

ORDINANCE NO. 93-A

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REQUIREMENTS FOR REPAIR OF SANITARY SEWER LEAKS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF WALLIS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Public Water Department of the City of Wallis has had prepared a survey of the sources of inflow and infiltration (leakage) into the sanitary sewer system and has evaluated the severity of each source so that only the major sources are required to be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Public Water Department of the City of Wallis has undertaken to contract for the repair of all major sources of inflow and infiltration located upon public property; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Wallis and the area within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Wallis and to reduce the cost of treatment by the sewage treatment plant of excessive water produced by inflow and infiltration from sanitary sewers on private property in the city system, that an ordinance be promulgated by the City of Wallis to require the repair of such leaks on private property which are considered the cause of the excessive and hazardous inflow and infiltration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLIS:

SECTION I - REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Public Works Department of the City of Wallis will notify in writing each property owner, on whose property a source of inflow or infiltration of water into the City of Wallis sanitary sewer system exists, as well as the nature and location of the source. The property owner shall within five (5) months of date of notification have the source repaired at his expense. After the repair has been completed and before it has been covered with earth, the Public Works Department shall be notified to inspect and approve its adequacy and workmanship.
- B. Should the property owner fail to make the necessary repair(s) within the five (5) month period as set out above, thereafter a surcharge fee of \$25.00 per month shall be added to his monthly wastewater charge, for each of the next three (3) months or until such time as the repair has been completed at his expense and has been approved by a inspector.

- C. Should the property owner fail to make the necessary repair(s) or obtain approval within the eight (8) month period after notification, or if after exercising reasonable diligence, the Department is unable to locate the property owner or his agent, the Department or its agent shall have the right to go on the land or property upon which the source of inflow or infiltration exists and make such repairs and inspection as above provided, and the owner of the property shall be liable to the Department for the cost of such work and shall pay such cost upon demand, which cost may be included upon the property owner's next monthly wastewater charge.

SECTION II - DEFINITIONS

- A. INFLOW: Visible surface water from an external source which accidentally or by design is introduced into the sanitary sewer system. Example: A roof drain that discharges into the sanitary sewer.
- B. INFILTRATION: Ground water which seeps into the sanitary sewer system through openings in the piping system due to high water tables or soil saturated from heavy rains. Example: Broken sewer laterals, poor pipe joint connections.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 10th day of September, 1985.

August D. Zureb
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Betty Marek
CITY SECRETARY

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APPROVED BY ATTORNEY FOR CITY