ORDINANCE 87-48

To Amend Title 10 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Wastewater"

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF TITLE 10 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Title 10 of the Bloomington Municipal Code shall be amended to add the following:

10.04.095 Tapping Existing Sewer Mains. It shall be unlawful for anyone other than the Bloomington Utilities Department to make taps on existing sewer mains or manholes. The following rules shall apply:

1. The customer/contractor shall be responsible for all excavation necessary to perform the tap.

2. A minimum of 48 hours advance notice shall be required for the Utilities Department to schedule the necessary work.

3. The contractor shall be responsible for exposing the top of the existing sewer pipe in order to determine location of joint and/or existing lateral.

4. The center of the new tap shall be at least one foot from any joint or existing lateral.

5. The contractor shall clean all dirt and debris from the existing sewer main and excavate in a manner permitting installation of a chain completely around the pipe to restrain the tapping machine.

6. If the existing main appears to be cracked or broken, or if for any reason there appears to be some difficulty in making the tap, the contractor shall immediately call Transmission and Distribution at 339-1444 ext. 229, and report the location and problem.

7. For the tapping fee charged, the Utilities Department will make the tap, supply and install the fitting, and leave an open 6" PVC SDR 35 gasket-joint bell. The Utilities Department will NOT supply a plug or reducer, or make any connections for the customer/contractor.

8. All permits shall be furnished and paid for by the customer/contractor. This will include a street cut permit from either City or County Engineering, and either an excavating or plumbing permit from City Engineering. Permits will NOT be issued by City Engineering unless a paid receipt for the tapping fee is presented.

9. The fee for all taps shall be paid before any work is performed by the Utilities Department. The fee for the tap is $75.00, but will be reviewed annually by the Utilities Service Board and adjusted to reflect actual costs. This does NOT include any permit fees. Application and payment for sewer tap are to be made at the New Services Office of the Utility Department, 1969 S. Henderson Street.

10. If the Utilities Department finds it necessary to make extra trips to the job site because of problems created by the customer/contractor, there will be an additional charge of $25.00 for each extra trip.

11. Tapping of manholes for lateral connection will no longer be permitted without permission of the Utilities Engineer or his representatives.

12. Violators may be fined $100.00 and the cost of correcting the illegal tap.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are declared to be severable.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 21 day of October, 1987.

Timothy Mayer
TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:
Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 28 day of October, 1987.

Patricia Williams
PATRICIA WILLIAMS, City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 28 day of October, 1987.

Tomilea Allison
TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

The Utilities Department is requesting to make all taps on existing sewer mains and to make it illegal for anyone else to make a sewer tap. This is necessary to establish uniform quality of sewer connections, to maintain the integrity of the existing sewer mains, to eliminate potential protruding taps, and to prevent infiltration resulting from improper tapping methods.

Signed copies 10/28/87
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Code update file