reading and inspection shall not alter the responsibilities provided for in Subdivision 6 above and shall be made at the option of the City.

#### **402.03. Plumbing regulations.**

Subdivision 1. Service pipes. Every service pipe shall be installed in accordance with the Minnesota State Building Code Chapter 4715.

Subdivision 2. Water meter setting. Every water meter shall be installed in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The service pipe from the water main to the meter shall be brought through the floor in a vertical position where the pipe enters the building. The stop and waste valve shall be 12 inches from the floor.
2. The bottom of the meter shall be between 6 and 12 inches above the finished floor line. The meter shall be set not more than 12 inches horizontally from the inside line of the basement wall unless a different position is approved by the City Engineer. A suitable bracket shall be provided to support the meter in a proper vertical position and prevent noise from vibration.
3. Each meter installation shall have a stop and waste valve on the street side of the meter. In no case shall more than 12 inches of pipe be exposed between the point of entrance through the basement floor and the stop and water valve. A stop and waste valve shall also be installed on the house side of the meter.

4. The water pipe connecting with the main shall not exceed two feet under the basement floor from the inside of the basement wall to the water meter connection.

5. Meter setting devices for SIB-inch, 3/4-inch, and one-inch meters shall be of copper pipe or tubing from the terminus of the service pipe up to and including the stop and waste valve on the building side.

Subdivision 3. Location of stop boxes. Curb stop boxes shall be installed generally where desired by the owners of occupied properties, but they shall be placed as near as possible to the curb if on a street or within one foot of the alley line if the main is located in the alley. All efforts shall be made to not install them within a driveway. If they are installed in a driveway, a gate valve shall be required to be installed covering the stop box, at the expense of the property owner. The stop box shall be installed at an approximate depth of six feet below the established grade and shall be left in an accurate vertical position when back-filling is completed.

**402.04. Water rates.**

Water used by each water user connected to the City water system shall be paid for on the basis of gallons consumed. For purposes of determining water charges, meter readings shall be rounded to the nearest 1,000 gallons. Each water user shall pay for water used at the rate per gallon in effect at the beginning of the established billing period. The City Council from time to time shall by resolution establish the amount of the fee charged for water consumption.

**402.05. Water Rates When No Meter.**

Locations in the City serviced by the City water system to which it is impossible or impracticable to connect a meter shall be billed a flat rate per month for use of the City water system. The determination whether a meter can be connected to a particular location shall be made solely at the discretion of the City. The City Council shall from time to time establish by resolution the rate to be charged water consumers where there is no meter. These customers shall pay for the use of City water at the rate so established and in effect as of the beginning of the established billing period.

**402.06. Surcharge.**

For the purpose of providing funds for sewer and water improvement projects related to inflow and infiltration, a surcharge is hereby imposed upon water service users in the City. The surcharge shall be in an amount established by resolution of the City Council and shall be paid at the rate in effect at the beginning of the established billing period.

**Part 3. Sanitary Sewer System**

**403.01. Building Sewers and Connections.**

Subdivision 1. Unauthorized connections. No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connection with an opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or

appurtenance without first obtaining a permit from the Water & Sewer Department and otherwise complying with the provisions of this chapter.

Subdivision 2. Indemnification by owner. The owner shall bear the costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer. The owner shall indemnify the City for any loss or damage directly or indirectly caused by its installation. To the extent it deems necessary, the Council shall establish rules and regulations for the proper implementation of these requirements which shall govern the installation of building sewers and connections.

Subdivision 3. Requirements for building sewer connections. Building sewer construction shall meet the requirements of Minnesota State Building Code Chapter 4715.

Subdivision 4. Inspection and approval. The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the City Clerk/Administrator when the building sewer and connection is ready for inspection. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Public Works Supervisor or their representative. No backfill shall be placed until the work has been inspected and approved.

