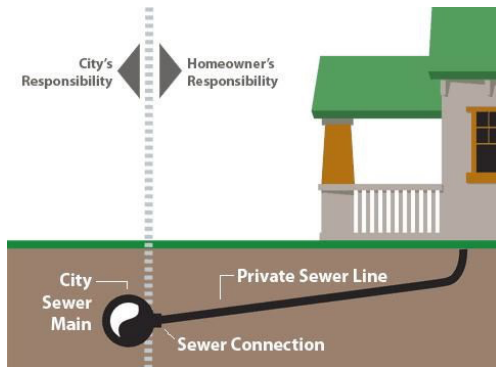


July 2021 – Mayor’s Message

Village Sewer Lateral Policy Changes



What is a Sewer Lateral?

A sewer lateral is the connection from a structure to the sanitary sewer line. Sewer laterals and sewer mains located in the Village of Fairport are made of a variety of materials and ages from newly placed to over 100 years old.

What is Sewer Rent?

Village taxpayers will see a line item on their tax bill stated as sewer rent. Until recently - 2018, the Village of Fairport did not collect funds to support the sewer infrastructure in the Village. The sewer fund and sewer rent were instituted to provide for the mapping, review and support of this aging infrastructure.

Previous Village Sewer Lateral Policy

Sewer laterals are considered the responsibility of the home/structure owner. This includes if replacement is needed even if the problem with the lateral is in the public right of way, the homeowner has been responsible for all costs associated with removal and replacement as well as repair to any disturbed sidewalks or roadway.

New Village Sewer Lateral Policy - What Has Changed?

The Village Board wants to help homeowners with some of the costs associated with sewer lateral replacement.

Sewer laterals and replacement are still considered the responsibility of the home/structure owner. With new policy enacted on May 10, 2021, the Village will now help with the replacement of infrastructure located in the public right of way such as sidewalks and roadway. This policy could save each homeowner thousands of dollars in repair costs.

[View the adopted Sewer Lateral Policy](#)