

Ordinance No. 560-2026

Council Members Kazy and Griffin

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To supplement the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio 1976 by amending Section 541.03 as amended by Ordinance No. 609-17 passed June 4, 2018, related to responsibility for installation and maintenance of sewer connections.

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Codified Ordinances are supplemented by amending Section 541.03, as amended by Ordinance No. 609-17 passed June 4, 2018, to read as follows:

Section 541.03 Responsibility for Installation and Maintenance of Sewer Connections

(a) That portion of a sewer connection which extends from the public sewer to approximately one (1) foot beyond the existing or proposed curb line of the roadway may be installed originally by a licensed sewer builder or by the Division of Water Pollution Control. In either case, installation shall be at the expense of the property owner whose premises are drained by the sewer connection under rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner. The cost of any work performed by the Division of Water Pollution Control shall be under Section 543.03 of the Codified Ordinances.

(b) Once installed, the portion of a sewer connection described in division (a) of this section shall be maintained by the Division of Water Pollution Control.

(c) That portion of a sewer connection which extends from approximately one (1) foot beyond the existing or proposed curb line of the roadway ~~toward~~ to the property line of the property to be drained by the sewer connection shall be installed ~~and maintained~~ by a licensed sewer builder at the expense of the property owner whose premises are drained by the sewer connection, and under rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner. On application by the sewer builder, the City shall furnish the information as it possesses relative to the location and depth of the sewer connection at the existing or proposed curb line of the roadway. The City shall not guarantee the correctness of the information, and shall not be liable for any error arising from the information.

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(d) Once installed, the portion of a sewer connection described in division (c) of this section shall be maintained by the Division of Water Pollution Control. ~~the property owner whose premises are drained by the sewer connection.~~

(e) For new construction of houses or buildings, that portion of a sewer connection which extends from the public sewer to approximately one (1) foot beyond the existing or proposed curb line of the roadway shall be made using a sewer connection made of new material unless the existing connection is in good working condition. Connections that are older than fifty (50) years old are deemed to be in poor working condition unless a person seeking to continue to use the existing connection demonstrates to the Commissioner that it is in good working condition, and such determination shall be within the discretion of the Commissioner.

Section 2. That Section 541.03, as amended by Ordinance No. 609-17 passed June 4, 2018, is repealed

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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4/27/2026

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READ FIRST TIME on APRIL 27, 2026 **REPORTS**
and referred to DIRECTORS of Public Utilities, Finance, Law;
COMMITTEES on Utilities, Finance, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

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