

ORDINANCE NO. 747

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING SEWER LINES, AND AMENDING CODE SECTION 13.12.

WHEREAS, Section 13.12 of the Scappoose Municipal Code (“Code”) requires the property owner to maintain sewer lines to the property’s right of way line; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scappoose Public Works Design Standards make property owners responsible for maintaining sewer lines up to the point of connection to the main, lateral, or trunk serving the property, and thus the Code is inconsistent with the Public Works Standards; and

WHEREAS, because the introduction of matter into the sewer system is entirely within the control of the property owner and outside the control of the City, the responsibility for clearing blockages from sewer lines should more appropriately fall to the property owner; now therefore,

THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Code Section 13.12.010, “Definitions,” is amended to read:

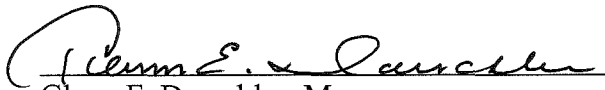
“Building Sewer” means that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a plumbing system which receives the discharge from soil, waste, and other drainage pipes from inside the walls of the building and conveys it to the sewer main located in the abutting street, alley, or right of way. The City of Scappoose owns that portion of the Building Sewer which lies in the City right of way.

2. Code Section 13.12.010, “Definitions,” “Side Sewers” is hereby deleted.
3. Code Section 13.12.040(L) is amended to read:

“Building sewers shall be connected to city-owned and installed lateral, main or trunk sewers adjacent to the property to be served. Plugs shall be carefully removed from building sewers (where present) at the property line and the building sewer connected watertight after testing and acceptance by the city’s representative. Maintenance, cleaning, and repair of building sewers to the sewer lateral, sewer main, or trunk sewer, shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property served by the building sewer.

Passed and adopted by the City Council this 21st day of June, 2004 and signed by the Mayor and City Recorder in authentication of its passage.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON


Glenn E. Dorschler, Mayor

First Reading: June 7, 2004
Second Reading: June 21, 2004

Attest:

Susan Pentecost, City Recorder