

ORDINANCE 02-2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SANITARY SEWER LATERAL POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO. THIS ORDINANCE REPEALS ANY PREVIOUS LEGISLATION.

WHEREAS: The Utilities Committee of the council of the Village of Rockford as recommended establishing a sewer lateral policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

The Council of the Village of Rockford created a policy that reads as follows:

SECTION 1: SEWER LATERAL INSTALLATION

The property owner is responsible for the total cost to install the sewer lateral from the house, building, or structure on the owner's property to the public sewer main, including the connection to the public sewer main. Sewer laterals shall not serve more than one property.

The property owner is responsible for installing a proper cleanout to allow access. The cleanout shall be placed on the property of the owner near the property line.

All installations are to be inspected and authorized by the Village's designated authority at the time the of the connection to the Village Sewer.

SECTION 2: SEWER LATERL MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

The property owner(s) is responsible for the maintenance of the sewer lateral up to and including the connection to the main. This maintenance includes cleaning, inspecting, and clearing any blockages, as well as replacing section of the sewer lateral line.

A report of sewer blockage from one property shall be assumed to be the result of blockage in the sewer lateral. The property owner will be responsible to verify that the blockage is not in the sewer lateral. The property owner must provide evidence to the satisfaction of the Village prior to the Village of Rockford taking further action. The Village is not responsible for a property owner's expense to prove that a blockage is in the public sewer main.

SECTION 3: Formal Actions in Public Meeting

All formal actions of this Council of the Village of Rockford, Mercer County concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4: Passage by Council

This ordinance of sanitary sewer responsibilities is necessary for the preservation of the welfare of our citizens. This ordinance shall be in full force and in effect immediately after its passage by Council.

1st reading – 4-7-2024

2nd reading – 4-21-2024

3rd reading – 5-5-2024

ADOPTED ON 5-5-2024

Attest:



Clerk of Council



President of Council

Approved as to form:



Village Attorney



Mayor