

ORDINANCE NO. 1846

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 1846 OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND BY AMENDING SECTION 29-38 OF CHAPTER 29 OF SAID CODE.

The City of Holland hereby ordains that Section 28-39 of Chapter 29, be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 29. Sewer Usage and Administration

ARTICLE IV. Building Sewers and Connections

Sec. 29-38. Separate sewers required; exception.

- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), a separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building.
- (b) An existing joint sewer shall be permitted to continue if all of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The shared section of the joint building sewer providing service to two or more buildings is determined by Community and Neighborhood Services to be of adequate size to serve all of the buildings which are connected to it;
 - (2) The joint building sewer laterals are determined by Community and Neighborhood Services not to have any defects or be subject to infiltration;
 - (3) The joint building sewer was in existence at the time this ordinance was adopted;

In the event a joint building sewer is permitted pursuant to this Subsection (b), the joint sewer shall be replaced and separated at such time: (i) as a public sewer repair or replacement project is commenced in the right-of-way, or otherwise, making available a lateral to service the property; or (ii) the joint building sewer requires a replacement of more than five feet of the joint sewer line and a lateral to service the property is available in the right-of-way.

(c) A new joint sewer, between one or more buildings, may be created if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The buildings are all on the same parcel of land;
- (2) Each building has the same or compatible use types at the time of construction;

- (3) The proposed joint sewer lateral is appropriately sized for the current and future uses of the buildings;
 - (4) The proposed joint sewer lateral location and size has been approved by the City plumbing inspector;
 - (5) The proposed joint sewer lateral location and connection to the sewer main has been approved by the Holland Board of Public Works;
 - (6) Any sewer line approved under this section shall be separated, and the buildings independently connected to the City sewer main, if any of the following occur:
 - a. A parcel split occurs resulting in the buildings being located on separate parcels of land;
 - b. A public nuisance is created by one or more buildings resulting in a sewer back-up, overflow or other public health hazard.
- (d) Any person aggrieved by the provisions of this section may appeal to the Housing Board of Appeals as provided in 29-46.

All other provisions of Chapter 29 would remain in full force and effect.

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