

ORDINANCE NO. 695

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GRASS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING
CHAPTER 13.12.050 OF THE GRASS VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO
INCLUDE AN EXPANDED BACKFLOW PREVENTION ELEMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 13.12.050 of Chapter 13 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code is
amended to read as follows:

- A. No work shall be undertaken on any building sewer, service sewer, or connection until a sewer connection permit has been first obtained from the building department on a form approved by the Public Works Director/City Engineer or his designated representative. The permit application shall be supplemented by plans, specifications, and other information indicating the type and location of the proposed sewer connection or work for public works approval. A fee for such permit shall be established by resolution of the City Council. All new sewer services or connections shall be inspected and approved by the Director of Public Works/City Engineer or his designated representative, before new sewer services or connections are completed. The Public Works Director/City Engineer or his designated representative shall notify the Finance Director of the date a property is provided with sewer service.
- B. The service sewers from the public sewer to the property line shall be installed at the time the sewer is constructed whenever practicable. The connection of service lines to trunk lines shall be prohibited except when specifically approved by the Public Works Director/City Engineer or his designated representative.
- C. If the city has a sewer impact fee, this also shall be paid at the time of obtaining the permit.
- D. A cleanout shall be placed in every building sewer at its junction with the soil pipe of the building, at the property line and at such other locations as may be determined by the Public Works Director/City Engineer or his designated representative. It shall be made with an approved type of cleanout fitting. The cleanout shall be extended to above finish grade, except that in paved areas it shall be extended to finish grade or boxed and covered with a cover plate. A relief device shall be installed in the cap of the cleanout located in an area least likely to cause damage to property or contamination if activated.

- E. An approved type backwater valve shall be required:
 - a. In all new construction and service sewer replacements.
 - b. Where existing buildings have plumbing drain outlets at an elevation that is 12" or less above the ground surface of the next upstream manhole.
 - c. At change of property title.
 - d. At the time of issuance of all Building permits, residential building reports, revocable licenses and other building related permits.
 - e. On remodels where plumbing fixtures are added to the property and/or more than twenty five percent of the structure area is being remodeled.
 - f. When any replacement or repair is being made to the sanitary sewer lateral.
 - g. When property has been damaged by the blockage of the City sanitary sewer main or the private lateral.
 - h. On all structures where a pump is used to lift sewage to the sanitary sewer system main line. The backflow relief device shall be located to protect the structure from damage in the event that the pump is pumping against a closed backflow device.
 - i. In buildings where the elevation of any floor is at or below the invert of the City sanitary sewer main, or is less than 12" above the ground surface of the next upstream manhole, or where a condition exists where a plug in the City sanitary sewer main will cause the hydraulic gradient to rise above the lowest floor level.
- F. The cost of installation and the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the building service sewer and its fittings/devices shall be the property owner's.
- G. Failure of the property owner to install a backwater valve for or as a result of any of the above conditions shall relieve the City of any and all responsibilities for any subsequent damage caused by backflow of the sanitary sewer.
- H. Property owners are responsible for the proper installation and maintenance of building and service lateral sewers and cleanouts, and for obtaining the necessary construction and encroachment permits.
- I. Property owners are responsible for keeping the three foot radius of the cleanout area clear of vegetation or any obstruction to visibility or ease of access.
- J. The materials and methods of construction of building sewers shall be as required by the city plumbing code, except as specified in subsections D and E of this section.

- K. The initial connection of a sewer service from the public sewer to the property shall be charged to the applicant at the published Fully Burdened Rates for labor and supervision, overhead and equipment rent. The charge for same shall be due and payable as soon as the work is completed and shall be deemed delinquent at the same time and in the same manner as the next regular sewer bill. (Prior code § 20-5)

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other section or application of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective for new construction on July 1, 2008. All other identified conditions requiring cleanout relief devices (pop off valve) and backwater valves, including title change or property improvements, shall become effective September 1, 2008.

INTRODUCED and first read at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 25th day of March, 2008.

FINAL PASSAGE AND ADOPTION by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley was at a meeting thereof held on the 8th day of April, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: *Arbeckle, Miller, Poston, Sweetheart + Johnson*

NOES: *None*

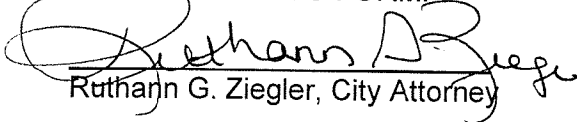
ABSENT: *None*

ABSTAIN: *None*



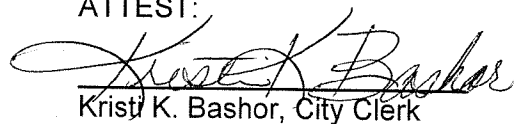
Mark Johnson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Ruthann G. Ziegler, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Kristi K. Bashor, City Clerk