Subdivision 5. Repair and maintenance of sewer service pipe. The customer and/or owner of the premises served shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing the sewer service pipe, from the sewer main line into the building served. If the customer and/or owner fails to repair any leak in such sewer service line within twenty-four (24) hours after notice (oral or written) by the City, the City may make the necessary repairs to the sewer service and assess the cost of repairs against the property. When the leak in the sewer service is great or damage is likely to occur, or pollution is likely to result from the leak in such sewer service pipe, the City may immediately make the necessary repairs to the sewer service and assess the cost of repair against the property upon the City giving notice (oral or written) to repair.

#### **403.02. Sewer system general regulations.**

Subdivision 1. Prohibited Discharges. No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, natural precipitation, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters into any sanitary sewer. No rain spout or other form of surface drainage or foundation drainage shall be connected with any sanitary sewer. Dwellings, buildings and structures with sump baskets or footing tiles or drains, if a pump is installed, shall have a permanently installed discharge line which shall not at any time discharge water into the sanitary sewer system, except as provided herein. A permanent installation shall be one which provides for year-round discharge capability to either the outside of the dwelling, building or structure, or is connected to a City storm sewer or drain tile. It shall consist of a rigid discharge line without quick connections for altering the path of discharge or a system otherwise approved by the Administrator.

1. Any person, who discharges any storm water, surface water, ground water, natural precipitation, cooling water, or unpolluted industrial process waters into any

sanitary sewer or has a rain spout, foundation drainage or other form of surface drainage connected and/or discharging into the sanitary sewer system shall disconnect or remove the same. Any disconnects or openings in the sanitary sewer system shall be closed or repaired in an effective, workmanlike manner with the proper permits and inspected by a representative of the City. If a City drain tile or storm sewer system is available to the property, connection of said discharges to these systems shall be mandatory.

2. Any property owner or customer applying for a building permit, plumbing permit, variance, minor subdivision or other action from the City shall agree to an inspection of the structure's sump pump, footing or foundation drain discharge, and sewer lateral condition for compliance with this code. Requested actions shall not be forwarded to City boards or commissions or the City Council for review until the discharges are in full compliance with this section of City Code.

3. All new structures with sumps for which a building permit is issued, if a pump is installed it shall be piped to the outside of the dwelling, and connected to a City drain tile or storm sewer system, if available, before a certificate of occupancy is issued.

4. Regular inspections. Within 30 days after written notice from the city, every person owning improved real estate that discharges into the City's sanitary sewer system must allow the City or a designated City representative to inspect the buildings to determine whether there is a prohibited discharge into the sanitary sewer system. If a person refuses to allow their property to be inspected the property shall be subject to a surcharge. In lieu of having the City inspect the property, a person may furnish an inspection report in a form acceptable to the public works director from a licensed plumber approved by the Administrator.

5. Corrections. The owner of a property found to be in violation of this section must make the necessary corrections to comply with this section within the time specified in the written notification from the city. If the owner fails or refuses to make the required connections within the specified time, the City will add a monthly surcharge to the utility bill.

6. Any property with a sump pump found not in compliance with this Code but subsequently verified as compliant shall be subject to an annual re-inspection to confirm continued compliance. If that property is found not to be in compliance upon re-inspection, or any person refusing to allow their property to be re-inspected within 30 days after receipt of mailed written notice from the City, that property shall be subject to a surcharge to be imposed on each sewer bill thereafter to that property until the noncompliance or refusal to allow entry is corrected. All properties found during any re-inspection to have violated this section shall be subject to a monthly surcharge that is double the previously charged surcharge.

7. Surcharges. A monthly surcharge in the amounts \$100.00 for residential properties and \$500.00 for non-residential properties will be added to each sewer and water bill for property where (a) an inspection has not been allowed or



certification provided within 30 days after notice by the city, (b) the necessary corrections have not been made within the time specified, or (c) there has been a reconnection of a previously disconnected prohibited discharge when the property is owned by the same or a related owner who owned the property when disconnection occurred. A surcharge will be added for every month during which the property is not in compliance, whether the non-compliance has been for the entire month or a portion of it. The surcharge for a reconnection will be charged beginning with the month after the inspection or certification that confirmed the previous disconnection. Costs that are not paid are a lien against the property and may be certified for collection as a special assessment in the same manner as delinquent utility bills.

