

VILLAGE OF BEL-NOR
SEWER LATERAL REPAIR POLICY

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On April 6, 1999 the Bel-Nor voters approved the proposition to assess up to \$28.00 per year on all residential property containing six (6) or fewer dwelling units to provide funds to pay the cost of certain repairs of defective lateral sewer service lines serving such dwelling units.

1. Effective January 1, 2000, the owner of a single family home, duplex or apartment building containing not more than six (6) dwelling units may recover up to \$3000 of such owner's costs in repairing defective lateral sewer service lines serving the property of the owner, in compliance with the Village's policy, as set forth herein.
2. A lateral sewer service line is a sewer line which extends from the building foundation wall or exterior wall to the sewer main in the street or sewer easement. It does not include a sewer line located under any part of the building. A lateral sewer service line may be located in a front, side or rear yard.
3. If an owner is experiencing a problem with the lateral sewer service line, the owner should contact a plumbing company or drain and sewer cleaning company to have the line cabled. Sometimes the problem is not with the sewer line, but it may have become clogged up from the entry of improper materials into the line. The cost of cleaning out the sewer line will not be a reimbursable item. If the problem is not resolved by cabling the line, the property owner should contact Village Hall at 381-2834. The owner must fill out an application and provide a copy of the paid real estate tax bill for the property.
4. ~~The Village will arrange for the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) or a reputable private company to perform a test. If there is any charge for such testing it shall be borne by the property owner.~~
5. If it is determined, either through the dye test or the television inspection, that the sewer service line is defective, the owner may hire a contractor to perform the corrective work. Any such contractor must obtain any necessary plumbing permit from St. Louis County/excavation permit from the Village Hall before the work begins.

6. The owner must obtain at least three bids for the work to assure that a contractor has given a fair competitive bid.
7. The corrective work which is subject to reimbursement, is limited to excavation, repair or replacement of the line, backfilling and seeding and strawing the distributed portion of the yard.
8. Upon completion of the corrective work and payment by the owner, the owner will file an affidavit which shows that the work has been completed and fully paid for, with a copy of the paid bill showing exactly what work has been done. The Village will review the affidavit and paid bill. If the work is determined by the Village to have been for repair of the defective line, the Village will reimburse the owner up to \$3000 for such corrective work.
9. The Village has no obligation or responsibility for the performance by the contractor and no responsibility for any damages caused to the owner's property by reason of the sewer line defects.
10. Expenses in any given calendar year will be limited to the amount collected by the Village for the Sewer Lateral Fund during that year and any unexpended balance carried over from prior years. If the Fund has expended or committed all available funds before new revenues are received, eligible projects will be maintained on a waiting list and addressed when funds are available in the order received. Under no circumstances will the Village make payments from its general revenue fund for sewer lateral repairs.

CITY OF BEL-NOR
SEWER LATERAL REPAIR APPLICATION

(If experiencing problem with lateral sewer owner should contact plumber to have the line cabled).
(Cost of cleaning the line will be at the owner's expense).

OWNER NAME: _____

OWNER ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY WHERE DEFECTIVE LATERAL SEWER LOCATED:

TELEPHONE # OF OWNER: _____

NATURE OF PROBLEM: _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE PAID REAL ESTATE TAX BILL FOR THIS PROPERTY, PROOF OF LATERAL SEWER; DESCRIPTION AND VIDEO.

When proof of lateral sewer is established get 3 bids for repair (choose company you want to do the work), submit application to City of Bel-Nor for an excavation permit and proof of necessary plumbing permit with St. Louis County. (Your hired contractor can request the permits).