

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

09-0390R

RESOLUTION OF INTENT REGARDING THE CREATION AND ADOPTION  
OF THE DULUTH PRIVATE SEWER SERVICE GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM  
AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the city is in the process of developing the Duluth private sewer service grant/loan program and establishing program guidelines pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 471.342; and

WHEREAS, said program and program guidelines shall provide grants and/or loans to private property owners for the required repair, reconstruction or lining of private sanitary sewer services; and

WHEREAS, the city has set forth an amendment to Section 43-33.1 and Section 43-11.1 of the Duluth City Code on file in the office of the city clerk as Ordinance [File] No. 09-033 authorizing the creation of the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the city feels it is important to provide preliminary details of the program to encourage the immediate repair, reconstruction or lining of private sanitary sewer services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the intention of the city council to create and adopt the Duluth private sewer service grant/loan program and program guidelines to financially assist property owners for the repair, reconstruction or lining of private sanitary sewer services as part of the city's inflow and infiltration reduction program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the program guidelines shall include the following:

(a) Grant funds for sanitary sewer repair, replacement or lining shall only be available to those private property owners who have received notice from the city of their eligibility therefore;

(b) The maximum grant amount available for any designated private sanitary sewer repair, replacement or lining shall be equal to 80 percent of the total project cost up to a maximum grant amount of \$4,000;

(c) Grant funds shall be available to private property owners whose

sanitary sewer repair, replacement or lining may be underway or has been completed prior to the establishment of the program but which otherwise comply with the program's guidelines and design parameters.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: As set forth by the consent decree agreement the city is required to complete inflow and infiltration removal activities, which includes the repair or replacement of private sanitary sewer services. The city recognizes the financial hardship this may cause property owners and desires to provide financial assistance to affected parties. This resolution is an expression of the city council's intent to create and adopt the Duluth private sewer service grant/loan program and program guidelines to financially assist property owners for the repair, reconstruction or lining of private sanitary sewer services and to provide preliminary details of the program to encourage immediate repairs and reconstruction.