Subdivision 2. Winter Discharge. The Administrator is authorized to permit a property owner to discharge clear water into the sanitary sewer system. Prior to issuance of the permit the Administrator must verify that the criteria to issue the permit have been satisfied. The fee for this permit shall be in an amount to be fixed by the Council and adopted by ordinance. The permit shall authorize such discharge only from November 15 to March 15, shall require the owner to permit an inspection of the property on March 16 or as soon thereafter as possible to determine that discharge into the sanitary sewer has been discontinued and shall subject the owner to a \$100 monthly surcharge in the event the owner refuses an inspection or has failed to discontinue the discharge into the sanitary sewer. The charge will commence with the April water billing and continue until the property owner establishes compliance with this section. A property owner is required to meet at least one of the following criteria in order to obtain a permit:

1. The freezing of the discharge from the sump pump, footing or foundation drain is causing a dangerous condition, such as ice buildup or flooding, on either public or private property.

2. The property owner has demonstrated that there is a danger that the sump pump, footing or foundation drain pipes will freeze up and result in either failure or damage to the sump pump unit or the footing or foundation drain and cause basement flooding.

3. The water being discharged from the sump pump, footing or foundation drain cannot be readily discharged into a City drain tile or storm sewer system or other acceptable drainage system.

4. Following ten (10) days written notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Administrator may require the owners of the property to discharge their sump pump or footing or foundation drain into the sanitary sewer from November 15 to March 15 if the discharge is causing an icy condition on streets.

Subdivision 3. Nonacceptable wastes. No person shall discharge or permit to be discharged into any public sewer any of the following wastes:

1. Any liquid or vapor having a temperature in excess of 150 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Any water or waste having a five-day biological oxygen demand exceeding 1000 parts per million by weight as averaged during any twelve-month period.
3. Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.
4. Any garbage that has not been properly shredded.
5. Any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, manure, grit, brick, cement, onyx, carbide, or other matter that may interfere with the proper operation of the sewers or sewage plant.
6. Any water or waste having pH lower than 5 1/2 or higher than 9 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing a hazard or damage to structures, equipment, or any personnel working on the sanitary sewer system.
7. Any water or waste containing a toxic or poisonous substance in sufficient quantities to constitute a hazard to humans or animals, injure or interfere with sewage treatment, or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.
8. Any noxious or malodorous gas or substance capable of creating a public nuisance.

Subdivision 4. Interceptors. Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when they are necessary for the proper handling of any liquid waste containing grease in excessive amounts or any flammable waste, sand, or other harmful ingredients; but such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. Interceptors shall be located so as to be easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

Subdivision 5. Control manhole required. The owner of any property served by a building sewer carrying industrial waste shall install a suitable control manhole in the building sewer to facilitate observation and sampling of the waste. The manhole shall be constructed by the owner in accordance with plans approved by the City engineer. The owner shall maintain the manhole so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

**403.03. Sewer connection required.**

Subdivision 1. General requirement. When property abuts upon any public street or alley along which water and sewer mains have been constructed, the owner of any dwelling or commercial establishment on the property connect with the sanitary sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance within 90 days after the date of mailing or delivering official notice to do so. The notice shall be given to the owner or occupant in writing by the Clerk/Administrator on order of the Council.

Subdivision 2. Connection by City. Whenever any owner or occupant fails to comply with such written notice, the Council shall by resolution direct that connection be made with the water and sewer system, and that the cost of the installation be paid in the first instance out of the general fund and then assessed against the property benefited.

Subdivision 3. Assessment. After the installation and connection have been completed pursuant to Council resolution, the Clerk/Administrator shall serve a written notice of the assessment upon the owner or his representative directing him to pay the assessment to the City offices within ten days after the service of the notice. If the assessment is not paid within ten days, the Clerk/Administrator shall certify the amount to the County Auditor for collection in the same manner as other special assessments. The Council may by resolution spread the assessment over a three-year period.

