

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR ALLOWING DISCHARGE OF A SUMP PUMP INTO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AS REQUIRED BY THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.16.190.**

WHEREAS, Section 13.16.200 of the Rapid City Municipal Code (RCMC) prohibits discharging water from a sump pump into the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.12.080 of the Rapid City Municipal Code prevents discharging of water upon streets and alleys during freezing weather; and

WHEREAS, sump pumps often discharge to the ground surface in areas where storm sewer collection systems are not immediately available; and

WHEREAS, discharging water to the ground surface during freezing weather creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and motorists, and contributes to the deterioration of streets; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has determined allowing limited disposal of sump pump waste water into the City's sanitary sewer system during winter months is not likely to overload, or cause damage to, the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City finds that it is in the City's best interests to allow disposal of sump pump discharge into the sanitary sewer system in certain circumstances and approves a policy regulating such disposal as required by Section 13.16-190 of the RCMC.

WHEREAS, this resolution establishing a City sump pump policy shall supersede all previous City sump pump policies; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that the following policy be adopted:

**Sump pump or unpolluted water disposal.**

- A. If sump pump discharge creates an icing issue during freezing weather, the preferred discharge location is to the City's storm sewer system if located immediately adjacent to the property. If storm sewer is immediately adjacent to a property, discharge to the sanitary sewer will not be allowed. Edge drain connections will not be allowed. The sump pump discharge piping from the building to the public storm sewer shall be at the sole expense of the property owner.
- B. The Director of Public Works or his or her designee may issue seasonal sump pump discharge permits. The permit will allow sump pump discharge to the City's sanitary sewer system during freezing weather where the sump pump discharge cannot be delivered to a storm sewer collection system immediately adjacent to the property.

1. Sump pump discharge into the City's sanitary sewer system will only be allowed between November 1st and April 1st of each year. Coverage under the permit will be continuous until canceled.
2. All interior work shall be performed in compliance with the City's currently adopted plumbing code. The sump pump connection to the sanitary sewer shall be constructed at the property owner's sole expense.
3. Diversion valves and permanent piping shall be installed per the City's detail titled "Sump Pump Bypass to Sanitary Sewer". The City shall be solely responsible for opening and closing the valve connecting the sump pump discharge pipe to the City's sanitary sewer system. The City will provide a locking mechanism to prohibit valve operation by anyone but the City.
4. The property owner shall grant the City periodic access to the facility in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the permit. Failure to provide reasonable access to inspect will result in the cancellation of the permit in addition to any other remedies provided for violation of this Policy, including but not limited to shutting off City water service.
5. The permit fee shall be per the City's currently approved fee resolution. If the fee does not appear in the City's fee resolution it shall be 0 (zero) dollars.
6. The City may cancel the permit at any time if the terms of the permit are not complied with, if the sewer system cannot handle additional flow, if storm sewer is made available, or for other good cause.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

City of Rapid City

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Steve Allender, Mayor

Attest

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Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer

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