

**OPTIONS TO CONNECTION TO EXISTING TRUNK MAINS
FOR COUNTY ROAD 5 IMPROVEMENTS****I. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR POLICY**

Residents adjacent to the trunk water main and trunk sanitary sewer improvements installed as part of the improvement to County Road 5 from 150th Street to the southern City limits (City Project 92-5) were given special considerations pertaining to the hook-up to the municipal sewer and water systems. Residents were required to upgrade individual sewage treatment systems (ISTS) in 1992 in what may have been significant individual expense. Many residents had also recently installed private water systems that were tested and found to be in acceptable working order. The City installed the trunk water main and sanitary sewer facilities in 1993 and 1994 as part of the Dakota County improvement of County Road S. These improvements were installed partially to avoid future disruption of the roadway surface during a future project. The City did not assess the cost of the water and sewer improvements to benefiting property owners, but established connection charges for each property equivalent to the calculated assessment amount for the sanitary sewer and water main improvements. City Ordinance 7-4-20, Connection With Public Sewer, requires property owners to connect to the municipal sewer and water system when the mains become available, or such period as the City Council determines to be appropriate. City Ordinance No. 374, Regulating Private Water and Sewer Systems, restricts property owners from making major repairs to private water or sewer systems when municipal sewer and water mains are accessible without written permission from the Public Works Department.

II. POLICY

Property owners desiring to connect to the public sewer or water trunk mains within the City Project 92-5 area may connect to either or both systems by paying the calculated connection charge for the appropriate service received. The property owner may elect to have the connection charge assessed to the property for a period of up to 10 years at the City's current interest rate.

Property owners within the City Project 92-5 area desiring to remain on private water and sewer systems may do so at their option, and may either undertake major repairs/renovation to either system or connect to the public sewer and/or water system. Property owners shall be required to comply with all provisions required by City Ordinance No. 374 except that major repairs/ renovation may be undertaken. The City will not order connection to the municipal system unless a documented health risk is determined, or if ordered/requested by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency or other jurisdictional agency.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Requests from property owners for connection to the public water and/or sewer system shall be made through the City's Building Inspection Department and shall be reviewed and meet the approval of the City's Plumbing Inspector. The City will supply the property owner with a waiver form allowing the connection charges for the appropriate system to be assessed to the property.

B. Property owners desiring to remain on private sewer and/or water systems shall comply with all provisions of City Ordinance 374, except as noted within this policy, and shall comply with Minnesota Rule ch. 7080 as prepared by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. All upgrades or renovations by property owners shall be permitted through the City's Plumbing Inspector.

IV. AUTHORITY

Administrative implementation of policy and Ordinance 374 and City Code.

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