#### **403.04. Sewer Rates**

Subdivision 1. General rates for sewer service. Each user of the City sewer system also served by the City water system shall pay a service charge as may be established from time to time by resolution of the City Council. The user shall pay the service charge in effect at the beginning of the established billing period. Sewer charges shall be based upon the user's City water consumption except in those cases where the property is not connected to the City water system. The City Council is authorized to use any alternative method of determining rates which in their sole discretion is deemed appropriate in those circumstances where property is not connected to the City water system but is connected the City sewer system.

#### **403.05. Certificate of Sewer Regulations Compliance**

Subdivision 1. Required. No person shall sell, advertise for sale, give or transact a change in title or property ownership of real property with or without one or more buildings or structures, without first obtaining a certificate of sewer regulations compliance from the City.

Subdivision 2. Application and Fees.

1. The owner or owner's representative is required to make application for a certificate of sewer regulations compliance before any property is offered for sale, gifted or transferred, and before the owner or owner's representative enters into any contract for deed or other transaction changing the party responsible for the property.

2. At the time of application, the applicant for a certificate of sewer regulations compliance must pay the application fee appropriate for the type of property. Such fees shall be set from time to time by the City.

Subdivision 3. Inspection. The applicant for a certificate of sewer regulations compliance is responsible for requesting an inspection of the property after making application and payment of fees. An inspection shall be made by the City to determine whether the property use is in accordance with City sanitary sewer service regulations, as provided in Section 403.02 of this Chapter. The entire property and all buildings on the property shall be made available for inspection.

Subdivision 4. Compliance and Expiration.

1. Upon inspection, when the property use is in accordance with City sanitary sewer services regulations, a certificate of sewer regulations compliance will be issued by the City.

2. A certificate of sewer regulations compliance is valid to be used for the transfer of property for a period of one year from the date of issue for the sump pump inspection and five years for the sewer lateral inspection. The certificate of sewer regulations compliance may only be used for property transfer by the owner named on the certificate or the owner's legal representative.

3. The certificate of sewer regulations compliance must be conspicuously displayed on the premises at all times when the property is being shown for sale and the owner is responsible for informing any potential buyers, gift recipients or other persons to whom the owner intends to transfer title as to their receipt of the certificate of sewer regulations compliance.

4. If, within one year of the issue of a certificate of sewer regulations compliance, the owner named on the certificate of sewer regulations compliance does not agree to an inspection, as required by Section 403.02, of this Chapter, the certificate is immediately void. Such inspections trigger the administrative sanctions found in Section 403.02 of this Chapter.

Subdivision 5. Temporary Certificate of Sewer Service Regulations Compliance.

Upon inspection, a temporary certificate of sewer regulations compliance may be issued by the City permitting the transfer of property, providing:

1. An agreement by the buyer, seller or other responsible person has been executed with the City, whereby the buyer, seller or other responsible person agrees to complete corrections to the property necessary to bring it within compliance of the City sanitary sewer service regulations, Section 403.20 of this Chapter within thirty (30) days of the transfer of property.

2. A security to ensure completion of any corrections to the property must be posted with the lender in the form of an escrow, or with the City when a lending institution is not involved with the transaction. The security shall be in an amount equal to two times the retail value of the work necessary for compliance with this article. The escrow must be fully maintained until a certificate of sewer regulations compliance is issued. In no case will a temporary certificate of sewer regulations compliance be issued for more than one hundred eighty (180) days following the first inspection of the property.

Subdivision 6. Sanctions. At all times during the certification process, the owner is responsible for any sanctions or surcharges under Section 403.02 of this Chapter.

Subdivision 7. Repeated Inspection. Upon inspection, when the property use is not legal in accordance with City sanitary sewer service regulations, the owner shall be entitled to a second inspection to be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the original inspection. If, at this inspection, the City inspector determines that all violations of City sanitary sewer regulations have been corrected, the City shall immediately issue a certificate of sewer regulations compliance.