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*Ordinance # 875*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, 1957, BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 154, SETTING STANDARDS FOR TAPPING SANITARY SEWERS, THE PREREQUISITES FOR SUCH TAPPING, AND PROCEDURES THEREFOR; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND FINDING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Section 1: That Chapter 28 of The Code of The City of Abilene, Texas,

1957, be amended by adding thereto Section 154, which shall read as follows:

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"Sec. 28-154. TAPPING SANITARY SEWER MAINS FOR SERVICE LINES.

"1. Prior to the tapping of a sanitary sewer main for sewer service, the service line must be connected to the plumbing system of the building to be served, the pipe installed in the trench on undisturbed earth, and the trench completely backfilled leaving uncovered only an adequately sized tapping hole. Should the service line trench be dug below the desired grade, the trench should be brought back to the proper grade with the fill from the trench and tamped to the desired grade.

"2. All sewer service lines from the property line to the sanitary sewer main shall have a minimum cover of thirty (30) inches and be placed on undisturbed earth. Should it be impossible to obtain the minimum of thirty (30) inches of cover due to the shallowness of the city main, a minimum cover of twenty (20) inches will be acceptable only if the service line is installed of cast iron pipe where lying within the right-of-way of a street or alley. Upon completion of the tapping operation by the City Sewer Department, the Plumber shall promptly backfill the hole. Any excavation within the right-of-way of a public street shall be backfilled with flooded blowsand to within six (6) inches of the top of the excavation and the remainder of the fill shall be of the same type of material as is situated adjacent to that portion of the excavation lying within the street.

"3. Sewer service lines shall be installed in such a manner as to pass beneath any and all existing water mains, gas mains, or any other type of underground conduits. In any instance where the proposed sewer service cannot be constructed in such a manner as to pass beneath any underground conduit, permission shall be obtained from the Sewer Department of the City to make the installation of the service line over the underground obstruction, but in all cases both pipe lines must be protected.

"4. All work as stipulated in Items 1 through 6 shall be completed as set forth in each item prior to the making of a request for a sewer tap to the Sewer Department. Should a request be prematurely made for a tap, before the above stipulations be completed, no sewer connection shall be made but a service charge of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) shall be assessed against the applicant. Such charge shall be made for each time the City tapping crew is called to the job site but is unable to perform such work because of the premature application. No time limitation of any type shall be set forth regarding the date or hour that the sewer tap will be made complete, but it is understood that each request for a tap will be processed in the normal sequence as it is requested.

"5. No taps shall be made in the top of any sanitary sewer main. Any sewer service line installed in such a manner that a tap in the top of the main would be required shall be removed

and re-installed without expense to the City. Sewer service lines shall be constructed on an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal from the sanitary sewer main to a point of intersection with the normal grade of the service line.

"6. In all instances the sanitary sewer system of the City of Abilene shall be protected from receiving storm water or any and all other water and foreign material that may accumulate or be present on a job site. Failure by the Contractor making the plumbing installation to protect the City sewer mains shall result in rejection of the sewer tap request until such time as the main line into which the tap is to be made has been thoroughly cleaned. The City shall pay no part of the expense of such cleaning.

"7. The Sewer Department of the City of Abilene shall be allowed at any reasonable time, at the discretion of such department, to make a thorough and complete inspection of any and all commercial or industrial establishments requiring the installation of grease traps and/or sand traps. Should the traps be improperly installed or maintained, sewer service shall be discontinued until such time as the faulty trap has been repaired and inspected.

"8. Failure by any individual, Contractor, or business establishment to comply with the above listed items shall constitute a breach of this Ordinance, and the City Manager of the City of Abilene, Texas, through his duly designated authorities shall have the right and authority to reject the construction or discontinue the sewer service until such time as such conditions are corrected, inspected, and approved.

"9. Any person, firm, or corporation violating the terms of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in Corporation Court of the City of Abilene, Texas, shall be punished by a fine in any amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th day of August, 1958.

The Board of Commissioners hereby finds that an emergency exists requiring suspension of the rule provided in Section 32 of the City Charter, requiring ordinances to be read and passed at two separate meetings of the Board of Commissioners; said rule is hereby suspended and said ordinance is passed twice at one and the same meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 28th day of August, 1958.

ATTEST:

  
MAYOR

  
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM BEFORE PASSAGE:

  
CORPORATION COUNSEL