

Sec. 22.04.009 Sewer–Lateral line maintenance

(a) The city or its designated contractors shall be the only authorized entities to repair or replace the sewer wye, tee, or tapping saddle connection to the city sewer main for an existing property with current sewer service and to replace the customer's lateral service line located in the city's right-of-way.

(b) The customer shall be responsible for cleaning, clearing, removing obstructions, maintenance, and operation of the customer's lateral sewer service line from the home, business, facility, or other point of service, to the sewer wye, tee or tapping saddle connection at the public sewer main. The customer shall be responsible for the repair and replacement of the customer's lateral sewer service line from the point of service to the property line.

(c) The customer or the customer's plumber shall acquire the proper permits and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and polices for the maintenance, repair and operation of this lateral line. Physical obstructions in the city's right-of-way, such as landscaping, irrigation systems, fencing, or other such surface or subsurface obstructions may potentially be damaged by excavation activity. The city, at its discretion, may proceed with installing, repairing, or replacing the sewer tap or lateral service line located in the city right-of-way, through or past the obstruction. The repair or replacement of any obstructions placed in the easement or right-of-way, by the property owner or occupant of the facility being served, or any individual, is the sole responsibility of said owner or occupant.

(d) The City shall perform the proper one-call notification pursuant to Texas State Utility Code title 5, chapter 251. Such notification requires a 48-hour advance notice before excavation can begin.

(e) The sewer tap repair or replacement may include the tapping saddle, riser, and elbow. In areas with cul-de-sacs where the city's sewer service is in the street, the city has the option to replace only those parts that are required to restore the customer's sewer service.

(f) The request for the repair of an existing sewer wye, tee or tapping saddle, or for the replacement of the lateral service line in the city's right-of-way or easement, shall be made directly to the water utility department by a licensed plumber. The plumber must mark the location of the sewer connection and or lateral service line with paint or pin flags.

(g) An emergency repair request is one where the customer does not have sewer service and the lack of wastewater disposal creates a potential health concern.

(h) A routine repair request is one where there is service, but the tap is in need of repair. The tap repair will be scheduled and placed on the repair priority list based upon whether the service is an emergency or routine repair. City personnel, or its contractors using current published standards and specifications, will perform all paving and concrete repair.

(Ordinance 2010-O0049, sec. 13, adopted 6/24/2010)

Sec. 22.04.046 Payment for sanitary sewer line blockages

In the event any person, firm or institution connected to the city sanitary sewer system is determined to be the cause of obstruction of the City of Lubbock's sanitary sewer line, the person, firm or institution responsible shall be assessed a charge no less than the sum of the costs of the personnel and equipment used to unblock the sewer line and the cost of the personnel to clean the sanitary sewer line. Nonpayment of these charges may result in discontinuance of water and/or sewer service as per [section 22.03.095](#).

(1983 Code, sec. 28-91; Ordinance 9411, sec. 10, adopted 2/14/1991; Ordinance 9802, sec. 8, adopted 5/11/1995)